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ON THE COVER: Cars line up for the traditional Parade of Porsches in French Lick, IN. This event is the origin of the term "Parade" for this week-long celebration of the brand and its enthusiasts.

2015 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 2 Troy Traffic Jam*
- 2 Maumee Valley HPDE at Grattan
- 7-9 Gingerman Club Race
- 12 Board Meeting
- 13 Harbor Springs Car Festival
- 15 Woodward Dream Cruise*
- 23 Annual Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 3 DE Waterford Hills
- 12 Ladies Only Drive
- 20 Drive Your Porsche Day

OCTOBER

- 7 Board Meeting
- 18 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting & Calendar Planning
- TBD All Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Holiday Party
- * Not a club sponsored event

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month at various locations; when the Board meets at a Porsche dealership, the meeting is moved to Thursday for that month, to coincide with the dealership's hours.

The site of the July and August Board meetings is yet to be determined. Contact any Board member if you wish to attend.



She's Flying!



BY MIRANDA CHRISTEN

hat an exciting month for the club! So many events to mark on the calendar, and great July recaps from the Parade, Progressive Dinner, and the May high performance drivers education. The Parade was a true festival of Porsches, with a 60's themed welcome party, Concours, and Parade through the streets. The caravan to French Lick was extremely successful as well thanks to SEMPCA member Gretus Hoogestraat!

Some great events come up to mark your calendar for: don't forget the family picnic and concours on August 23rd! There is always great food, awards, great people, a concours, and of course many Porsches. Sign up with Patti Door or Don Kleist.

Thursday, August 31st is the Harbor Springs Car Festival located in the Petoskey area. This event is free to entrants and spectators, so drive your Porsche on up and take in the beautiful area sights and stop by the Porsche car corral to get your fix.

We also have the Ladies Only Drive and Drive Your Porsche Day slated for September. Don't let your calendars get booked up without these! Even though no one wants to think about the cold just yet, a little further down the road on October 3rd is the Oktoberfest and Car Show at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, as well as the Fall Color Tour on October 18th. For more information on sign up and times, please refer to the announcements in this issue. These events will feature Porsches galore so come on out and have fun with friends and cars!

It's been a great month and a great summer for the club! Thank you all for making it so great.

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FAMILY PICNIC AND CONCOURS

Sunday, August 23, 2015 Springdale Park - Birmingham, Michigan

Arrival and Car Preparation begins at 9:00 a.m. Concours Judging Begins at 11:30 a.m. Sharp Picnic Lunch Served at 1:00 p.m.



Get out the Q-Tips and Simonize and prepare your Porsche for this great upcoming event. Trophies are awarded in six categories. This year's trophy will be special for young and old alike. Join in the fun with your fellow club members. Over half of the field usually wins a trophy. The concours is topside only including wheels and tires. This is a premier event for our club. Join us on this special day and get acquainted with the many club members who enjoy the Porsche brand!

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Drive With Spirit!



BY **HOWARD GILSON**

s promised, this month's column is primarily about the 60th Annual Porsche Parade. I left for French Lick, Indiana on Friday June 19th. I was bring my truck and towing a trailer with my 356. Everything was loaded the previous day, so I could make a quick get-away. Much to my chagrin, one of our team members had apparently seen Top Gear, when they mess with each other's cars. Someone switched on or change everything possible. So, when I started the truck, the seat moved fully forward, the radio blared at max volume and the wipers made a "fingernails across the blackboard" sound as they swept across a dry windshield. This was going to be a long trip.

The trip was otherwise uneventful and after arriving I unloaded the truck, parked the trailer and got ready for dinner. Once I found where the safety tech inspection was located and unloaded the 356 from the trailer, I was finally able to relax. My parents had arrived the same day. Driving their 997 Turbo was a lot less stressful than towing.

We were able to get all three of our cars in to the prep area before the concours on Monday. Both my father and mother where cleaning every inch of the speedster and turbo they had brought.

On Sunday afternoon I began my volunteer assignment as safety tech inspection chair. Our job is to ensure the Porsches are in good condition for the autocross. Wherever possible, we try to help cars pass inspection. If we notice a problem, we look at how to fix the issue. However, for the first time in three years as tech chair, I was not able to pass one car, due to a coolant leak. Over four days, we checked over 200 Porsches. I would like to thank Gretus Hoogestraat for agreeing to be Safety Tech Co-Chair for next year's Porsche Parade in Vermont.

The theme for the welcome party on Sunday was the 1960's. Vic Rivera's 356 Janice Joplin tribute car was a big hit. It's not often that I get to let my hair down, but then I'm just happy to have hair! Even Jerry and Patti Door dressed up. Interestingly, Jerry said that people dressed much differently in the 1960's. I was also reminded by a PCA member that we need to thank our veterans for keeping us free to enjoy such events.

Monday's weather caused the concours to be moved indoors. The 60 4 60 and Historic display were held in the indoor tennis courts and the rest of the concours was held in the parking garage. Not ideal, but this kept us out of the rain and off the flooded golf course. Southeast Michigan PCA members again brought home numerous concours trophies. I am also very proud of my father, mother and myself, for placing 2nd in our classes. Full concours results are shown in this issue.

At the concours banquet the Porsche GT4 was shown for the first time in the USA, along with the GTS Club Coupe and Boxster Spyder.

The featured event on Tuesday was the TSD (Time Speed Distance) Rally. I did not participate in the autocross or Gimmick Rally on Wednesday and Thursday, nor in the Tech Quiz and Tech Academy on Friday. These events show why the Parade slogan is "Fueled by Volunteers." All the Parade events, as well as other national, zone and local events - are run by volunteers.

On Friday my parents and I took the Bourbon Tour. Our first stop in Kentucky was Maker's Mark. As we exited the bus, you could smell and almost taste bourbon in the air. We learned about making bourbon and watched as they bottled it and dipped the top in wax to seal the bottle. At the gift shop I was able to dip the bottle of bourbon I purchased in the wax and let it drip down the bottle. Next was Jim Beam and to our surprise, Fred Noe, the seventh generation grandson of Jim Beam was signing bottles. This a more relaxed learning and tasting atmosphere. We did walk into one of the original storage houses filled with 50,000 barrels of bourbon. When you enter it, the aroma and taste of bourbon remains a vivid memory for days. I can still taste the bourbon!

Saturday brought the 5K walk/run, Parade of Porsche's and the 60th anniversary photo. We also had the lunch for the volunteers. As lunch ended, we rushed to get in line for the parade. I was signed up for the event, but ended up loading the 356 in the trailer for the trip home. I was able to get some great photos of the Porsche's in the parade and had a chance to watch all the people enjoying the parade. Then all the cars lined up for the 60th anniversary photo.

As always, the last event of the parade is the victory banquet on Saturday evening.

I want to personally thank all the organizers, chair people and volunteers who have made the Porsche Parade happen in each of the past 60 years. We are indeed, "Fueled by Volunteers."

Parade is a lot of fun. Next year it will be in Vermont. The year after it's scheduled for the state of Washington, so please plan accordingly.

Closer to home, I would like to thank Carlos and Veronica Carmona for chairing the Progressive Dinner. What a wonderful job they did in organizing a fantastic event. I also want to thank Bruce Gearns, Bob and Marilyn Amano, Leon and Ileana Lewis for being our host homes.

August will bring the Club Race and DE at GingerMan and the annual Picnic and Concours. Please be courteous to our volunteers and register early. Other events of interest to our members include the Troy Traffic Jam, Harbor Springs Car Festival and the Dream Cruise.



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Drive Your Porsche Day

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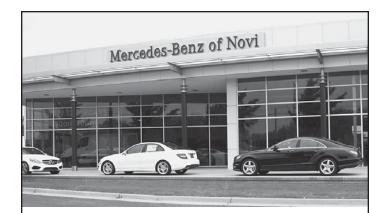
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Our Week at Parade

STORY & PHOTOS BY **DON KLEIST & NANCY RICHARDSON**



Autocross at French Lick Airport.

Porsche Parade is the annual weeklong festival of Porsches and Porsche enthusiasts, sponsored by the PCA. Celebrating 60 years of Parade, more than 2,000 people and more than 1,000 Porsches from all 50 states and Canada attended this year. It featured a Concours d'Elegance, bus tours and driving tours, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, distilleries and wineries, a Street Survival School, autocross races, numerous banquets and an Art Show. The Goodie Store was stocked with Porsche and Parade merchandise.

Parades have a special feeling. Nancy and I saw many friends from SEM/PCA and Michigan and we met even more new friends. Attendees share a common interest, so making friends is easy. The sense of togetherness is unlike anything we have experienced.

We left early Friday morning, headed for French Lick, Indiana. It's about seven hours south-southwest of the Metro area. Any hope of getting my 50th Anniversary 911 to the Concours unscathed by rain was dashed by the remnants of tropical storm Bill. Fortunately, by the time we got to French Lick the sun shone brightly.

The resort was originally built in 1845. The current buildings were built in the late 1890s, after the original building was destroyed by a fire. This place is huge—comparable to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, but a couple of times larger. The lobbies and public areas are ornate and the 689 guest rooms and suites have nine-foot ceilings. It features several restaurants, countless meeting rooms, a casino, two pools, indoor tennis courts and a golf course.

The staff and service were impeccable. When it literally "rained on our Parade," they scrambled to move activities planned for outdoors—like the Concours—to a large covered parking structure and the indoor tennis courts. They pulled it off like it was just a normal operation. Good show!

We found a space next to Fred Young's 911 in the indoor tennis court, and spent most of the next day cleaning my black 50th Anniversary 911. It was selected for the display of historic Porsches, so it had to be perfect.

On Sunday Parade proper started. Registration took most of *(continued on page 16)*

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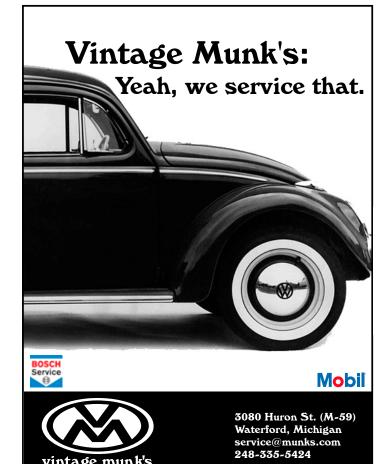
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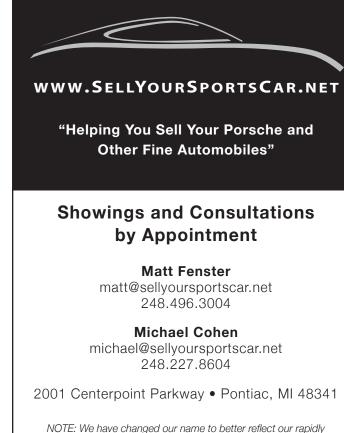
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Parade (continued from page 14)

the morning, then a trip to the Goodie Store and a mandatory Concours judges meeting for me. The plan to hold the Concours on the golf course was upset by flooding from all the rain. The Concours had four sections:

- A 60-4-60 display with a significant Porsche from each of the 60 years of Parade.
- A display of group winners from previous Parades. These are the cream of the crop.
- A display of historically significant cars.
- The main Concours.

Formal Parade activities start with the welcome banquet Sunday night. This year it was 60's-themed affair featuring go-go boots, long haired wigs, tie-dyed shirts, love beads, 33 and 45 RPM records and a lot of good times.

I awoke at the crack of dawn on Monday to move my car to the historic display. I then spent the morning serving as a Concours judge. It was a lot of work, but volunteer judges make the Concours possible. Meanwhile, my car scored 139.4 out of 140 possible points. That earned 6th place out of 9 cars in my group. The others must have been almost perfect.

Tuesday I helped conduct a Street Survival School for teens. This is the same school our Region sponsors.

The Concours Awards on Tuesday evening is the main banquet of Parade. SEMPCA members won numerous trophies. The meal was great, the introduction of the new Cayman GT4 was spectacular. Unfortunately, the speeches and awards ceremony were long, as usual.

The West Baden Springs is the sister hotel to ours, with the same ornate style and about 500 rooms. Opened in1902, it was dubbed the *Eighth Wonder of the*

World; until 1955, it was the world's largest free-spanning dome. Early Wednesday we boarded a bus for a tour of the Maker's

Carlos and Victoria Carmona with President Caren Copa.



Jerry and Patti Door enjoying themselves at the welcome party! Directly behind them are Rene and Mark Van Der Eyk.



Carlos and Veronica Carmona award at the Victory Banquet.

Mark and Jim Beam distilleries. Maker's Mark is a small operation while Jim Beam is huge. We sampled some of the bourbons and were surprised at the smoothness of the top shelf products and the differences in taste, despite being distilled from similar

processes.

That evening we joined Fred and Kathy Young and Jim and Laurie Williams for dinner at a local German restaurant.

Thursday brought more rain so we delved into the history and grand scale of the hotel, explored the grounds and took pictures.

Thursday evening we attended the PCA Zone 4 reception, sponsored by Gilson Motorsports, Munk's Motors and a local Porsche dealer. The new Pete Dye designed golf course and warm summer night created a beautiful setting. Friday we

joined a driving tour to the Huber winery, farms, and distillery. It is now the largest wine producer in Indiana, yet it remains a family operation. Our guide was Christian Huber, a 7th generation family member who currently studies wine making at Brock University, a Canadian University offering a major in wine making.

That evening we had dinner at Larry Bird's restaurant, "33" in French Lick. The food was surprisingly good.

Saturday's main event was the Parade of Porsches—a 20 mile round trip drive to Paoli, Indiana. With more than 200 Porsches of various years and models, it was the highlight of the week for me—and for all the smiling spectators along the route.

I urge you to attend a future PCA Parade. Even if you don't know anyone who is going, you will meet many people who will instantly become your friends. We plan to attend the 2016 Parade at Jay Peak Resort in northern Vermont and hope to see you there!

For even more photos, please see: http://porscheparade.zenfolio.com/f3576688

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SEM/PCA Board of Directors



This fall, the SEM/PCA will be electing five directors.

Per our bylaws, we are currently soliciting nominations for those positions. These directors will serve a two year term, starting in January 2016.

If you or anyone you know would like to be a candidate, please send your nominations to: Fred Young, Secretary, SEM/PCA, 14551 Pear Tree Lane, Sterling Heights,

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With thanks from your Board of Directors

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For 2105 Escape will be in the Black Hills/ Mt. Rushmore area of South Dakota. As always, Escape offers opportunities for socialization, tourism and driving enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere. The geography of the Black Hills is variable and magical. It changes significantly from the Badlands in the east to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and Custer State Park in the southern Black Hills to the natural Devil's Tower in the west.

The Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza in Rapid City, South Dakota and the City Park adjacent to the Civic Center are headquarters for Escape 2015 and activities such as:

- Eight or more organized drives and activities on each of the three days
- An informal car show; participants will select winners
- Technical classes
- Tourist attractions, including:
 - Mount Rushmore just 24 miles away
 - Crazy Horse Memorial
 - Custer State Park
 - Devil's Tower

For information please see the Escape website: www.escape2015.pca.org Registration will open later in July. Please join your fellow enthusiasts at Escape 2015 in the Black Hills, on October 1 - 3, 2015.

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Parade (continued from page 16)



Main entrance of the French Lick Resort Hotel



Past Presidents of PCA at the welcome party.



Wecolme Party with Dr. Wolgang Porsche and Vic Rivera.

Weather forced the Concours to be moved into one of the garages, to protect all the hard work of the entrants.

SEM/PCA members Sabrina and Walter Crump, Fred and Kathy Young, Don Kleist & Nancy Richardson, Laurie and Jim Williams.

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October 3rd from 12:30-5:30

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Corner of 8 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

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The cars are displayed in on the grass behind the church in a secure parking area, which can accommodate up to 25 vehicles. The shows includes a people's choice award and a best in show award. There is no charge for cars participating in the show.

Our involvement would help draw a larger crowd for this charitable benefit. There is a free beer for people showing their cars.

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We still need volunteers to work the race

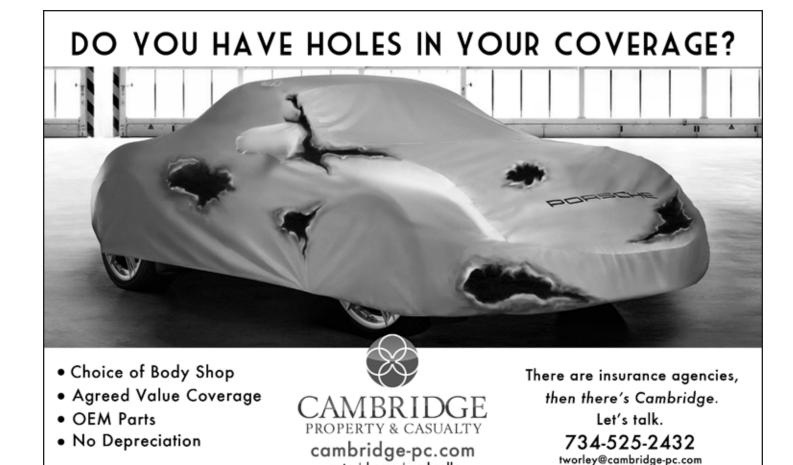
This is your chance to get up close and personal with some impressive Porsche race cars. To volunteer, or for questions about the race, please contact Event Chair Marc Molzon at (248) 882-1759 or mextremem@hotmail.com

Book your room early! This is the height of tourist season in western Michigan. We have two blocks of rooms, but one of them expires on July 6. For assistance with lodging please contact John Keilly at johnkeilly@live.com or (248) 797-2439

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M1 Concourse

STORY & PHOTOS BY **MICHAEL COHEN**

ednesday, June 24 was a momentous day for car enthusiasts in southeast Michigan. After more than 2½ years of planning, President and CEO Brad Oleshansky presided over a ground breaking ceremony, with over 200 invited guests including Pontiac mayor Dierdre Waterman, Pontiac's City Council, Oakland county treasurer Andy Meisner and Oakland county sheriff Michael Bouchard, for his dream, the M1 Concourse. On this day, Brad, who is an SEM/PCA member and a P4 advertiser, accomplished what many said couldn't be done.

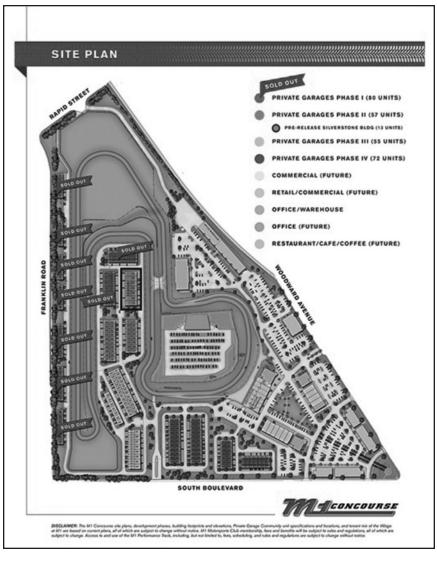
When completed, M1 Concourse which is located at the corner of Woodward Avenue and South Boulevard in Pontiac will be an 87 acre playground for auto enthusiasts. It will include a secure community of 250+ private garages and a state of the art 1.5 mile performance track. Additionally, a restaurant ,a speed/restoration shop and a large vehicle storage facility are planned. It is anticipated that the race track will be completed by this autumn and Phase I of the garages consisting of 80 units will be completed by May, 2016. All 80 have been sold and sales for Phase II are well under way.

The standard garage is 600 square feet and includes finished dry wall, an overhead door, plumbing for bathrooms, lighting, heat and a sprinkler system. The unit can hold two cars and is tall enough for a hoist. The owner can customize his car condo any way he chooses. Some are planning mezzanines complete with couches, chairs and big screen tv's. The price is \$125,000. In addition, one can purchase a 1,000 square foot unit which holds 4 vehicles from \$220,000-\$240,000, a 1,200 square foot unit holding 5 cars for \$250,000 or a 2,400 square foot garage with space for 10-12 vehicles

for \$500,000. Some well known people with some extremely exotic automobiles are among the first buyers.

The race track will be fully state of the art and will be managed by experienced race professionals. Instead of corner workers and flaggers, there will be 28 cameras located in various places around the track, accompanied by numerous LED message boards in lieu of flags, the same system as used in F1. The track has 10 turns, is 30 feet wide and has a 1/3 mile straightaway. Armco barriers with tires will be placed in appropriate places.

M1 owners will have the opportunity to join the M1 Motors-

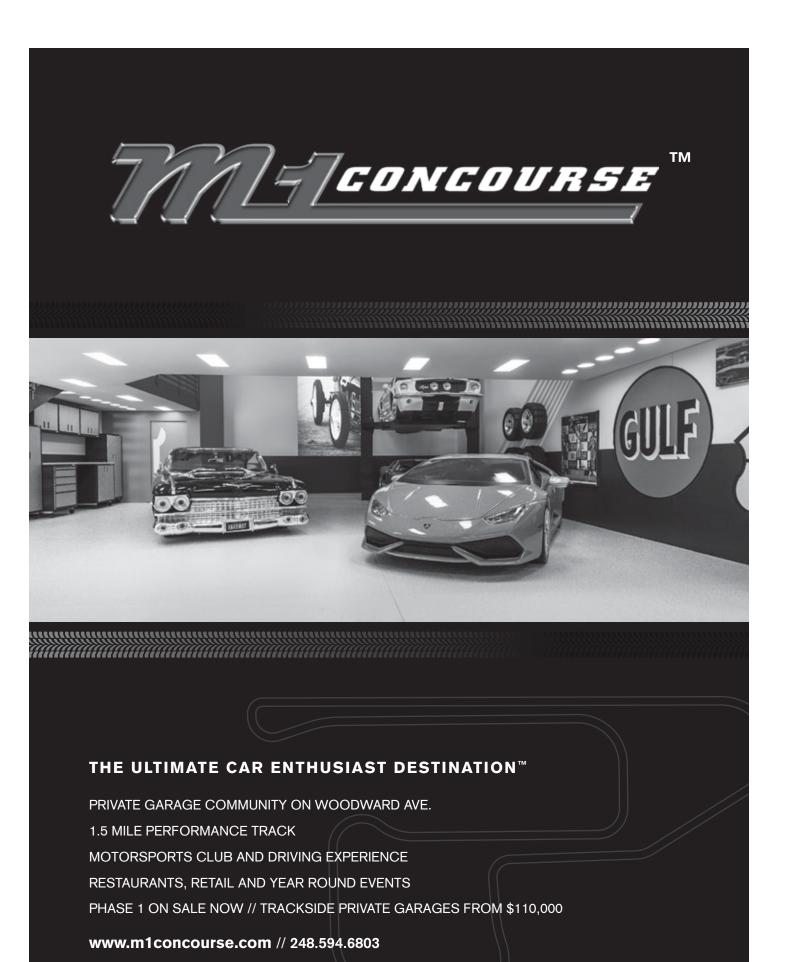


ports Club which will permit their use of the track. In addition, the track will be used for corporate events, driving schools with private instruction, shifter kart races, car shows and auto manufacturer and supplier testing . A fleet of vehicles provided by various manufacturers will be available for members to test on the track.

SEM/PCA congratulates Brad for his bold vision and his willingness to take a risk regarding this exciting venture and we wish him great success. We can't wait to see the finished product.

For further information, check out their web site at www. m1concourse.com or call 248-594-6803.

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M1 Concourse (continued from page 24)



President and CEO Brad Oleshansky next to a scale model of a garage unit.



Close up of garage interior with optional mezzanine.



Steam shovels about to break ground for the start of M1 Concourse construction.



A display at the ground breaking ceremony.





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IN THE SHARK TANK

The Coke Car Runs Mid-Ohio!

STORY & PHOTOS BY **ANDREW OLSON**

onday, June 15th was a spectacular day! It started early. I woke up at 4 a.m., hopped in the shower, made some oatmeal and lots of coffee, and jumped in the Cayenne with the Coke car in tow. I was so excited. This would be my first time running the famed Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. I was also incredibly nervous because I got quite ill at my last track day at Grattan, and was afraid it might come back.

About three hours later I was at the track. This was a HPDE day

put on by 3 Balls Racing. I signed up for the beginner group mostly because I was unfamiliar with the track. I unloaded my car and met a couple of friends who were there with their Corvettes, Rob and John. Both are instructors and Rob offered to be my coach for the day.

Mid-Ohio is one of those storied racetracks that you have probably seen on TV and will continue to for some time. The track is 2.4 miles long and we were running the "road course" which has a chicane after turn one be-

fore "Keyhole." We went through the safety discussion and flags. Then it was time to hit the track.

Here is the car in the paddock ready to go.

It had rained like crazy the night before, so the track was very damp. The forecast called for rain throughout the day, so I opted to stay on street tires. John and Rob went out in the first run group and within four minutes, John came in with a new color on the nose of his car. On the back straight, he spun at the kink going about 120mph. The nose of his C5 Corvette kissed the wall. Luckily there was no damage to the car, but it did add an additional level of nervousness to my anticipation.

Finally, I heard the announcement for my run group. I started the car to let it warm up a bit. A few minutes later, Rob and I strapped ourselves in and went to the grid. They waved us on and Rob walked me through the race line. The first few laps were a di-

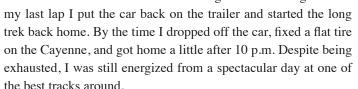
saster, as I couldn't remember the line. But each lap I got progressively better as I learned the line and gained confidence. My first hot lap was a 2:35, but the last one in the first session was 2:05. For perspective, the lap record is held by Dario Franchitti at 1:05.

Each time we picked a couple corners to work on and things started to come together. I was now getting times just below two minutes. After the third heat, Rob released me to go solo.

Despite being alone in the car, I could still hear Rob in my

head telling me to stay left, brake here, tap and turn, gas gas gas! It was great. Each lap, I got a little better and passed another car. It was so much fun. My best lap time for the day was 1:53. Rob and John were turning 1:38s. I figure tires and horsepower are worth about 10 seconds, so there is a lot of room for improvement.

I was able to get six heats in and drive about 50 laps on one of the greatest tracks in our region. I didn't want the day to end, but I knew I had to get back that night. After



If you're interested in hearing more or seeing a video, the 928 crew has a monthly beer night on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM at Sneakers Pub located at 22628 Woodward Ave Ferndale, MI 48220. Everyone is welcome to join. If you would like to get on the 928 mailing list, drop me a line at andrewmolson@yahoo.com or call/text me at 734-837-7908.



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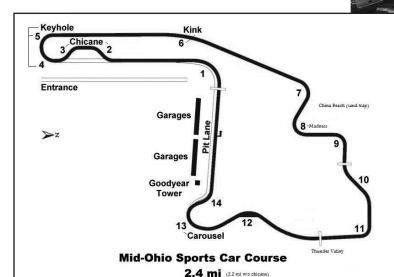
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In The Shark Tank (continued from page 28)



I prepped the Coke car the day before and took care of some loose ends.



Mid-Ohio is 2.4 miles long. It's a high-speed fun course with some nice elevation.



Here's a car one of the organizers brought. Tubes, seat, wheels, and a big motor.

There were a lot of C5 Corvettes that day. John is

in the middle and Rob is behing him.

My daughter Lina sitting in a race-prepped C5 Corvette. In a few more years she'll be ready to drive it.



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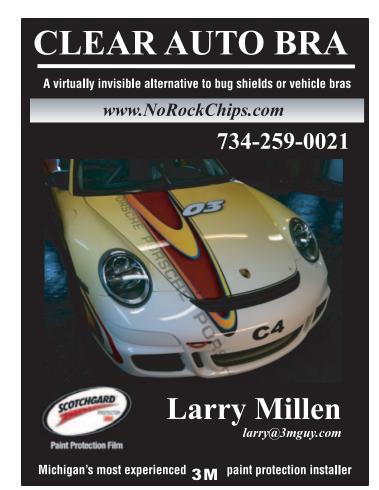
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PHOTO ESSAY

Progressive Dinner

STORY BY **JOHN KEILLY**

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The party is well underway!

he 2015 Progressive Dinner was another delightful evening of dining and driving. It was chaired, once again, by Carlos & Veronica Carmona. Thank you both!

We had two new hosts, Bruce Gearns for Appetizers and Bob & Marilyn Amano for the Entrée. Dessert was hosted for the second time by Leon & Ileana Lewis.

The drive began with a trip to a lovely subdivision the north-western suburb of Howell. Bruce's deck was the perfect place to be on a balmy summer evening. It overlooked a beautiful wooded area. The appetizers were amazing. They were reminiscent of the GMC advertising tag line, "Professional grade!" Apparently we have some serious culinary talent among our ranks.

From Howell, we "progressed" to South Lyon, and the home of Bob & Marilyn Amano. There, guests found a sumptuous feast catered by Cynthia Pickens Catering, and supplemented by a variety of tasty and visually appealing side dishes provided by some of our members. Again, these people displayed their talents with food. In addition to the catering, the Club also provided tents, tables and chairs. Fortunately, the only coverage needed was to

block the sun, which was sitting low in the sky.

The last stop was in Canton, where Leon and Ileana Lewis hosted the group for dessert. Their beautifully landscaped backyard is ideal for summer entertaining. The Lewis' provided an array of mouthwatering desserts. Of course, it's also always fun to see the latest "horses" in their "stable," and they did not disappoint.

All who attended appreciate the work of our event chairs, the generous hospitality provided by our hosts and the showcase of culinary talents displayed by our members. Well, as they say, "a picture is worth a thousand words," so we'll let the photos tell the rest of the story.

We do these recaps to show our readers that our club puts on a wide variety of enjoyable events. Some are relaxed and casual driving tours like this. Others involve high performance driving, tech sessions and other dinners, some with guest speakers. We hope to see you at next year's Progressive Dinner and at another SEM/PCA event soon. Plan now to attend the Annual Picnic & Concours on August 23 in Springdale Park in Birmingham.



At each stop, our hosts were the envy of their neighbors because of all the Porsches parked out front.



Bob & Marilyn Amano hosted the entrée stop in their beautiful backyard.



It was a perfect summer evening for the event.



Porsches are invariably part of the conversation.

Vic Rivera shares a story with dessert hostess lleana Lewis.

The Wheels on the Porsche Go Round and Round

STORY BY **TOM FIELITZ**

ne of the challenges of having an older car is to keep it looking relevant. Another challenge is finding tires that can cope with the speeds capable of a bygone supercar. Which brings us to the topic of wheels or rims.

There are a number of general things to consider when looking at wheels beyond just the looks. Obviously they need to fit. But what does that mean? Most modern Porches use the same bolt pattern (5 x 130mm), so even though you can usually bolt on a set from one car to the other, there are differences that you need to be aware of that can really change the driving experience if you're not careful.

Offset. Offset or sometimes called backspacing is the distance from the centerline of the wheel to the mounting surface on the wheel. Porsche wheels generally say ET, which stands for *Einpresstiefe* which translates as "insertion depth." What this means is how far in or out the wheel is protruding. But it's backwards in the sense that a high ET means there is a greater distance from the centerline to the mounting surface. In other words, the bigger the ET, the further in the wheel will sit—the smaller the ET, the further out it will sit.

Why is offset such a big deal? If the offset is wrong, your tires and wheels may rub on the fenders or suspension parts. So it's important to do you research to find out what the proper offset is for you car.

Wheel width. Wheel width is also inter-related with offset, because offset is determined from the centerline of the wheel and does not take wheel width into consideration. For example, if you have an 8" wide wheel and a 10" wheel and they both have an offset of 25mm (1 inch), the 8" wheel's face will be roughly 3 inches from the mounting surface of the hub (8"/2 – 1" = 3"). However, the 10" wheel's face will sit 4 inches from the hub (10"/2 - 1" = 4"). So you can see how offset and rim width can dramatically affect how a wheel will fit on a car.

Wheel diameter. Wheel diameter generally does not affect the wheel's position in the wheel well. Except that you need to ensure that the wheel will have sufficient clearance for the caliper and possibly suspension components. The other major concern with wheel diameter is tire availability. The available selection for tires that will fit 16" and 17" diameter wheels has steadily dwindled as the industry has moved to 18", 19", 20" and larger diameter wheels

So let's take all this information and consider the optimal wheel size for a 928. Early 928's came from the factory with a 15" "phone dial" wheel, and had an option for a 16" version as well. All 4 wheels were the same size and generally had ET67—and were generally 7" wide wheel. Factory tires were generally a

205/50 15 or 16, but you could run up to a 225.

Later cars went to a staggered stance with an 8"x16" wheel in the front and 9"x16" in the rear. The GTS saw the same staggered setup, but wheel diameters increased to 17".

The key to selecting a wheel that will fit the 928 is getting the correct offset. Assuming an 8" wheel in the front, it is generally recommend having an offset of at least 55mm. This is for 2 reasons: 1) it maintains



the handling characteristics of the 928, 2) it keeps the wheel/tire from rubbing on the fender. I have seen people run as low as an ET50 on the front, but the handling does suffer. For rear wheels, there are many more options and offset does not seem to be as much of a constraint.

Today, there are a number of modern wheels that fit the 928 that can also update its looks. One of the more popular wheels is the Carrera III. These are 18" wheels that came in two flavors. All had 8" front wheels with ET57 (Perfect for a 928) but the rears came in "Narrow body" which meant a 10" wheel with a 58ET; and the "Wide body" which meant an 11" wheel with a 51ET.

The narrow body fits perfectly on the 928 and you can run a 275 tire without issue. Some have even run a 295, but depending on the year of your 928, it could cause some rubbing. The wide body wheel is what I personally run and it it's very tight. Despite having to roll the rear fenders to get the wheels to tuck in, they do look spectacular.

There are other Porsche wheels that will fit the 928, just be sure to do your research and follow the main rule of getting front wheels with at least a 55ET if not higher.

Go to HELL! August 1st we will have our 9th annual Sharks in Hell event. This event is held ½ west of Hell, MI at 1439 Patterson Lake Road. All makes and models are welcome (not just 928s). Bring your kids and spouses. There's plenty to do including swimming, fishing, and more. We ask that you bring a dish to pass if you want to stay for food. Things start at 10AM and go until the following day.

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HPDE: My Second Year

STORY & PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT**



ast year I attended four "High Performance Driver Education" events. In the process, I got hooked. As soon as the dates for this year were on the calendar, I signed up.

On May 9th SEM/PCA conducted their first HPDE of 2015. I arrived with my 993 at the Waterford Hills Road Racing Track around 7:10 am, thinking I would be the first on the scene. Not so, DE Chair Steve Carbary was already setting up tables and chairs. After we both were done unpacking our cars we took the truck and went out on the track setting up the turn-in and apex cones. That was actually fun and took some time.

When we got back to the Paddock, Chief Instructor Marc Molzon and his wife Lisa were busy starting the registration process. Because most students arrive within a short time, registration can back up, so I jumped in to help with the registration process. That allowed Marc to concentrate on running the DE smoothly.

Miranda and Parker arrived and she ensured that any student needed one of our rental helmets got one.

Past president and longtime instructor Jeff Amos took the students for the important track walk and came back late. Much of the learning on any track day occurs during the track walk with a veteran instructor like Jeff. A few minutes later Marc held the mandatory drivers meeting. To my surprise I was called up front during that meeting and was awarded with the "2014 Regional Rookie Driver of the Year" medal. It was flattering and I was very pleased.

After Michael Eblenkamp finished the first classroom session it was time to start the engines. My instructor, Greg Steen, inspected my car and off we went. I listened to him about the line as we drove around the track. He pointed out track specific marks he uses for braking, corner in, etc. when he is racing at Waterford Hills. Greg made some corrections here and there, but overall he was satisfied with my driving. Greg let me drive on my own after the second session.

Marc told be about Harry's Laptimer last year. A few weeks

ago I installed it on my phone and played with it. I could see the difference in my lap times. I did get a little faster than before, but more important was the improvement in consistent laps. By the end of the day my lap times were very consistent.

Today I learned a lot about car control, smoothness, and driving the best line for corner entry and exit, threshold braking, and

hitting the marks for corner apex, late apex and for sure avoiding an early apex. I had a great time with my fellow enthusiasts and look forward to seeing them again.

I would urge anyone interested in improving their overall driving skills to come out and either try HDPE for the first time, or take a "refresher."







Around The Zone



BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

The 60th Porsche Parade was held in nearby French Lick, IN from June 21–27. This year's Parade offered a very special 60 4 60 display containing one car from every year since PCA's inception in 1955. There was also a museum commemorating many milestones in PCA's rich history.

I arrived on Friday, June 19, to attend a number of meetings scheduled through Sunday evening and had additional meetings throughout the week. At one point on Sunday, I was actually supposed to be in 3 places at the same time.

I was, however, able to find some time outside of the meeting rooms, and on Monday served as a Concours Judge for the second year in a row. This year's Concours contained around 300 cars, and many of the newly trained participants from the recently held of the Zone 4 National Concours Judges School helped to make this Concours a success. At the Concours Banquet, Mike Robbins, the first Zone 4 Representative, was recognized for attending his 57th Parade.

I even entered one of the many competitive events and brought home a first place trophy. On Wednesday, I had a great time on the Bourbon Bus Tour with a number of Zone 4 members. After placing in last year's Gimmick Rally, I was looking forward to this year's. Instead, we spent a majority of Thursday focusing our attention on all of the preparations and making sure everything was in order for the zone party.

For the past year, I have been working closely with the executives from French Lick Resort, and they have travelled with me throughout the zone attending a number of events. As many of you have heard, French Lick Resort CFO Rob Santa and I made a bet last year at the Zone 4 Party in Monterey, CA. To personally thank me for all of the hard work and assistance that I provided to them, and for the overwhelming support that Zone 4 has shown them in preparation for this year's Parade, they agreed to honor the bet. Last summer I also held a meeting at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with the management of Tom Wood Porsche, and they graciously agreed to provide sponsorship for the party as well. Approximately 600 Zone 4 members attended Parade this year, to put that into perspective, the total number of attendees was around 2000.

French Lick Resort generously hosted the Zone 4 party that was held in the exclusive Pete Dye Pavilion, which provided some outstanding views of the area. Attendees were entertained by a band and were treated to an open bar, carving stations with prime beef tenderloin and roasted turkey breast, a huge fresh fruit display, imported and domestic cheese display, vegetable crudité

shooters, bruschetta, mashed potato bar, and mini desserts. In addition, everyone went home with a goodie bag.

In January, I announced that to encourage attendance at Parade, I was holding a contest and would be presenting an award during the Zone 4 party to the region that had the greatest attendance at Parade. Congratulations to the Central Indiana Region for winning this award.

As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the zone. Please remember to check your region's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4; such as:

- Join *Western Michigan Region* on August 1 for the Red Barn Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
- August 1 & 2 is *Maumee Valley Region*'s DE at Grattan Raceway
- Southeast Michigan Region's DE and Club Race at Gingerman Raceway is August 7-9
- August 8 & 9 is *Allegheny Region*'s DE and Autocross 2-day event at Pitt Race
- Motor-Stadt Region's A&W Ice Cream Run is August 15
- August 15 is Rally Sport Region's 6th Annual Irish Hills Beach Run
- *Ohio Valley Region*'s John Dixon Tribute Car Show at the Taj Ma Garage is August 15
- On August 15, plan to attend Rob and Judy Fike's *Central Indiana Region* Mystery Drive
- August 16 is *Northern Ohio Region*'s Autocross at Lakeland Community College
- *Mid-Ohio Region*'s Advanced HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is August 21-23
- August 22-23 is *Eastern Buckeye Region*'s Bridges and Barrels Drive
- On August 29 Porsche is the featured Marque for this year's Carmel Artomobilia in Carmel, IN
- *Michiana Region*'s IROC III immediately followed by Art in Motion is August 30

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

Thanks, Michael

SEM Board Minutes (7/8/15) by Fred Young

In attendance: Board Members: Howard Gilson, Gretus Hoogestraat, Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Patti Door, Michael Cohen, Greg Gallagher and Walter Crump. Officers: Leo Wanstreet and Steve Carbary. Absent with notice: John Keilly and Miranda Christen. Guest: Chris Braden

Call to Order: 7:15 PM by President Howard Gilson

Minutes: Motion to approve by M.M. and P.D. Motion passed

Membership: Greg Gallagher –We have over 600 primary members and over 1000 combined membership and are continuing to grow.

Financial: Leo Wanstreet –Additional revenue from the club race is coming in. Financials are OK and all accounts are up to date. Motion to approve by W.C. Seconded by G.G. Motion passed.

Insurance: Greg Gallagher – Insurance is needed for the progressive dinner.

P-4: Michael Cohen – The membership chair needs to be changed in the P4 membership application. Neil Goldberg's correct membership anniversary needs to be posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

June 7: Waterford Family Day: Fred Young – It was a great weather day with a good turnout. Parade laps were enjoyed by several members of the Jo Brighton Foundation. Several drivers brought their race cars up on the hill to be examined by the attendees. As an added bonus, Tony Mac and Merritt Smith Collins, SEM club members, won their races.

June 11: Driver Education: Marc Molzon – Over 35 students attended. We are sharing our helmets with the Rally Sport region. New helmets are to be purchased in 2016.

June 21-27: Porsche Parade: Howard Gilson – The Parade Concours was held indoors due to inclement weather. Over 80 members attended for the Southeast Michigan Region. Overall the Parade was well planned and the hotel made every effort to insure a successful event. Gretus Hoogestraat – The caravan went well with a breakfast stop in Toledo. Stops included a brunch in Ft. Wayne along with a car show and lunch in Franklin. Back roads made for delightful driving

July 11: Progressive Dinner: Howard Gilson - The event sold out. This year

three host homes are featured.

August 7-9: Club Race: Marc Molzon – A committee meeting was held at 6:15 p.m. prior to the board meeting. Participation seems to have picked up for the race and everything is on schedule. The T-shirt design is made and ready to be printed. Wrist bands, shirts and car numbers need to be ordered.

August 23: Club Picnic: Fred Young & Patti Door – Main courses are taken care of. Parade attendees got a sneak peek of the concours trophy at the Parade art show.

September 3: Driver Education: Marc Molzon – Drivers are already signing up. September 12: Ladies Drive: Patti Door –All set.

September 20: Drive your Porsche Day: Howard Gilson – Everything OK **October 18: Fall Color Tour:** Walter Crump – He is working on the route.

November TBD: Membership Dinner: A chairman, restaurant, and guest speaker are needed to put on another successful membership dinner.

Charities: Gretus Hoogestraat – There were 4 cars in the Wyandotte 4th of July Parade representing the Porsche Club. AutoCoz wants to go nationwide with their fund raising for Special Olympics campaign.

Web site: Gretus Hoogestraat – The website is up to date. Zone 4 also has a website calendar featuring SEMPCA events.

Goodie Store: Gretus Hoogestraat – Victoria has ordered new merchandise.

Event reports: Needed for Waterford Family Day

NEW BUSINES

60th Anniversary – Several people have volunteered to be on the committee in response to the ad in the P4.

Patti Door suggested an overnight trip in a southerly direction. The Gilmore Mu-

seum was mentioned as a possible site.

Chris Braden mentioned that Charles Hagen of the Motor-Stadt Region would be

interested in hosting an autocross with us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM – Moved by M.M. seconded by G.G. Motion

assed.

Refreshments and Locations: August 12: Gilson Motorsports – Fred Young

We wish long time

SEM/PCA member

Linda Walton a speedy

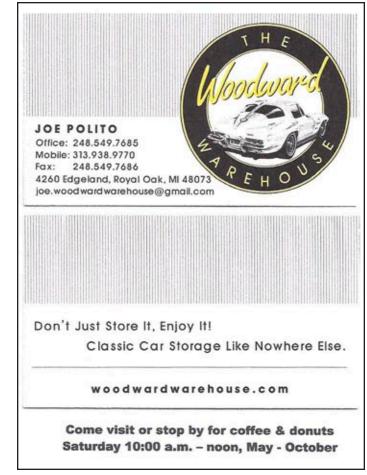
recovery and express our

deepest sympathy to the

Wright family regarding

the untimely passing of

PCA member Al Wright.



Master Cylinder

These questions and answers are based on actual events. Please e-mail your questions to the P4 editor (mjchrist30@gmail.com). They will be forwarded to the MC and answered in the next issue.

The advice presented in this column is based on the expertise of the author alone. There may be other approaches to the issues described. SEM/PCA does not endorse any specific approach to a vehicle problem.



BY CHRIS BRADEN, TECHNICAL EDITOR

Q: My '99 Carrera is making a very odd noise that increases with engine speed. It is kind of a rhythmic churning or whirring noise and it has really got me scared. Is it safe to drive or should I have *it towed?* –*Chris*

A: From your description it sounds like a fault in your serpentine belt drive or one of the components connected to it. When you get a noise from that area, it's sometimes difficult to diagnose which is why it's important to listen carefully but keep an open mind. In the old days there were a couple of methods, the broomstickto-the-ear method or hollow rubber hose and they still work. One more modern day equivalent is a stethoscope similar to what a doctor uses. Another one is a voice recorder and yet a third is the "chassis ear." So there are numerous ways to hear a noise but how do you know for sure that the noisy bearing is the only source?

Since you have to open the hood and run the engine while listening for sound, be very careful of your clothes and hands especially when reaching around a running engine. I strongly suggest that you leave this part to a professional! I sometimes use WD-40 (with the spray nozzle extender attached) to try to determine which pulley or equipment is making the noise. Remember that every turn the serpentine belt has to negotiate involves a bearing. With the engine running, I spray the pulley sheave of each belt pulley, listening for changes in the noise. I check every one that's touched by the belt. Often, the noise will go away when the lubricant starts to work. This works about half the time to identify the noise. If it far from foolproof, however.

After turning the engine off, next you will need to access the tension release pulley and loosen or remove the belt. With the belt off, turn each accessory with your hand and sense resistance or feel/hear a grinding noise as you spin each one by hand. Again, check each one, including all of the accessories. Bear in mind, without out the serpentine belt in place, the pulleys and things are under NO LOAD. On the other hand, when the system is running under tension, the belt is as tight as the d-string on my guitar. Suffice to say that whatever feels loose with a casual spin should be replaced to eliminate the obvious.

Sometimes the noise may be caused by a belt that is old or damaged. As belts age they sometimes get worn out and smooth

and that may cause them to slip, which can result in a noise. If you think that the belt may be the problem, then I recommend you replace it first. You can try out some of the spray-on belt dressing that is available at your local auto parts store. The belt dressing is a temporary patch that makes the belt a little stickier and less prone to slipping. On a Porsche this tends to be a very temporary cure and if you have already gone to the trouble of taking the belt off, a new one is not too expensive and then you have eliminated another suspect part from the equation.

Belt wear could be caused by an out of line pulley or one that has a glaze or build up. Your mechanic can check the alignment of each pulley and can remove the glazing/build up. Sometimes, on a car which has been sitting around for a while, rust build up will attack a belt and cause very rapid wear. In some cases, the only solution for the problem is new pulleys. Other options might be media blasting or filing the grooves smooth again in the existing pulleys. One caution: Any rough surface will cause excess wear no matter what method you employ.

Another problem I have experienced during diagnosis of belt drive problems is misdiagnosis of the offending part when the noise seems centered on a particular pulley even though the source of the noise is elsewhere. I have blown this diagnosis a number of times by taking an educated guess and replacing ONLY the one that sounded noisy. That doggone serpentine belt is so tight that it telegraphs noise to other places.

These days, I recommend replacing all the idlers and any other noisy accessory components all at one time as good preventive service. Look at it this way, when the car was built brand new, they were all new and the grease inside the bearings was fresh. Many steel and aluminum components often do not fail due to age. The failure is more often due to lubrication than age. So how long can you expect bearings to last that are already 16 years old...no matter how nice your car looks? So if you only do them one at a time, every time another one fails, you will have to take that area apart again as many as five times! Years ago, there was a TV commercial showing a greasy mechanic holding a wrench and a shop rag. The punch line was "It's OK, you can pay me now or you can pay me later." Get the drift? —MC

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - August 2015

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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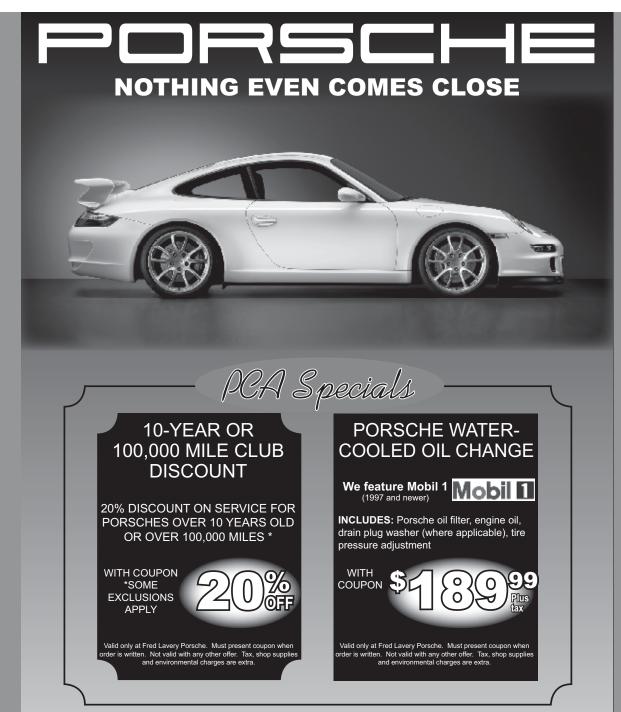
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