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#3 Driver Education

Troy Traffic Jam

#20 **Woodward Dream Cruise**

21 **Picnic and Concours**

Patti Door **Gretus Hoogestraat**

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Downriver BBQ

Board Meeting

Ladies Only Drive

#4 Driver Education & Year-End Party

Drive your Porsche Day

OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

Board Meeting

Fall Color Tour

Walter Crump

Patti Door

Steve Carbary

Gary Ambrus

Board Meeting & Calendar Planning

TBD Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

Board Meeting

TBD Holiday Party

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BOARD MEETINGS

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

The August board meeting will be held at John Keilly's house. Contact any Board member if you wish to attend.



Oh No... Not You Again!



BY JOHN KEILLY

t's always a delight when our Editor, Miranda Christen, asks me to handle this column. After all, "What New York Irishman doesn't like to talk...or write?"

This is a great time of year to be a Porsche owner. It's rare that a day goes by without seeing a fellow enthusiast out on the road. The roads are getting better; numerous construction projects major and minor—seem to be aimed at fixing Michigan's notoriously abysmal roads. The Club runs a myriad of events from spring through fall. This issue contains 44 pages of recaps of recent events, announcements of upcoming events and a variety of other useful information.

The national Porsche Parade is the biggest of the recent events. Our region had strong representation at Parade...much to the dismay of other regions. Our concours entrants have a reputation for success; this year they took home an even larger share of the trophies than usual. SEM/PCA President Howard Gilson covers the superb results our members achieved. He also takes us along for a ride in his Cayenne Turbo, over a variety of roads and using all the available suspension settings.

In addition, Don Kleist and Nancy Richardson provide a more detailed look at all aspects of Parade.

Fred Young initiated the always popular Family Day at Waterford Hills several years ago. It's an enjoyable way to watch – and meet—some local racers who compete on what is our region's "home track." Fred provides a recap, with photos provided by Gretus Hoogestraat.

Gretus also provides a recap of the Central Indiana Region Breakfast Tour, which he attended early in July. It's another example of the camaraderie among Porsche owners and bears witness to the PCA tag line, "It's not just the cars...it's the people."

At the risk of giving Gretus writer's cramp, we also prevailed upon him to do a recap of the recent Belle Isle Grand Prix and Porscheplatz. His excellent article appears in this issue.

We still have a full slate of events ahead. Our next High Performance Driver Education event is on Friday, August 5. We're also working with the new M1 Concours track to have a final DE of the year on Saturday, September 10.

Thursday August 11 brings the annual Harbor Springs Car Show. Although this is not an SEM/PCA event, long time members Dave and Mary Hinz are involved in organizing this show so there is an announcement in the August issue; additionally, some SEM/PCA members have homes in that area and many like to

In this issue you will also find an announcement for our annual Picnic and Concours. It will be held on Sunday, August 21, as always, in Springdale Park in Birmingham. Patti Door and Don Kleist are running the Picnic; as always, Fred Young is chairing the Concours. Please sign up early; this event is one of the high points of our summer calendar.

Gretus and Victoria Hoogestraat will again host the Downriver BBQ and Tour. This year, it will be on Saturday, August 27.

On September 9—what is traditionally known as the Ladies Only Drive will become a Girls Night Out on September 9. Please see the full page announcement in this issue.

Then on September 18, Gary and Pat Ambrus will lead us on our traditional celebration of Ferry Porsche's birthday known as Drive Your Porsche Day.

You will also see that the Board is soliciting nominations of candidates for this year's election of Directors. Four positions are up for re-election this October. If you or anyone you know would like to run, please see the announcement on page 27.

We our always proud to present the work of our regular columnists—Andrew "The Shark" Olson and Tom Fielitz. Andrew covers the world of Porsche 928s and Tom writes about a variety of interesting subjects. This month, he addresses the joys and responsibilities of driving a car with a strong racing heritage.

Please, do yourself and our event organizers a favor and register early for our events on www.clubregistration.net This enables us to produce a high quality event that's fun for all...as well as courteous and responsible.

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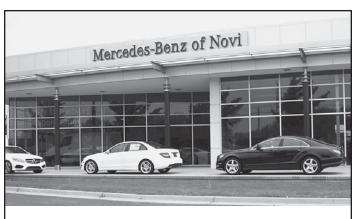
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BY **HOWARD GILSON**

outheast Michigan members did another fantastic job at this year's Porsche Parade at Jay Peak Vermont. Our region has a reputation of for "hauling home the hardware" from the Parade Concours, but this year we did exceptionally well with five first place winners and four second place finishers. Here's the list all of our winners.

- Fred Young's 2002 996 Carrera, 1st place in full w/ score of 299.0
- Ileana Lewis's 2017 991 Turbo, 2nd place in full w/ score of 299.7
- Leon Lewis's 2016 991 GT3 RS, 5th place in full w/ score of 298.8
- Jim Williams' 2002 Boxster S, 1st place in touring w/ score of 232.6
- Bruce Gearns & Marcia Leifter 2004 Cayenne S, 1st place touring w/ score 231.4
- Kevin Kondrat 1988 930, 2nd place in touring w/ score 138.4
- Jerry Door 1995 993 Carrera 4, 1st place in street w/ score 137.5
- Robert Yonce 2008 997 Carrera, 2nd place in street w/ score 139.3
- Don Kleist & Nancy Richardson 2014 991 50th anniversary, 2nd place in street w/ score 138.9
- Bob & Marilyn Amano 2017 Macan GTS, 1st place in street w/ score 139.6
- Ron & Karen Roland 2004 Cayenne Turbo, 5th place in street

Congratulations to all! In addition, members Patti Door and Victoria Hoogestraat won prizes in the art show.

- Patricia Door: Second Place Crafts Jewelry
- Patricia Door: First Place Crafts Jewelry
- Victoria Hoogestraat: Third Place Crafts Textiles/Quilts/ Needlework
- Victoria Hoogestraat: First Place Porsche Family Award of *Excellence*, the quilt will be auctioned at the Holiday Party.

Remember the uproar by so called "purists" when Porsche first introduced the Cayenne SUV? It is an excellent product and I can attest to that after driving my 2004 Cayenne Turbo to and from Parade. I convoyed with my Porsche "family," Jerry & Patti Door in their "fly yellow" 993 and their daughter Amber, son in law Jerry and Madison in their BMW. With the rear seats folded, the Cayenne had plenty of space for Fred Young's jack and stands, table decorations and five cases of hospitality refreshments. My stuff was loaded last and I took the time to ensure that everything fit tightly, to avoid the load shifting on tight corners.

The plan was to meet at the first rest stop on I-75 at 5:30am. Well, I'm glad Amber called because I missed the stop. We meet up at the first toll booth and travelled the highways most of the way. I had the Cayenne's suspension set on Normal. As we got closer, we left the highways and took two lane twisty roads to Burlington, Vermont where we would stay for the night. On the twisty roads in Upper New York I set the suspension to Sport. The Cayenne felt planted and I was able to keep up the 911 and BMW on those twisty roads. That was where it was critical to have secured the cargo so that it wasn't going to end up in the front seat.

There were times on two lane roads that we had to pass a car, truck or tractor. When the turbos kick in, you better be holding on and ready for that rush of a Turbo V8 power!

The next day driving through Vermont was nice, but slow. No one told us that in Vermont they drive 10 mph under the speed limit. So it was a slow but beautiful drive.

On the way back we again took a lot of two lane roads, but once we got on the highway I decided that to try Comfort, the one suspension setting I hadn't tried vet. I was concerned that this setting would make the Cayenne feel "unplanted" and wallowing. Boy was I wrong! The Cayenne felt solid, yet it provided a very comfortable ride. I will be using this setting more for highway driving. I was surprised with the Cayenne Turbo's comfort for long trips.

This year there were a lot of Cayennes at Parade, I believe that it's become a support vehicle or tow vehicle to get to Parade in comfort and with luggage capacity. Now people will bring multiple cars to future parades.

Before Parade the Cayenne was getting about 12 mpg city. I was determined to get mileage, because there was a lot of highway driving. I didn't use cruise control, because I had to keep up with Jerry and Patti Door. In the end, after pulling into the garage and checking the mileage, I was averaged 17.2 mpg. I expect to get even better mileage on my next road trip. I also need to note I kept the automatic climate control on, so the a/c was on most of the time. That didn't help my fuel economy, but it made the trip much more pleasant. That Cayenne Turbo is so much fun to drive – even when it's fully loaded!

I hoped to do some off road driving in Vermont, but most of the nearby roads were packed down dirt! Also time was a factor; being a volunteer took up a lot of time, but the reward was worth it. I did the Ben & Jerry's ice cream tour on Thursday and had a great time with a few of our members. A side effect of that tour was buying more Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Closer to home, I would like to thank Amy Bordes, Fran Amos, Ileana & Leon Lewis for generously opening up their home for the Progressive Dinner. As always participants brought a delicious appetizer, side dish, salad or desert to pass. New members Tom & Christen Grabowski did a fantastic job making the main dishes. A big thank you to Patti Door for stepping up and helping chair and organize the Progressive Dinner.

Our upcoming events include:

- August 5th HPDE (Driver Education)
- August 21st concours / picnic contact Fred Young concours, Patti
- August 27th Downriver BBQ contact Gretus Hoogestraat
- Sept 9 Ladies Night Out. Patti Door.
- Sept 10 M1 concourse HPDE (Driver Education)
- Sept 18 Drive Your Porsche Day Gary Ambrus.
- Oct 16 Fall Color Tour Walter Crump.

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Porsche Parade, Jay Peak Vermont

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

Porsche Parade 2016 at Jay Peak, Vermont was almost the Parade that wasn't. On April 14, 2016 the owners of Jay Peak Resort and other nearby properties were indicted on charges of misappropriating funds, misuse of the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Process, and securities fraud involving a Ponzi-like operation. There was even serious discussion of closing the resort, as it was reported to have zero working capital, as in broke and can't pay its bills. (Google Jay Peak Resort legal issues for more information.)

In short order, the court appointed a rescue firm to operate the resort and it remained open as usual. This was fortunate for PCA, because four months before the start of a Parade, there is no Plan B.

Parade goers could not tell that the host resort had experienced extreme difficulties only four months prior, I didn't learn of the problems until Tuesday of Parade. The location is absolutely gorgeous, the facilities are in great shape, the staff was courteous and efficient, and all the activities seemed to go off without a hitch.

The new management and the entire staff were dedicated to making 2016 Porsche Parade a success, and a success it was. We heard that it was all-hands-on-deck for the entire staff, who were compelled to work overtime in whatever jobs needed filling. Also, the Jay Peak management recruited help from the surrounding small towns. Some of the wait staff at banquets might have been guilty of minor lapses, but they made up for that with willing and eager attitudes and smiles on their faces. I suspect I speak for the majority of Parade attendees when I say, "Well Done!"

Jay Peak is a long way from Southeast Michigan, and for us, the shortest route is through Canada. According to Mapquest, the trip is about 11 hours of driving. Not wanting to try to find Jay Peak Resort at night, Jim Williams, Fred Young, Nancy and I planned to spend a night near Montreal, then drive the remaining two hours or so to Jay Peak the next morning. Laurie Williams was a big help and found a nice hotel for us in Brossard, QE, a suburb of Montreal.

Nancy and I left my condo at about 8:30am on Thursday. Just east of Sarnia we drove through a front that dumped significant rain on my almost concours-clean car. It was too much to expect that we could drive all the way to Jay Peak and keep my car relatively clean, just a bit more work preparing for the Concours. We got to the Montreal area without any trouble, but got horribly lost trying to find our hotel.

The directions from Mapquest were fine while we were on major highways, but around Montreal they were very confusing. I finally stopped at a gas station for directions. Fortunately, the attendant spoke English and I learned that we were only a few blocks from our hotel. That evening the four of us had a nice dinner and a welcomed rest before heading to Jay Peak the next morning. Jim led the way in his Boxster using his Garmin navigation system for directions. We arrived at Jay Peak Resort late Friday morning.

You might wonder why I did not use the navigation system in my 911. To that I have no excuse other than I had never used it before. Turns out that it is easy to use, includes the route we followed through Canada, and would have saved us some scary moments. Live and learn.

A few words about Jay Peak Resort. At the east end of the complex are Hotel Jay and the Tram Haus Lodge, two enormous hotels. At the west end of the complex, about a mile away, is the Stateside Hotel and Lodge, another large hotel. Scattered in between are over 100 buildings that contain various numbers of condominium units. To the west are ski slopes with rope tows, chair lifts and trams. To the east is an 18 hole golf course, the first and ninth holes of which hosted the Concours. The tees for the driving range hosted the display of historic Porsches. Adjacent to Hotel Jay is a gigantic indoor water park. And just to the west is The Ice Haus, a hockey rink. Jay Peak staff members removed the ice and the open area served as the head-quarters for Parade. Quite a place!

The Jay Peak Resort is isolated. The nearest anything is several miles away. Provisions, a general store near the Tram Haus Lodge, is the only store for miles. I think of it as an overgrown 7-Eleven with a few tourist trinkets thrown in. But it was a good place to get beer, pop, and snacks.

Vermont is a state of great natural beauty! Its rolling terrain is lush with bright green foliage, and the vistas are nothing short of spectacular. It is home to over 100 covered, wooden bridges and is a natural attraction for those who enjoy the outdoors. The population of about 625,000 ranks it just below Wyoming as the least populated state. Its largest city is Burlington, population about 42,000.

This was the fourth national PCA event that Nancy and I attended. They were Parades in Traverse City, French Lick and Jay Peak and an Escape in Rapid City, SD. They all have been remarkable for the friendliness of the people and the friendships that we have made. One of the first people we met at Jay Peak while preparing my car for the Concours was Lynn MacKellar of the Potomac Region. She and her husband Steve showed their Graphite Grey 50th Anniversary 911 next to mine at the French Lick Parade. We hadn't seen each other in a year, but we picked up our friendship like we had seen each other yesterday.

This year Mother Nature smiled on Parade. Most days featured warm temperatures, clear skies, and cool nights. Wednesday saw considerable rain, enough to turn my clean black car a muddy brown color. But good weather returned on Thursday. Vermont has strict environmental wastewater disposal regulations that greatly restricted washing cars. I was unable to wash my car after the Concours. We were forced to drive an extremely dirty Porsche for most of Parade.

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Jay Peak Resort caters to families and most of the accommodations are suites with full kitchens. Skiing and other cold weather activities are the winter attractions and golf, hiking, and the beautiful surroundings are the draws in the warmer months. The indoor water park is a year-round facility. Although huge in scope, Jay Peak is not set up for conventions or other large gatherings. It has no large meeting rooms that can accommodate the crowds that Parade draws for some of its banquets and, being spread over about a square mile, getting from place to place could be an issue.

But not so this year. A huge white tent erected in the parking lot of the Stateside Hotel and Lodge served as the main venue for banquets. The Welcome Party took place outside on the grounds near the Tram House Lodge, and the Ice Haus was registration central. It hosted the exhibits by sponsors, was the hospitality room, and was the central place to go for information about activities. Good-sized meeting rooms in Hotel Jay held the Goodie Store and Art Show.

When we arrived and realized how large the complex was, we wondered how all of us would be able to get around. Attendees with cars entered in the Concours would not want to drive their cars until after the Concours, and walking to events was out of the question. Most of the area between buildings is as Mother Nature created, with only occasional, mostly dirt, roads or walking paths.

This turned out not to be a problem. The resort has a fleet of minibusses that ferried us wherever we wanted to go on the property. We just needed to dial 7777 from any phone in the resort and we were instantly connected to Shuttle Central, and in a few moments a shuttle would arrive. We never had to wait more than about 2-3 minutes. On two occasions our shuttle got to the foot of the stairs of our condo building before we could walk down. When a banquet ended and large numbers of us wanted transportation, we found a line of shuttles queued up waiting for us. This system worked flawlessly.

For many attendees, the highlight of Parade is the Concours d'Elegance held on Monday. There are three main classes judged, Full, Touring, and Street. Full means just that, everything that can be seen or reached with a hand or finger is judged. This is the class for those with an almost insane passion for cleaning and preparing their cars. Touring is almost as strict, but does not include the underside of the car. In the Street Class only the inside and outside are judged. The engine compartment, undercarriage, suspension and trunk are not judged. Each of these classes is further broken down by types and vintage of the cars. In all, 148 Porsches were judged. 49 in the Full classes, 30 in Touring and 69 in Street.

This year, SEMPCA cleaned up! We earned 5 first place and 4 second place awards. Winners include:

Fred Young - First Place in the 996/997 Full Class

Jim Williams - First Place in the early Boxster/Cayman Touring Class

Bruce Gearns and Marcia Leifter - First Place in the Cayenne, Panamera, Macan Touring Class

Jerry Door - First Place in the 964/993 Street Class

Bob and Marilyn Amano - First Place in the Cayenne, Panamera, Macan Street Class

Ileana and Leon Lewis - Second Place in the 991 Full Class

Kevin Kondrat - Second Place in the 911/912 years 1974-1989 Street Class

Lewis Yonce - Second Place in the 996/997 Street Class

Don Kleist and Nancy Richardson - Second Place in the 991 Street Class

Kudos to all winners! Preparing a car for this concours requires lots of hard work and strict attention to detail. Nancy and I were in the "easiest" class, Street, but we spent Friday afternoon, all day Saturday, and 2-3 hours Sunday in preparation.

Each Concours d'Elegance also includes a Historic display of significant Porsches, some of which are judged in the Concours. My 50th Anniversary 911 was selected to be shown in this section. This was quite an honor.

Concours was not the only source of awards for SEMPCA members. An Art Show featuring all sorts of Porsche-themed art ran all week in Hotel Jay. Patti Door took first and second place awards in the jewelry category with necklaces featuring pictures of Jerry's and Amber's 911s and the PCA logo. A quilt constructed by Vickie Hoogestraat from PCA-related t-shirts took a third in the fabric category. But her quilt was selected as the "Favorite of the Porsche Family" by Mark Porsche. For this she should be very proud.

Other competitions included a Time, Speed and Distance Rally, a Gimmick Rally, an Autocross, and a Technical and Historical Quiz. There was something for everyone.

Other activities at Parade were numerous and varied. There was a directed driving tour to the Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory and another along Lake Champlain, and a large number of self-directed driving tours to local places of interest. Some even ventured into Canada. Event planners prepared detailed instructions for all the drives, which made them easy to follow. Nancy and I took both the directed tours and did a self-directed tour to the Trapp Family Lodge, which is near Stowe, Vermont. It was a beautiful warm day and we enjoyed lunch on their patio. What a magnificent setting for a relaxing meal.

During our drives around Vermont we were surprised by the variety of road signs denoting various things crossing the roads. We saw signs for tractors, snowmobiles and bicycles, cattle, horses, deer, moose, and near Lake Champlain, turtles. With all these things on the roads, I'm surprised there was room for cars.

Like all the Parades we have attended, this one was "Fueled by Volunteers." Most of the events were staffed by volunteers, ordinary attendees who gave up a few hours of their time so that Parade can offer the wide variety of activities and run as smoothly as it does. My contribution was as a judge for the concours. This year I judged the Touring class for 911/912 Model Years 1974–1989.

On Saturday, those volunteers still in attendance were treated to a lunch in the big tent, as a way of saying thanks for helping make Parade a success. Without these volunteers, Parade would not happen. Immediately after this luncheon we drove in the event that gave Parade its name, simply, The Parade. Always held on the last day, The Parade is a chance for Porsche owners to enjoy driving their cars, and it is a chance for locals to see our beautiful cars. This drive

Sunday quickly came, and with it the long ride home. The entire experience was great fun. I encourage all members to attend a PCA national gathering. They are unlike anything you have ever experienced. Next year's Parade will be in Spokane, Washington. There will be a Treffen at Lake Tahoe, California this fall. Next year's Treffens will be in Austin, Texas and Asheville, North Carolina. Start making plans, we are!

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On a drive in Vermont



Gateway to Parade



Ben and Jerry's



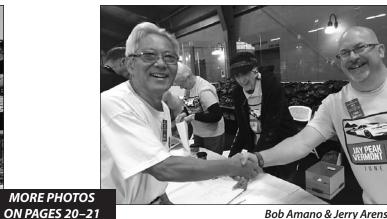




Ready for Parade on Saturday



Don Kleist's 50th Anniversary 911 during Parade



Bob Amano & Jerry Arens

The Trapp Family Lodge

PARADE 2016 - JAY PEAK, VERMONT

Fred Young, preparing his car for the Full Concours, including the underside!



Ileana and Leon Lewis preparing their entry.

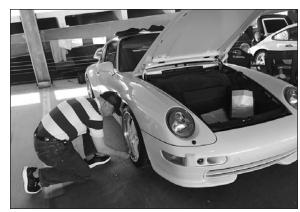


Tom Grabowski, Jim Williams, Fred Young



Bob & Marilyn Amano

Don Kleist detailing...and yes, I'm using a Q-tip.



Jerry Door giving some last minute attention to a wheel.



My 50th Anniversary 911 in the Historic Display



The Peanut Gallery - Howard Yefsky of Chicago Region, Neil Goldberg, Dave Renner, Paul Risinger of Pacific Northwest Region and Denny Denyer supervise a Concours prep.

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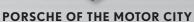
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RECAP

A Day at the Races

BY FRED YOUNG

PHOTOS BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT

icture Perfect Day was really the description of Sunday, June 12th at the Waterford Hills Raceway. There was nary a cloud in the sky and temperature in the mid-seventies. Billed as family day, that certainly was the case. Ages ranged from three to a very young eighty. There were parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren in attendance along with friends and relatives. Over 20 cars parked in a line in front of the concession stand for all the racers to see as they went by the esses. If our spectators had time to glance over to the parked Porsches, what they saw pretty impressive. Cars ranged from early 944's, 912's, up to the newest 2016 Cayman. It was quite an assortment of Stuttgart's finest.

At lunchtime it looked like a fire drill. All but two of the cars left en masse to participate in Parade Laps. Close to twenty minutes was spent on the track by the Sterling Moss wannabees. No doubt after the laps they were very receptive to the flyers Marc Molzon was handing out promoting our SEM Driver Education at Waterford.

Our own SEM member, Tony Mac, managed to thrill the crowd in his BMW racer. The first race was tight but a fellow competi-



Family Days at Waterford Hills Road Racing.

tor sideswiped Tony and tore off his tire valve causing him to pit and out of competition. He fared much better in the afternoon feature race though. He had tough competition in terms of Danny Kellemeyer's yellow Corvette and a pesky highly modified yel-

> low Fiero. However, Tony led from start to finish resulting in another great win for him. Mr. Mac also brought his brand new GT3 RS Porsche up on the hill for everyone to admire. Other racers also joined us for the folks to look at.

> Several new members were delighted with the track and wondered how it was kept hidden for so long of a time. Equally impressive was the low cost of the entertainment of only five dollars - Look out Starbucks you have competition.

> Sadly as I was leaving, I followed out a pristine White 2016 Cayman. While he was driving only about fifteen miles an hour you could see the dust and rocks being kicked up on the unpaved road leading out of the track site. I am sure a car wash was in order when he got home. Maybe the road will be paved next year. One can only Hope and Pray.



Porsches lined up on Family Day.

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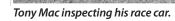
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Victoria Hoogestraat in Tony Mac's GT3 RS.



Waiting for the race to start.





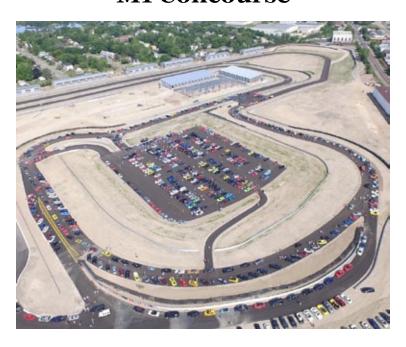
SEMPCA members check out Tony Macs GT3 RS.

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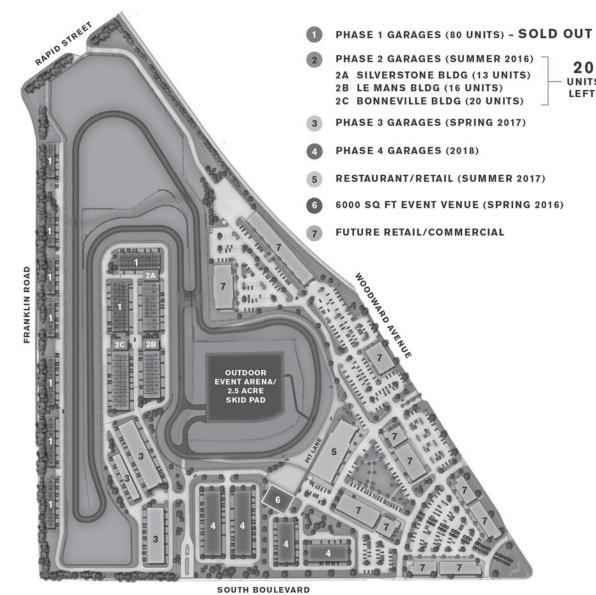


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IN THE SHARK TANK

A Chink in the Armor

STORY & PHOTOS BY **ANDREW OLSON**

y dedicated 928 track car, know as the Coke car, has been decently reliable for its several owners. However at the last SEMPCA HPDE day at Waterford on June 25, something happened on my third session. Since June 25th also happened to be my wife's birthday, some would argue that I defied the laws of the universe and despite her permission, attended the track day in lieu of focusing my attention on her. I know karma can bite you sometimes, but I'd like to think this was due to age and stress and not some voodoo doll squirrelled away in my wife's dresser.

When I came back in from my third session, our beloved Jeff Amos and Marc Molzon came over to ask what the noise was. Noise? What noise? I couldn't hear anything because of my helmet. A quick spin around the paddock revealed that is was something in the transmission drive line. There was a whirring sound that occurred when the car was in gear and under load. With the clutch disengaged (pedal in) the sound went away. Coasting in neutral also caused the sound to go away. Because the 928 uses a transaxle (transmission at the rear axle) this led me to believe the culprit was probably in the transmission and not in the engine. clutch or drive shaft.

The strange thing was that aside from the noise, there was no other evidence that the transmission was suffering. It shifted fine and seemed generally healthy. The 928 manual transmissions do have a known issue where the reverse lockout spring will fatigue, break off and fall down. Similarly the neutral centering spring has been known to break off as well. I was hoping it was the reverse lock out spring that had broken off and was lying against a gearset causing the noise. Usually in this case, it will simply fall to the bottom of the gearbox and just sit there without harm. But the



Always open the fill plug first.



Here you can see the fill and rear drain plug.

noise was not going away and I didn't want to damage the transmission if I could avoid it. So I thought it would be a good thing to drain and inspect.

It took me two weeks to finally get the time to put it up on the lift and inspect the transmission. Externally there were no signs of damage or other issues. If you want to change your manual transmission fluid (or final drive on an automatic), always be sure to remove the fill plug first. This is because these plugs can be difficult to remove sometimes, and you want to be sure you can re-fill it before draining the fluid out. The 928 requires a 17mm allen head socket. Luckily mine came out without any issue.

There are two drain plugs on the 928, one on the rear just below the fill plug and one at the front. Both drain plugs are fitted with magnets that are designed to grab and secure any small metal filings that may be produced. The rear magnet on the Coke car had some things stuck to the magnet, but when I rubbed them between my fingers, it felt smooth indicating these were very fine pieces nothing to worry about.

However when I went to the front drain plug, sadly I was greeted with a different story. There were some small, and not-sosmall, chunks of metal. They looked like they had a brass coating, which is typical of a synchro ring, but these piece were mostly straight and synchros are generally all curved. So I had a mystery.

While the transmission was drained, I used a mechanics magnet to fish around for other pieces (like a reverse lockout spring). but none were found. I used my endoscope to look inside the transmission, but it is so tight inside, I really couldn't find anything revealing. As a last ditch effort, I decided to refill the gear-

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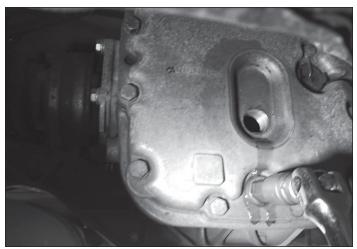
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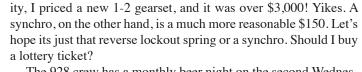
box with some fresh fluid and see if the noise had somehow magically cured itself, but sadly, it did not. The noise it still there.

At this point, I now need to remove the transmission and inspect it more thoroughly. On a 944 it only takes an hour or so to remove the transmission, but on a 928, it takes a full day. I will need to remove the entire rear suspension, and rear cross member, then lower the transmission and slide it off the driveshaft.

I have ordered a replacement transmission so I can hopefully just swap it in and minimize the down time, but the plan is to open this sick gearbox, diagnose, and hopefully repair it. Out of curios-



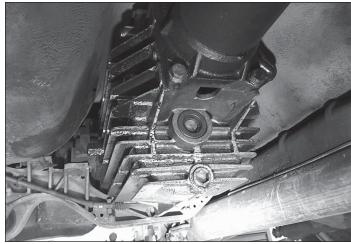
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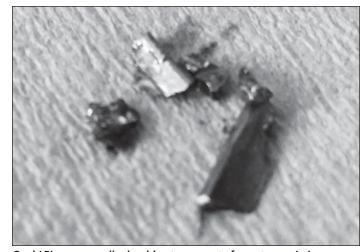
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The magnet on the drain plug will look fuzzy. Run this slurry through your fingers to feel for chunks or other damage.



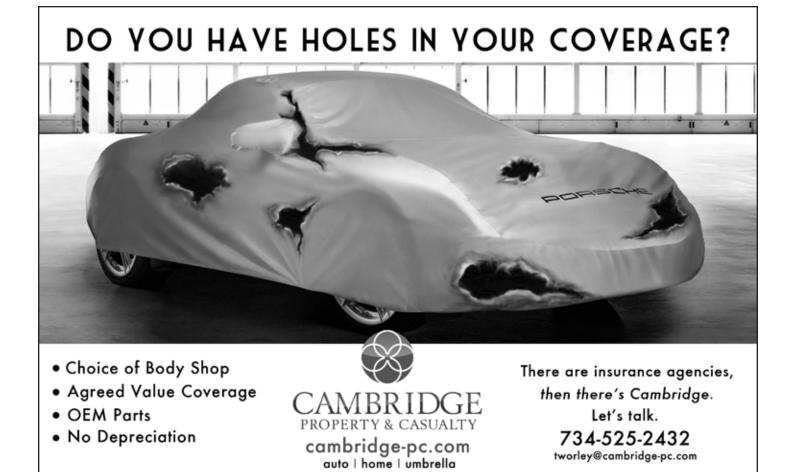
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 ${\it Ouch! Pieces normally should not come out of your transmission.}$



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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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RECAP

Central Indiana Region Breakfast Tour

STORY & PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT**

n our caravan to Parade in French Lick in 2015 we stopped in Fort Wayne to meet with members from the Central Indiana Region (CIRPCA). At Sweetwaters we were presented with a made to order breakfast. We got to know a lot of the CIRPCA members and became friends. As time went by we never lost contact, met again at the Presidents meeting last March and at Parade in Jay Peak, VT.

2 weeks ago I got an invitation from Jimmy Arata for a Breakfast Tour on 7/9/2016 from Fort Wayne Indiana to the Village of Paulding in Ohio. Jimmy organized the tour out of the blue and more than 25 members attended. I had a great time, sat at a table with CIRPCA past President Bob & Brigitta Snider and some new members.



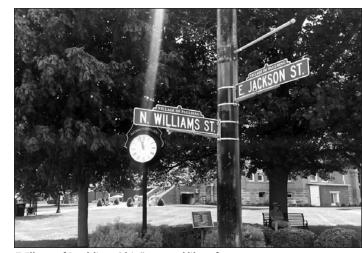
Breakfast at "Past Time Cafe" in the Village of Paulding, Ohio.

While talking to the new members, one of the question they had was "you can attend other regions events?". "YES You can!". I was the living example right there. The new members go twice a year down to North Carolina to visit family. I made the suggestion to contact the local region in North Carolina and see what events they have. All the sudden the new members saw a whole other side of PCA and what it can do for you. They were blown away what opportunities they had.

I encourage everybody to look for other regions events, may it be another Michigan or Ohio Region, or if you go on a vacation to Florida, maybe a DE at Homestead. You never know what or who is coming your way.



CIRPCA and SEMPCA Porsches lined up.



"Village of Paulding, Ohio", seemed like a forgotten town.

TECH TALK

IMS Bearing Repair

Source: European Performance Engineering, Natick, MA

hen Porsche decided to build their new water-cooled engines (not including the GT3 and Turbo models), they began with totally new design architecture. Among the many "new features" the Porsche engineers chose to employ was a sealed ball bearing arrangement to support the intermediate shaft (IMS). Previous engines employed a "split plain" bearing that was similar to the main and connecting rod bearings. These were all fed with pressurized oil to lubricate and cool them. This design has served Porsche owners very well for decades and the "lower end" of the venerable air cooled 911 has enjoyed a well-deserved reputation for tremendous strength and unmatched reliability under even the most grueling conditions.

So the problem with the IMS arises when this ball-bearing assembly, located at the back of the intermediate shaft, fails. Bear in mind that Porsche in their infinite wisdom has updated and upgraded this specific component numerous times over the production cycle of these engines. The failure of this bearing will often lead to extreme engine damage that usually renders the afflicted engine "un-repairable," at least from a practical economic standpoint. The solution at that point is to simply replace the entire engine. This option, as you might imagine, is not inexpensive.

Prediction, prevention and solution: While no diagnostic test or procedure can be 100% accurate, we have developed what we consider a fairly reliable set of protocols for predicting, and if not preventing surely decreasing the risk of, catastrophic IMS failure.

The first recommendation is to change the oil and filter in your engine after no more than between 3000 and 5000 miles. With the biggest cause of IMS failure being exposure to dirty and diluted oil, this simple and relatively inexpensive practice can pay major dividends to the long-term health of your engine. Also when the oil filter element is being changed, it should be very carefully examined for ANY particulate contamination. We use a very bright light and a strong magnet to check the entire filter medium for debris.

Another wise practice is to periodically submit a sample of the used oil for analysis. We use a local laboratory for this and their very reasonably priced results are back in just a few days. When compared with our database, these results can shed some light on the overall condition of your engine and the IMS in particular. By performing these kinds of tests, we can look for changes in

the levels of various elements found in your oil sample from the initial baseline to those detected in subsequent samples. This is known as "trending" and it can a very effective tool in helping to predict future problems.

Next we would suggest a quick check of the cars DME or engine management computer. We use the Porsche factory diagnostic computer known as "PWIS" to look at the camshaft timing values between the left and right banks. If the IMS is worn, it can cause subtle irregularity in these values. We would normally record the "current" numbers and store them for future reference. Again, by checking and logging these values we can spot trends far more accurately than a single, one time snapshot.

Recently you might have heard or read about a new device called "The Guardian." This device was created to act as an early warning system for IMS bearing failures. It uses a sensor comprised of two magnets mounted in very close proximity to one another. The sensor itself replaces your original drain plug. The theory is that the magnets will attract and capture any ferrous debris floating in the oil. When the debris accumulates between the two magnets, an electrical circuit is completed triggering a warning light and buzzer mounted on the center console of the vehicle. While this system is fairly new, we believe it has merit and consider it a worthwhile upgrade.

The last option I will talk about is to actually remove and replace the IMS bearing with one that should last for the life of your engine. Many people find this to be the most complete "cure" for PSTD and we can certainly understand why. We believe the bearing replacement, done correctly, should greatly reduce the likelihood of a major engine failure, so long as the oil service recommendations outlined above are adhered to. We have been installing these upgraded bearing for years and have yet to have any of them fail.

So there you have it, the facts as we know them, without all of the Internet hyperbole. I hope this little missive helps to give you some relief from all of the symptoms of PSTD as described above. While I am not a doctor, I have occasionally stayed at a Holiday Inn Express. So, based on that and over 30 years of experience, I have tried to lay out the best course of treatment for both you and your Porsche. Remember, you drive a Porsche for the pleasure it provides.

Drive Your Porsche Day

Sunday, September 18th, 2016

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This October, the members of SEM/PCA will be electing four directors. Per our By Laws, we are currently soliciting nominations for those positions. These Directors will serve a two-year term, starting in January 2017.

If you or anyone you know would like to be a candidate, please send your nominations to: Fred Young, Secretary, SEM/ PCA at Concours@sempca.org

With thanks from your Board of Directors

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Racing Heritage

RECAP

Belle Isle Grand Prix

BY **TOM FIELITZ**

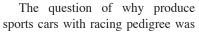
large part of the thrill of driving a Porsche is the association with driving a car with a racing heritage. This is not ■ lost on Porsche either as it has been involved in racing production based cars since its very founding. Besides the factory backed teams, Porsche has always been associated with the privateer entrant and even the amateur race driver. That is no marketing coincidence either as most Porsche advertising associates routine driving with race car performance.

Many of us got into the driver's school segment of sports car driving because we wanted that thrill of competing with a limitation on the risks involved. We could drive at our own self-imposed limits without the pressures of competition. While we were still exposed to the dangers of high speed driving it was a relative risk that we controlled. Racing was viewed as the extreme of motorsport. Racing demanded the full commitment of the driver and car owner. Commitment comes with sacrifices of time and money along with the real risks of personal injury. But with driving schools and with PCA Club Racing the average Porsche owner has opportunities to indulge in that thrill of racing.

Porsche has done an excellent job of providing the cars that engage our senses when driving and feed that thrill of driving a car not far removed from its sibling race car. At the very top of the racing pinnacle the relationship of street car to race car is fairly superficial, but the brand name is kept very prominent and advertising reminds us of the crossover of racing technology to production cars. There are prototype race cars on the cutting edge of technology and there are production based cars that share some technology as in the 919 and 918. In some racing classes the racing rule makers assure that side by side the race car shares a resemblance with the street car. There is a steady demand of Porsche buyers who choose the GT3 over the Carrera. Even for homologation purposes the GT3 does not have to have the harsh edge of a race car barely tamed for street use. There are always going to be customers willing to put up with minor inconvenience in order to be that much more closely aligned with the actual race car.

In the very earliest days, customers raced production based 356 models. In those earliest days Porsche offered customers street versions of 356 racing models named Carrera with racing derived motors and running gear. Early prototype race cars like the 904 were sometimes sold as street driven models. Even though not offered for the street, Porsche prototype race cars as late as the 1987 962 came equipped with a factory ignition key to start the car. Unique in the sports car world Porsches fitted all of these ignition keys to the left of the steering wheel. That was so the race car driver could jump into the car and turn the key with his left hand as the right hand slipped the gear lever into gear. In 1976 Porsche offered the Turbo Carrera as

a street version of the car they intended to race and the FIA rules called for a minimum number of production street models to qualify the car in the production group category, a process called homologation. Though they at first worried if there was a market for a turbocharged street car they actually sold in large numbers and created a whole genre of super car. Now it has come full circle as all 911s are turbocharged.



answered long ago with the first Porsche. No one advocates driving on the road in any fashion even close to racing on a track. It is simply unnecessarily risky for the participants and the public at large. But Porsches have always offered the thrills and satisfaction of driving a car that has close ties to racing. In some cases, the capabilities of the street car equal or exceed their racing counterpart. Race sanctioning groups put restrictions of power output and computer handling aids to equalize a classification of race cars based on production models.

The caveat to owning a sports car with racing potential is that it comes with more responsibility than driving more common transportation based cars. The faster and more responsive the newest version of sports car is, the more potential there is to exceed the limits of safe and prudent driving. All of the latest computers driving aids are no substitute for common sense and responsible behavior. It is now quite easy to break the current maximum posted speed limits by more than twice and in far less than one minute. Consequently, the average driver can create an unsafe driving situation faster than it is possible to assess all of the potential dangers and beyond what any amount of training can counter act. Equally serious is the fact that today's production sports car is capable of achieving speeds on race tracks far faster than fully prepared race cars could produce less than a decade ago. The weakest link in this performance chain is the driver. The average drivers' skills have not advanced at the same rate that technology had progressed the performance levels of cars that can be purchased by average drivers. Think about that the next time you are tempted to switch off all the computer driver aids. It is human nature to want to own the very latest available sports car even when the performance potential is so far beyond any reasonable use of that performance. It is also normal behavior for car manufacturers to continue to produce cars that closely approximate the performance of their racing cars. It is our responsibility to use that racing heritage in our Porsches with good judgment.



STORY & PHOTOS BY **GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT**

arly February 2016 I bought my Detroit → Grand Prix tickets including car corral and Porsche Platz access. As it turned out a little too early because I won a pair of tickets in March at the Presidents Meeting. On Friday 6/3 I was early to Belle Isle. I met a lot of SEMPCA members including our Vice President Marc Molzon and his wife Lisa. Marc was helping with parking and since Lisa has a lot of experience with the registration process at our DE events, she was helping Pat Ambrus in the Porsche Platz tent with registration and everything around it.

In the meantime, I went to the paddocks to chat with the guys from Alex Job Racing. They run two 911s, number 22 (Weather Tech) and number 23 (Heart of Racing). I met them for the first time when they stopped at Gilson Motorsports 2 years ago. For a week they prep their 911s for a race on the East coast at our Presidents facility.

After watching some action on the track I had to leave to get ready for the Friday night dinner, organized by Zone 4 Representative Michael Soriano and

his wife Lisa. PCA members from out of town stayed at The Henry in Dearborn and some attended the dinner, like PCA Vice President Tom Gorsuch. Victoria and I had a great time conversing with members from so many different regions. Some even became friends and



Gretus and the WeatherTech Grid Team.

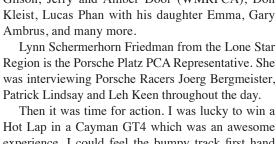
we met them again at the Porsche Parade in Jay Peak, Vermont.

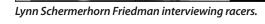
The next day Victoria and I were back to The Henry. Since I have experience with Caravans from last year's Parade, Michael Soriano asked me to help him. Everything went smooth with 2 State Troopers clearing the way on M39, I-94 and the traffic lights

in Downtown Detroit. Once we got to the parking area at the Porsche Platz, every car parked in a designated area (Air Cooled 911, 914, 928, 996, 997, Perscheplatz 991, Cayenne/Macan etc.). Inside the Porsche Platz tent we were presented with some light breakfast and coffee. Nancy Richardson was helping Pat Ambrus this time with registration. Again I saw a lot of SEMPCA members like our President Howard Gilson, Jerry and Amber Door (WMRPCA), Don Kleist, Lucas Phan with his daughter Emma, Gary

> Region is the Porsche Platz PCA Representative. She was interviewing Porsche Racers Joerg Bergmeister, Patrick Lindsay and Leh Keen throughout the day.

> Hot Lap in a Cayman GT4 which was an awesome experience. I could feel the bumpy track first hand at a speed that was way beyond Parade laps, then





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Recap: Belle Isle GP (continued from page 39)

Victoria and I went into Pit Lane. We took pictures with the WeatherTech Grid Team and met quite a few people from several PCA regions. Victoria and I were pleased to see SEMPCA member Ken Lingenfelter from "Lingenfelter Performance Engineering" in Pit Lane. We had the opportunity to chat a little with Ken. In March we had the pleasure to work with Ken together at our Charity event at "The Lingenfelter Collection".

After Pit Lane we grabbed a bite to eat and got something to drink. Then we went to our seats in Grand Stand 2 which was a perfect location. End of the Front Straight and you could see turn 1 and 2. After the race we went back to the Porsche Platz and helped the PCNA Crew closing down the Porsche Platz tent.

I have been to the Detroit Grand Prix several times, but this was my first Porsche Platz. Victoria and I really enjoyed it and looking forward to next year.



Alex Job Racing #22 and #23 which got prepped at Gilson Motorsports 2 years ago.

SEM Board Minutes (7/7/16) by Fred Young

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

Call to Order: 7:03 P.M. by President Howard Gilson.

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

Financial: No report sent out. Tabled for next month.

Membership: Greg Gallagher – 1005 total, 622 primary members and 383 associate members. Constant flow of new members at DE. We will be making changes to the membership application in the P4 so it will be easier for prospective members to join.

Insurance: Greg Gallagher – Will secure insurance for the progressive dinner and the next DE.

P-4: Michael Cohen – The July issue is out. The August issue should contain an ad for candidates that would like to run for the board. Board members up for reelection are Walter Crump, Patti Door, Greg Gallagher and Howard Gilson. We encourage people to get involved in their club.

OLD BUSINESS:

June 3-5: Belle Isle Grand Prix: We had a great turnout for this event. Porsche Platz organizer for national Lynn Schermerhorn-Friedman along with volunteers made it a great weekend. The police escort from Dearborn of the Porsche's was greatly appreciated.

June 12: Waterford Hills Family Day: Went well and was well attended. Another successful event.

June 17-26: Porsche Parade: Gretus Hoogestraat reported that the caravan went well as the two new members were pleased to get to know members on the drive. Patti Door reported that Don Kleist has written an article for the August P4. SEM made a great showing coming home with many trophies.

June 25: #2 Drivers Education: Marc Molzon reported that we had 32 drivers and that was good because there were three other events going on that same weekend.

July 23: Progressive Dinner: Patti Door and Howard Gilson reported the event is full. Everything has been ordered and our new member Tom Grabowski will be preparing the meats.

July 29-31: St. John's Concours: Battle of the Brands: John Keilly reported that it is all set and will be an enjoyable event again this year.

August 5: #3 Driver Education: Marc Molzon – On track.

August 6: Yacht Dinner Cruise: Gretus Hoogestraat –30 people have signed up and we need more people. Gretus saw the boat and he was impressed and is hoping for more people.

August 21: Club Picnic and Concours: Patti Door – Ready to go with our new chef on board to help with the preparations.

August 27: Downriver BBQ: Gretus reported that they are finalizing the

September 9: Ladies Drive: Patti Door – All set for a girls night out.

September 10: #4 DE at M1 Concourse: Track is paved. Marc Molzon reported that there are still some safety concerns about the M1 track but they are in contact with the track manager.

September 18: Drive your Porsche Day: Gary Ambrus told Howard Gilson that everything was set to go.

October 16: Fall Color Tour: Walter Crump said he was ready but needed to check with Gary that we weren't covering the roads from Drive your Porsche Day.

November TBD: New Member Gathering: Gregg Gallagher will make these arrangements.

60th Anniversary Committee: Patti Door – Will meet with the Detroit Athletic Club and get pricing. We also discussed possible speakers which will be looked into.

Web site: Gretus Hoogestraat –We had a little problem with the site but Eric took care of it.

Goodie Store: Gretus Hoogestraat – Nothing new to report.

Event Reports: Need an event report from Fred Young for Waterford Hills Family Day.

December 17: Holiday Party: John Keilly reported that it will be held at the Orchard Lake Country Club.

 $\label{eq:meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. - Motion by P.D. and G.H. to adjourn.} Motion passed.$

Refreshments and Locations: Wednesday, August 3 - John Keilly will host at his home.

Around The Zone



BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

I have enjoyed the opportunity to attend many Parades since joining PCA. They are always event filled weeks with more activities to attend than time, and this year was no different. The 61st Annual Parade was held in Jay Peak, VT from June 19-25. Parade officially begins with the Welcome Party on Sunday. However, I arrived on Friday to attend a number of meetings scheduled through Sunday evening, and had additional meetings throughout the week. On several mornings, I woke up before 5 a.m. and was in meetings until 6 p.m.

Between all of the meetings, I was able to find time to enjoy some of the scheduled activities. I even entered one of the many competitive events and brought home a first place trophy. On Monday, I once again served as a Concours Judge; this year judging the modified class.

Tuesday, we visited a local winery and toured the Ben and Jerry's Factory in nearby Waterbury, VT. At the Concours Banquet Tuesday evening, I had the honor of presenting the Zone Rep Award to our own Francie Kish, Parade Facilities Chair and charter member of the Rally Sport Region. Typically the Zone Reps submit their candidates and much discussion takes place over the course of several months. At the discretion of the Zone Reps, this award may or may not be given out on an annual basis. It is one of the most prestigious awards in PCA and is given to the individual who in the opinion of the Zone Reps has made outstanding contributions to the club.

On Thursday, we participated in the Gimmick Rally, travelling throughout the area in search of the many covered bridges, and stopping to eat lunch at the Trapp Family Lodge. Thursday evening, we hosted the Zone 4 Party, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. A great deal of thanks goes to Chris Braden of Munk's Motors for sponsoring the Zone 4 Party as well as once again sponsoring the extremely popular Zone 4 Parade shirts. We certainly appreciate his generosity and continued support of Zone 4 Events.

Friday, I attended the Tech Academy and enjoyed a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Memphremagog, taking us across the US/Canadian border. Saturday was another very busy day. It began with the Volunteer Lunch, during which I was asked by National President Caren Cooper if I would do the honor of leading the Parade of several hundred Porsches from the resort to Newport. The evening and the week ended with the Victory Banquet. After all of the awards were announced and distributed, a short video was shown introducing us to Spokane, Washington, the site of next year's Parade, which will be held July 9–15, 2017.

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 6 for the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum
- August 9 is *Motor-Stadt Region*'s Board meeting at Spagnoulo's in Okemos
- *Ohio Valley Region*'s Monthly Board Meeting and Member Social is August 9
- On August 13 plan to attend *Allegheny Region*'s August Rush Road Rally
- *Eastern Buckeye Region*'s Scenic Drive to The Wine Mill in Peninsula, OH is August 13.
- Northern Ohio Region's Garage Tour is August 14
- August 19-21 is *Mid-Ohio Region*'s Instructed HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- **Maumee Valley Region**'s August House Party is August 20
- August 21 is *Southeast Michigan Region*'s Annual Family Picnic and Concours
- *Rally Sport Region*'s Waterford Hills Weekend Track Days are August 26-27
- August 27 is Central Indiana Region's Carmel Artomobilia Car Show
- *Michiana Region*'s Autocross at TireRack in South Bend is August 27

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

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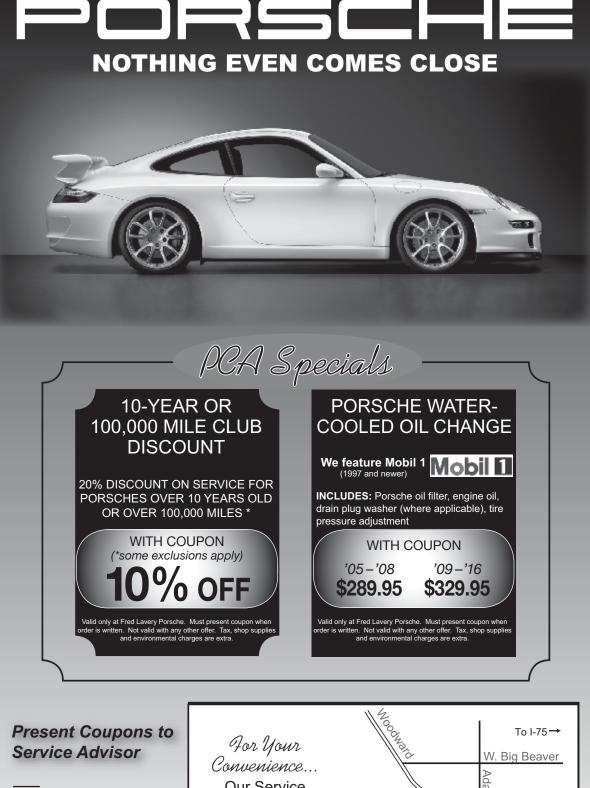
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