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**ON THE COVER:** Porsche has yet another winner with the new Macan. This vehicle offers the utility of an SUV with the luxury, performance and handling of a Porsche sports car. Photo by John Keilly

Editorially Speaking



BY MICHAEL COHEN

My eldest son, who lives in Los Angeles and drives a Prius, from time to time asks me why I like cars. I have tried to explain it to him, but not being a car enthusiast, he doesn’t get it. I’ve tried telling him about the car as art, the thrill of high speed performance, the mechanical intricacies, the sounds, racing, etc, but he just looks at me with a blank look on his face.

Recently, I gave some thought to this important philosophical question of why I like cars, and I believe that I came up with a simple all encompassing answer...I like to drive. It all comes down to that. I look forward to getting into the car and just driving to the store. It may not be the same as doing a DE or blasting through the twistees on the Tail of the Dragon, but it is still fun. There is still the enjoyment of looking at the car’s styling, turning the key (or pushing the button) driving to the destination and appreciating the car’s unique virtues

Now, I’m not talking only about driving my Porsche. I have the same feeling for any of my cars, especially after I have spent some time cleaning them up and making sure that they are running properly. Cars have personalities; they all perform somewhat differently, but they all give me pleasure in terms of how they go about their business. My Porsche feels and performs vastly differently than my Mazda Miata, but they are both a blast; each has certain attributes in which they excel, and that’s why I enjoy both of them. That comparison is probably easy to understand because they are both open air, manual transmission sports cars. But what about our daily drivers; do I like driving them? Yes, I get almost as much pleasure getting behind the wheel and driving our sedans, as I do driving the sports cars. They feel good when accelerating, cornering, stopping or luxuriously cruising long distances, and they look good even if they have four doors. For me, every car has special attributes that make them fun to drive and enjoyable to own –sedans are different than sports cars, but they provide an almost equal amount of pleasure in doing what they do best. I don’t think that a non-enthusiast can relate to this. For them a vehicle is a well appointed appliance to get from point A to point B and driving enjoyment is not part of the equation.

My son asked me if I like all cars, and my answer was “No”. I have no positive feelings or desire to drive minivans, pickup

trucks or most SUV’s, although I respect their utilitarian abilities. But I would likely get enjoyment driving any cool car, be it an Austin Healey, a Ford Focus ST, an S Class Mercedes, a Tesla or the latest Porsche. Each would provide a unique sensory feeling, would make me feel good and would be a joy to drive. Will any of this make any sense to my son? Probably not, but I suspect that you readers will know what I’m talking about.

How does this relate to this issue of the P4? As you know, Porsche recently introduced the 2015 Macan, and our local Porsche dealers each held lavish open house parties. The Macan dimensionally and appearance wise is a crossover—not the type of vehicle that would normally turn me on. But Porsche despises the term and concept of a crossover and has engineered and markets this vehicle as a right sized four door, spacious sports car - essentially a differently configured 911. My initial reaction was, “Yeah, right.” But I forgot that this is a Porsche with the pedigree of a 917. One drive and I got it. The turbocharged Macan is fast, handles extremely well and is well appointed. It’s a 911 in a different configuration. It’s fun; I like it; I like driving it. Apparently the public sees it the same way, because production is sold out for many months!

Speaking about driving, check out the articles in this issue. On page 22, Board member Fred Young recaps Family Day at Waterford Hills, which included lunch time parade laps on the track, while on page 26, Board member and Chief Instructor Marc Molzon summarizes his weekend at the Porscheplatz on Belle Isle while watching the Grand Prix and, monthly contributor Andrew Olson reviews more 928 driving exploits on page 32. Although it isn’t strictly about driving, Tom Fielitz writes a humorous article about Funny Noises on page 16.

Our annual Board elections will be coming up soon, and we are actively looking for high energy enthusiasts who would like to become Board members or would like to be officers—or assistants—for one of our many positions. In that regard, after almost four years editing and managing the P4, it is time for me to step down and make room for new blood to carry on and further improve the P4. If you have an interest or any questions, please contact me. And as John Keilly frequently reminds me, you will have unlimited use of the SEM/PCA corporate jet.

2014 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

JULY

- 10 Board Meeting
- 18-20 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and Car Show\*
- 19 Progressive Dinner
- 25 Autobahn Car Show at St. Johns\*
- 27 Concours d’Elegance of America - St Johns\*

AUGUST

- 2 DE (Saturday)
- 10 Board Meeting
- 16 Woodward Dream Cruise\*
- 17 Picnic/Concours
- 23 BBQ and Tour

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Board Meeting
- 13 Ladies Drive
- 14 Drive Your Porsche Day

OCTOBER

- 1 Board Meeting
- 12 Motor City Auto Spa
- 19 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

- 5 Board Meeting / 2015 Planning Meeting
- TBD Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Holiday Party

*\*Not an SEM/PCA 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 July Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10 at Porsche of Farmington Hills

## SEM/PCA

# Annual Progressive Dinner

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014

### FIRST COURSE

Our feast starts at 4 pm with appetizers and beverages at Patti Finnigan's Pub and Grille 2200 N. Squirrel Rd, located on the Oakland University Golf Course in Rochester. *(Use the Adams Road entrance south of Walton Road)*

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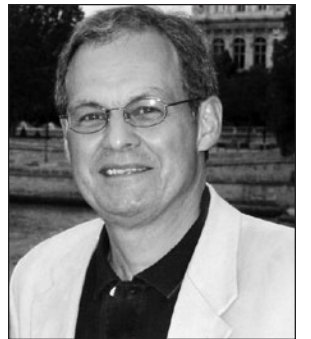
The second stop scheduled for 5:30 pm will be at Ristorante Lino on 50 West Tinken Road in Rochester (248-652-9002). We will be treated to a family style Italian feast starting with Salad with special house Italian dressing plus Antipasto with meat and cheese followed by entrees including Penne with Meat Sauce, Chicken Marsala and Broiled Pickerel served with Green Beans and Red Skin Potatoes. There will be a cash bar.

### DESSERT

Dessert will be at the home of a member to be announced upon registration. Cost: \$40 per person. Please RSVP by July 12.

To register and volunteer to bring a dessert, please contact Carlos Carmona email: ccarmona@combine.com or call 248-515-6030.

## Start Me Up!



BY JOHN KEILLY

As I write this the 24 Hours of LeMans was just completed. Porsche returned to the top class, LMP-1 for the first time since 1988, with two gas/electric hybrids, called the 919. The # 14 Porsche 919 had problems early, but finished 5th. The # 20 car was leading after 22 hours, but something let go shortly thereafter and the car was retired. The reliability problems experienced in earlier World Endurance Challenge races at Silverstone, England and Spa, Belgium continue to bedevil the 919. Expect Porsche to fix them soon.

The race announcers noted that the longest daylight of the year will be the night of June 21-22. After that, we'll be heading towards the winter solstice. Fortunately, that's still six months away. Between now and then we have a host of events to enjoy.

Dr. Guy and Karen Pupp have generously offered to host the dessert stop for the Progressive Dinner on July 19th. That allows us to revert to our traditional three stop format. Event Chairs Carlos & Veronica Carmona promise another delightful evening. For details and sign up information, please see the ad on the facing page.

The Carmonas, along with Jerry & Patti Door, Howard Gilson, Leon & Ileana Lewis, "Louie" Yonce and numerous other members are at Parade in Monterey, CA. It won't be surprising to see the SEM/PCA contingent come home with another load of trophy "hardware" from the Concours. Look for stories and photos from Parade next month.

Five seats on the SEM/PCA Board will be up for election/re-election this October. One incumbent, Lanita Dunham, does not plan to run; she would also like us to find a new Club Secretary. Michael Cohen would like to wind down his role as Managing Editor of the P4 around the end of this year. If you would like to run for a seat on the Board—or are interested in one of the appointed positions—please contact me or any other Board member.

The events recapped in this month's issue—Family Day at Waterford Hills, Porscheplatz at the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix and Street Survival School—are typical of the variety our Club offers. Family Day was a great way to meet local racers and see them in action. Porscheplatz provided an opportunity to meet professional racers and to watch some top notch competition.

Street Survival School is arguably a public service to our teen drivers. The hands on experience they got in dealing with all too common real world situations has the potential to avert and accident, an injury or worse.

As drivers of cars that people—especially young people—notice, we have an everyday opportunity to set a good example. It starts with how we maintain and care for our cars. Most Porsche owners take good care of the appearance and mechanicals of their cars, check tires, fluids and replace wiper blades regularly. It's rare

to see a Porsche whose interior is messy. How we drive sets an even more important example that reaches well beyond our family and friends. Do we drive distracted by phone calls, texting or eating? Are we courteous and alert? Does anyone signal anymore?

Columnist Albrecht Stachel, wrote a relevant story, "Reflecting on Symbols of Affluence" in the March-April issue (page 76) of *The Star*, the national publication of the Mercedes Benz Club. He said, "*When owning and operating a car with this amount of social and economic baggage, we are obligated to be on our best behavior, even when those around us have seemingly made up their minds about us. We should also be on guard against certain side effects of being behind the wheel of a high-performance vehicle. Poor driving behavior...further reinforces popular anger about economic inequality...Collectively we should be on our best behavior...*"

I do not believe there is anything inherently unfair or wrong with "income inequality." That's not a political statement, it's just reality. People are born with different levels of artistic or athletic talent, business acumen, skills at entrepreneurship, risk taking ability, or medical, engineering, legal, scientific or technical talent. We all have different levels of abilities, intellect and willingness to work hard. People like Kobe Bryant, Miguel Cabrera, Tom Clancy, the late Steven Jobs, Phil Mickelson, Meryl Streep, and Steve Yzerman are truly exceptional in their respective fields. So are the folks who started Home Depot, McDonald's and Starbucks (to name just a few), most doctors and the tech geniuses who keep amazing us with their ability to delight and impress us with software and hardware. You get the picture.

The market has always been willing to pay a premium for the proverbial "better mouse trap"—and/or top talent. So, someone is always going to make more money—a lot more money than you or me. Leroy Grumman and Henry Ford gave me some great jobs. The Porsche family continues to develop fabulous vehicles. God bless them! I don't begrudge any of these people a dime they made as risk-taking entrepreneurs in the fields of aviation and automobiles.

As Porsche owners, each of us has achieved at least a modicum of success. Some people admire us, some envy us and some feel the need to key our cars because they resent our success. Sadly, it comes with the territory. What we can do is conduct ourselves in ways that will not make such resentments seem justified.

So, go enjoy your car...and set a good example. Summer driving season is in full swing and we would like to see you at an SEM/PCA event soon—especially if you haven't been to one ever before or in a while. Come say hello! *It's not just the cars; it's the people!*

## 2015 Board Elections

This fall, the 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 2015.



*If you, or anyone you know, would like to be a candidate, please send your nominations to:*

*John Keilly, President SEM/PCA*

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Sunday, September 14, 2014

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# RECAP Street Survival School May 17

STORY BY **DON KLEIST**

PHOTOS BY JOHN KEILLY



Group photo of our 2014 Street Survival School Class

How do you turn unhappy, grumpy teenagers who have been roused from bed early on a Saturday morning into happy and smiling teenagers? Enroll them in a Street Survival School. It's like magic!

On Saturday, May 17, SEM/ PCA hosted sixteen young drivers in our second annual Street Survival School at the Faith Christian Assembly in Melvindale. They endured classroom presentations before driving their own cars in a series of exercises simulating conditions they might face in every day driving.

Car accidents are the major cause of deaths amongst teenagers. The BMW Foundation, the charitable arm of the BMW Car Club of America, developed Street Survival to help reduce this carnage. Tire Rack, has been the major corporate sponsor from the beginning. Other corporate sponsors are Michelin Tires, ZF, Enterprise, SCCA, Audi Club, and recently PCA.

As a member of the local BMW club, I have helped conduct many of these schools. I am always amazed at the positive change in the students' driving abilities after a single day in training. If you compared their driving in the first exercise in the morning to how they drove in late afternoon, you would not believe they were the same people.

Marc Molzon again served as co-chair and took care of the driving exercises while I covered the classroom presentations. Marc's wife, Lisa and Patti Door handled registrations, coffee lunch, and refreshments. Driving exercises were staffed by

volunteers from our Driver Education community. All who gave up their Saturday to help conduct this important school deserve sincere thanks.

Students begin arriving at about 8 a.m. After registering they were given a gauge and asked to check their tire pressures. An air compressor was available when needed. Students were also asked to ensure there were no loose articles that could get interfere with their car's controls. The first of three classroom sessions began at 9 a.m. while other volunteers set up the morning's driving exercises. We divided the students into three groups and each group drove a different exercise. These included:

- **Emergency braking.** Many students had never experienced an ABS system engaging. So, they were asked to accelerate in a straight line then apply the brakes as hard as possible to engage the ABS. Later, we had them brake and turn simultaneously. While relatively easy with ABS brakes, this is much more difficult without ABS brakes.
- **Slalom course.** Here, the objective was to experience vehicle dynamics in a controlled environment. Students were told to drive at speeds at which they felt comfortable but to increase speed as they gained experience. They were asked to weave through a course marked with orange traffic cones. There were many times when cars hit cones. This might seem an easy exercise, but it takes major concentra-

tion to drive successfully as speed increases.

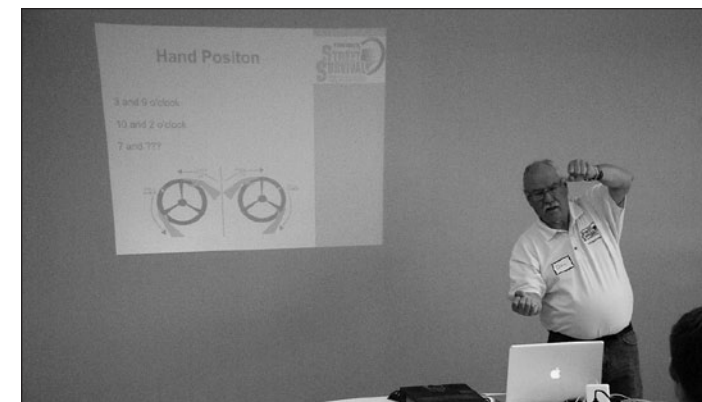
- **Skid Pad.** This was a circular course made slick with water and dish soap. The objective was to let students experience the feeling of their car near or beyond its limits of adhesion. The slick surface lets students gain the experience at relatively slow and safe speeds. This is also one of the highest rated driving exercises. It's a lot of fun to toss a car around at a place where running into something is not a concern.

Students drove each exercise for about 40 minutes, and then rotated to another exercise. After lunch there was more classroom instruction, while our volunteers set up three new driving exercises:

- **Lead and follow.** A student in one car and an instructor in another start side by side in adjacent, straight, parallel lanes. The instructor would take off, followed by the student, who was told to follow at a safe distance. Sometime during the run, the instructor would apply the brakes and stop. The student would react in time to stop before passing the instructor. If the student passed the instructor, that would have been a rear end collision if both cars had been in the same lane. This exercise gives students a feel for safe following distances.
- **Lane Changing.** Students accelerated in a straight line, while watching a flagger at the far end of the parking lot. The flagger would then move the flag left or right to signal the direction in which the student should turn. The students then had to drive into the indicated lane and stop. This is the most difficult exercises. Almost all students knocked over cones and, in some cases, turn the wrong direction! It's difficult because students must observe the (flag) stimulus, determine what it means, determine how to react, and then react by steering their car. All this must be done in a split second. Even knowing from where the stimulus comes, it is hard to react properly. Imagine what could happen if a similar situation occurred on public roads where the drivers might be distracted by talking, phoning, eating or, horror of horrors, texting. This shows that, even with good concentration, split second decision making is difficult.
- **Figure 8** This entails a course with two circles of different diameters. It presents students with constantly changing driving conditions. While the exercise is was a lot of fun, it shows that driving really takes intense concentration.

Again, each group of students drove each exercise for about 40 minutes apiece. Then it was back to the classroom for a short wrap-up and presentation of Certificates of Completion.

Meanwhile, volunteers set up a small autocross course. This was the "put it all together" exercise, and for many, the most fun. Watching students drive this course, it was hard to imagine that they were the same drivers who began the morning exercises. You could see they had gained both skill and confidence during the day. As auto enthusiasts and volunteers, it made us feel great about investing our Saturday this way. And yes, those early morning grouches turned into smiling, confident teens. Yeah!



Event Co Chair Don Kleist served as classroom instructor; here he shows the importance of proper hand positioning on the steering wheel.



Andrew "The Shark" Olson with his student



Gary Fish - who is an advanced DE student and our club's CPA and election official with a student.



Mark Vander Eyk with a student on what was a cool, windy day

# *RECAP* **Dealer Introduction of the Porsche Macan**

STORY BY **MICHAEL COHEN**

PHOTOS BY JOHN KEILLY

**T**he four metro Detroit Porsche dealers know how to throw a party. During the month of May, each of our dealers, Fred Lavery Company, Porsche of Ann Arbor, Porsche of Farmington Hills and Porsche of the Motor City held by invitation only events to introduce the 2015 Porsche Macan. Their showrooms glistened and new Macans were placed throughout. Additionally, all offered a wonderful selection of wines and elegant hors d'oeuvres for guests to enjoy as they checked out the vehicles. Porsche Cars North America sent instructors from the Porsche Sport Driving School in Atlanta, GA to conduct Macan ride and drives. Each guest was provided a



*Robert "Louie" Yonce, Mike Moore, John Keilly and Mark Winkler at the Porsche of Farmington Hills intro event.*

Turbo engine is a twin turbocharged 3.6 liter V6 generating 400 hp. Both have seven speed dual clutch transmissions and all wheel drive. Both perform like a 911.

Thank you, metro Detroit Porsche dealers for throwing first class Macan intro events. And, thank you, Porsche, for giving us another magnificent product.



*The interior of the Macan is luxurious and well appointed.*

gift bag at the conclusion of the event.

The Macans were hits. These four door vehicles have the look and room of a crossover with the performance of a sports car. Make no mistake, these are Porsches and they drive as a Porsche should. The PCNA instructors made sure that you got the message, encouraging guests to thoroughly test the cars' capabilities over a set, safe route from each dealership. There are two versions of the Macan, the S and the Turbo. The S is powered by a twin turbocharged 3.0 liter V6 which produces 340 hp. The



*Porsche of Ann Arbor held a ride and drive to familiarize prospects with the new Macan.*



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# Funny Sounds

STORY BY **TOM FIELTZ**

I don't believe I have ever heard a funny noise from a car. For sure, there are car sounds that are entertaining, but when someone says they heard a funny sound come from their car the outcome is never funny and seldom entertaining.

Cars can make an amazing variety of sounds. Some sounds are perfectly normal and harmless, other sounds come and go depending on the season or if you just brought your car into a mechanic to have the sound diagnosed. In that case the sound is guaranteed not to occur again until you are on the way home after picking the car up. Cars also seem to develop new sounds as they get older. That should not surprise us as the human body also has a natural tendency to make odd sounds as the aging process occurs. It may even be possible that our cars develop sympathy sounds of aging to go along with their owner. There are several solutions to curing odd car sounds that do not involve a mechanic.

The most obvious cure is the volume knob on the radio. Did you think it was coincidence that the worse the car looks the louder the radio is played? My personal favorite cure is a loud exhaust system. The car may be self-destructing as it goes down the road, but a loud exhaust is usually mistaken as a symbol of power and peak performance; unless it is just the sound of a blown out exhaust manifold gasket.

Not hearing funny car sounds can lead to disastrous consequences. Funny sounds from the suspension, such as creaks and groans, can leave you stranded by the side of the road with less than the full complement of wheels. Likewise, funny sounds from the engine usually occur moments before utter and final expiration of the engine usually accompanied by a big cloud of steam or smoke. In extreme cases when the engine blows up the whole car goes up in flames, but this is rare. The usual signs of expiration are a pitiful trail of ink black oil marking the beginning and end of said engine blow up. I flinch every time I come across that tell tale sign on the highway. I can imagine the look of shock and horror on the poor drivers face, even though the engine was probably making more noise than a drummer in a rock band before it finally gave up the ghost.

When you have been around old noisy cars as long as I have, people assume you have an encyclopedia (remember those?) in your head to interpret such sounds. About 90 percent of the time I have not the faintest clue what the funny sound represents but it is always amusing to make a wild guess. The truth is that the funny sound seldom comes from the obvious source and usually is not even remotely related to the part of the car nearest to the sound.

This is why professional mechanics must hate the trouble shooting of funny sounds and especially interior rattles. But they do seem to get a perverse pleasure from asking the owner to describe and possibly mimic the funny sound for them. Believe it or not some genius has developed a phone application for funny car sounds. You just hold up the phone to the car and record the sound and the application compares the sound to a data base of car sounds and tells you what to suggest to the mechanic that seems to be creating the funny sound. This must also be highly amusing to a mechanic and probably not as helpful as the application designer claims it to be.

Of course I can't end this piece without offering some practical advice about whether you should be concerned about funny car sounds. The most obvious question is how annoying or obnoxious is the funny sound? Is it just a good conversation starter or does it really worry you to the point of seeking psychological counseling?

The next question is how persistent is the funny noise? Does it happen every time you drive or only when there is someone special in the car you want to impress? If it happens rain or shine, hot or cold, smooth road or rutted dirt path, your noise may be less than funny. Of course, it is critical to know how loud the funny noise is. An engine ping or ignition knock sounds funny but it is rather soft and comes and goes usually without any catastrophe attached to it since it usually is caused by bad gas or just a bad engine tune. A rod knock may be confused for a harmless ignition knock but it never goes away and always ends in a disaster of the expensive variety. The most harmless funny noise can just be the fact that you turned the sound down on the radio but forgot to turn it off.

The dead giveaway for that is when the funny sound is exactly like the car became possessed and is talking to you. But I figured that one out for myself in just a few days. My best advice is when you get a funny noise in your car you should make up a plausible explanation for the sound. If your friends don't buy it then seek another car expert's opinion. He won't know what it is either but it is a great conversation starter.



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# RECAP Waterford Hills Race Track Family Day

STORY BY **FRED YOUNG**

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We arranged to have a Porsche Corral at this event

What started out as a cold rainy, dreary day turned into one filled with sun shine and warm breezes. No doubt a few people decided to stay home. Their mistake! Of course one would have thought we were at a water ballet instead of a race course in the morning. One by one the cars out on the track did beautiful pirouettes and ended up on the grass. Tire changing was the modus operandi in the pits with the different track situations. But slowly the rain stopped and the sun came out along with a gentle wind to dry the track.

Our own SEM member, Tony Mac, proceeded to dual neck and neck with a Corvette. His BMW was in the lead at first but alas was passed by the Corvette in the middle of the race. Due to Tony's driving skill however, he regained the lead on the last lap to win the race. Later in the day, the Corvette won in a three way dual for the lead. The races made for exciting action.

The event was called family day for good reason. It was great to see the children attending a getting a firsthand look at the racing on the track. Heinz Hilderts brought his grandchildren and they enjoyed the day with him. Heinz also recounted how he won a trophy at this very track in the 1970's with his 914. He also raced alongside Neil Goldberg, long time member. Another gentleman had his son and daughter with him in his 944. They were so excited about being able to take parade laps. While not yet an SEM

member, we hope he will join our club and take advantage of the many events we put on. Rick Floyd and his daughter, Sara, also marveled at the cars and track. He has a newly acquired Porsche and anxious to attend more events.

Marc Molzon was on hand to answer any questions about driver education. After all the parade laps taken, we are sure to see a few more drivers out for Waterford weekdays. Enthusiasm ran high after a few turns on the track. Craig Kellogg and his wife, Sheila, seemed certain to be bitten by the track bug.

Greg Steen brought his #35 ITS 924 White Porsche up to the hill for everyone to view and answer questions about his racing career. A Rally Sport region member, he has been a driving instructor since 1994. He also instructs at SEM events and has been racing since 2002.

Merritt Scott Collins also had us view her #77 Porsche 924 in between races. You may recall she was on the cover of the June issue of the P4 newsletter. Undoubtedly, a young lady who had her picture taken in her race car was duly impressed with the possibility of becoming a race car driver. Christian Cook was also driving a Porsche 911. After an incident on Saturday, it was touch and go if he was able to race on Sunday.

Most of the attendees also visited the pits to see all the preparation and painstaking attention to detail that goes on in the pits.

## SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - July 2014

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

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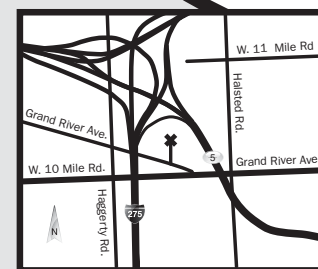
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Waterford Hills Family Day (continued from page 22)

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Our sincere thanks to all those that made the day a success. That includes Chris Braden of Munk's Motors who sent out cou-

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One of the day's highlights for club members was the opportunity to drive parade laps around the track.

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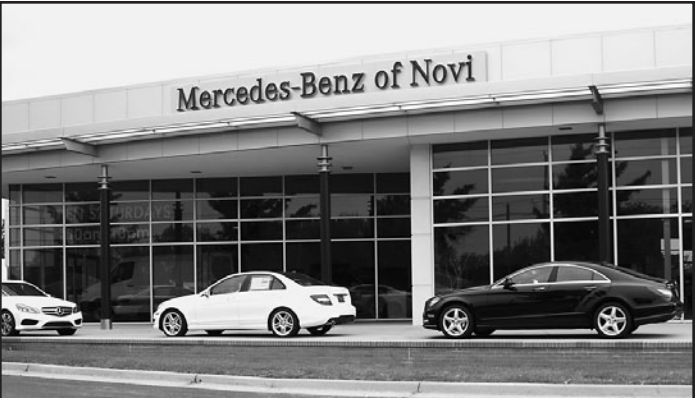
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## Porscheplatz at the Belle Isle Grand Prix

STORY BY **MARK MOLZON**

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SORIANO

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If you get the opportunity to park in the Porscheplatz next year, I would highly recommend it. I'll see you there!

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Region Officer Name

Region Date

Member Demographics

Birth Date

Occupation

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You can designate a family or affiliate member as part of your membership. This person must be 18 years or older.

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(We only want to know about your Porsche)  
(\*required information)

Car #1

\*Year \*Model

\*Body Type \*Color

\*Vin#

License Plate #

License Plate State

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Maintenance Performed By:

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SEM Board Minutes (6/4/14) by L. Dunham

**Attending members:** Board members Michael Cohen, Patti Door, Greg Gallagher, Howard Gilson, Marc Molzon and Fred Young. DE Co-Chair Steve Carbary, P4 Associate Editor Alex Lundberg and Treasurer Leo Wanstreet

**Call to order** at 7:00 PM by President, John Keilly  
Roll taken. Minutes of May meeting approved.

**Financial, Leo Wanstreet.** Reviewed e-mailed report. There were no is-  
sues and the report was approved.

**Membership:** No report

**Insurance, Greg Gallagher:** Insurance in place for all upcoming events.

**P-4:** The June issue has been mailed and received. The July issue will be on schedule

OLD BUSINESS:

**July 19 Progressive Dinner: Carlos Carmona.** The first stop will be the Oakland University Golf Course (Meadowbrook) for appetizers and a group photo. OU has agreed to waive their normal \$ 1200 fee because we are a non-profit. The 2nd stop will be Restaurante Lino in Rochester. We are still seeking a dessert stop; otherwise we'll remain at Lemo's.

**May 8 & June 12 DE, Steve Carbary/ Marc Molzon:** Forty one students attended "Beginners Day" on May 8 and, at present, 20 are signed up for the June event.

**Apr 10 Devil in the Details, Alex Lundberg:** The event was well at-  
tended. Members enjoyed the opportunity to learn from a variety of amateur and professional experts.

**May 17 Street Survival School, Marc Molzon:** We had 19 students at-  
tend and plenty of instructors and volunteers. The event broke even and, as with last year, it was well received.

**May 18 Spring Tour, Greg Gallagher:** The event was well attended. Par-  
ticipants enjoyed the route to Hell, MI and back and the dinner at Mitchell's in Livonia.

**May 26, Novi Memorial Day Parade, John Keilly:** Eleven cars partici-

pated. More than half were available to provide rides for city officials. This was quid pro for the city waiving the \$ 125 fee for using their picnic shelter at Rotary Park for the cider & donut stop on our 2013 Fast Color Tour.

**June 8 Family Day at Waterford Hills, Fred Young:** Plans are in place for a casual family-oriented event, which will include an opportunity to take parade laps and meet local drivers such as Merritt Scott Collins and Jim Stevens.

**New Member Event, Greg Gallagher:** Will be rescheduled to the fall.

**August 17 Picnic & Concours, Patti Door/ Fred Young:** Patti and Don Kleist have met to divide tasks for the Picnic. Fred has trophies done and plans in place for the Concours.

**September 22 – October 2 Trip to Germany, Fred Young:** Fifteen peo-  
ple have already signed up and there is room for 2 more.

**July 25th Autobahn Night at St John, Fred Young:** This will be an in-  
formal gathering of Porsche, BMW and Mercedes owners for a barbecue on the Friday evening before the Concours of America

**Charities, Web, Goodie Store: No reports.**

**Event Reports:** None needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

**2014 Board Election, John Keilly:** Five seats are up for election/re-  
election. Incumbent Lanita Dunham subsequently indicated that she does not plan to run for re-election and that she would like to be replaced as Club Sec-  
retary. Michal Cohen indicated that outside obligations will necessitate wind-  
ing down his role as Managing Editor of the P4 around the end of this year.

In accordance of the By Laws, a Nominating Committee was formed con-  
sisting of John Keilly (President), Patti Door (Past Presidents), Michael Co-  
hen, Leo Wanstreet and Fred Young.

**Meeting Location & Refreshments:** July Meeting – on Thursday, July 10th – will be held at Porsche of Farmington Hills. Refreshments, John Keilly Meeting adjourned at about 8:45 pm.

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# Sharks in the Mountains 2014

STORY & PHOTOS BY **ANDREW OLSON**

For the past eight years I have made an annual pilgrimage to the premier 928 event called “Sharks in the Mountains” held in Banner Elk, NC which is in the northwest corner of the state near the Tennessee and Virginia borders in the heart of the Smokey Mountains. This year, however, I couldn’t make the trek due to my and my wife’s work schedules. Sharks in the Mountains reached its peak in 2008 when more than 130 928s showed up in this sleepy little town on the edge of the Pisgah National Forest. Since then, the attendance has slowly declined, but I still I wanted to go. I resigned myself to not going this year and came up with a number of rationalizations as to why it was better to not go this time. Then, at the last possible moment, my wife informed me that she switched her schedule and I could go if I wanted to.



Sharks in the parking lot

## HALL PASS!

It was Thursday and I left work at noon telling my people to “deal with it” if anything came up because in the mountains there is no cell service. I rushed over to the place where I store my working 928, hopped in, drove home, packed a bag, threw my “track supplies” tub in the car and hit the road. My goal was to be on the road by 2 p.m. as I had about a 12-hour drive ahead of me. I was on the road at 1:58.

The worst things about a 12-hour drive are the 11 hours that bridge the first 30 minutes when you’re excited for what lay before you, and the last 30 minutes when the adrenaline kicks in as

you reach your destination. Those middle 11 hours are usually pretty boring. There was one exciting moment, however. The Virginia Commonwealth Constabulary (State Patrol) decided to present me with an official certificate for visiting their state at a speed slightly higher than they would have liked. Oh well...it happens.

I finally arrived in Banner Elk at 2:30 a.m. Friday morning. Fell into bed and slept. The next morning was a typical morning for the Smokies with a hazy, foggy, overcast sky and a slight mountain breeze that quickly gave way to a sunny morning. I greeted some of the other early bird arrivals and a bunch of us went to the Banner Elk Café for breakfast, which is the go-to place for morning eats.

I suggested that we go for a fun drive up and around Beech Mountain before we clean the dead bugs off the cars. I recruited one other car. Beech Mountain used to host an annual “Hill Climb” event. It’s a great road with some tight switchbacks and, of course, lots of elevation. I have gone up and down the main road several times before, but this time we decided to try one of the roads that leads off the backside of the mountain that we previously identified on a map.

There are some amazing roads for carving up in that area. We were having a blast until the road became a dirt road. I asked my fellow traveler if he was okay with going over a dirt road in his 928. He was, and so was I, so we marched forward. The road wasn’t too bad and only lasted a couple miles.

Then we picked up a major road (US 321) with long  
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A full line of Sharks with Beech Mountain in the background



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sweeping turns and a little more speed. We were having a blast. Then we turned right on NC 194 which took us back to Banner Elk along the eastern edge of Beech Mountain. Whoever designed N.C. route 194 deserves an award for road design. We twisted our way back up the side of the mountain giggling with delight, then my dash lit up like a Christmas tree...oh crap! NO OIL PRES-SURE!

I pulled over to see what the issue was. Stopping on the side of a mountain to check the oil is somewhat problematic because the ground isn't level. But as I slowed, the oil pressure came back up, so we nursed our way a bit further until we found a somewhat level spot. I was about three quarts low. We threw some oil in the car and finished our drive.

Friday night was the big party night and we had a blast greet-ing all the other 928 arrivals, hugging old friends, catching up and

sharing stories. The next day we had the main event with about 50 928s on hand. I could only stay until noon, as I had to be back by Sunday morning to accommodate my wife's work schedule. The drive back was also 11 hours of boredom; this time without any certificates from local patrolmen. I made sure to avoid Virginia on the way back, just in case. All in all, it was a great time. I can't wait until next year.

August 2nd, the Michigan 928s are having their 8th annual "Sharks in Hell" event hosted by one of our own 928 owners, Mark Haddelsey. All are welcome. The day starts around 10 a.m. and goes until late that night. The address is 4339 Patterson Lake Road, Pinckney, MI about a ¼ mile west of Hell. If you want to stay for lunch or dinner, it's a potluck, so bring a dish to pass. Bring the kids, spouse, friends, etc. It's a fun day of swimming, camping, car stuff and other activities. See you in HELL!



One of the cleanest 928 engines I have ever seen. This car was beautiful.



Two more Sharks with Sugar Mountain in the background



A twin turbo 928 that makes over 600 HP was there from Texas



Autobahn Night  
Concours of America at St. Johns  
Friday July 25th

Mark your calendar for the first annual Autobahn Night at Concours of America at St. Johns, held on Friday, July 25th from 7-10PM in the parking lot in front of the St. John's Hotel, 44045 5 Mile Rd, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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## OBITUARY

# Col. Robert Leinen, Sr.

Col. Robert Leinen Sr., a near 40-year veteran of the American armed forces and a member of the SEMPCA, died Monday, June 2, 2014 in Dearborn. He was 74.

Col. Leinen was born on Sept. 4, 1939 in Auburn, NY and attended Auburn High School. He was a member of the United States Army for 34 years, 27 of them on active duty. He was stationed at several bases throughout the course of his career; his last posting was at Selfridge ANG in Michigan.

From the family’s account...*Prior to graduating from high school, Bob fudged his age and begun his military career by joining the New York State National Guard. His selfless devotion to serving his country continued when he went on to enlist in the US Army and received his first station in Fort Benning, Georgia in 1966. In October of 1967 he was sent to Vietnam where, as a Captain, he led several platoons for the 6th Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade. He was wounded in 1968 and returned to Fort Benning to be with his family. For his gallantry in action during his time in Viet Nam, Bob was awarded the Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars, and 2 Purple Hearts.*

*After Viet Nam, he became the Chief of Protocol at Ft. Benning, then was sent on to Tampa, Florida where he earned his Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration. A 1 year station in Thailand followed from 1972 to 1973, and then his assignments continued as he joined the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina achieving his qualification as a Jump Master. He also spent time in Fort Bragg working with the 7th Special Forces, before relocating once again in 1977 to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for Command and General Staff College. During this time period he earned his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. In 1978, after the completion of CGSC, he went on to earn his Masters of Science*

*in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. In January of 1979, Bob received a new assignment, sending him and the family to Stuttgart, Germany where he joined the J4 Logistics team at the US Headquarters for the European Command. In 1983, he took a brief assignment at the pentagon, earned his most coveted and memorable promotion to Colonel, and then immediately transferred back to Germany in 1984 where he served as Director of Logistics for the 7th Army Corp in Stuttgart. In 1989, Bob and Family returned to the US, where he was sent to become Base Commander at Selfridge Air National Guard Based in Michigan and simultaneously served as the Commander for the Detroit Arsenal’s Tank Automotive Command (TACOM).*

After military life, he worked in public service at Henry Ford Village and the cities of Pontiac and Dearborn.

According to his son, James, he was always a big fan of cars (he owned three 944s) and even owned a 1948 MGTC Speedster. He loved fishing, bowling, golf, gymnastics (he set a state record in New York high school athletics) and was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings.

Col. Leinen is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Leu) Ouansanh, Kathy (Shaun) Buckley, Mary Martinez, Wendy (Paul) Pfannes, sons, Robert (Grace), John (Kathy) and James (Abigail), brother, Jim, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services for Col. Leinen were held June 6, 2014 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren, in Canton. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery is planned but not yet scheduled.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# ASK THE Master Cylinder



**These questions and answers are based on actual events. Please e-mail your questions to the P4 editor (fastkarz2@aol.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 944 air conditioning worked fine last year but when I fired the car up this spring, there was no cool air at all. I wonder if it is time to change the car over to the new Freon. —Larry*

A: If you are considering changing it over, and if it is empty, now would be the time. If the system is simply a little low on Freon, maybe you should wait. First things first, find a shop that has some of the old R-12 Freon and get a diagnosis. In some cases, a simple pressure switch will cause the system to fail, or it might be a leaking valve, hose, or fitting. The fact that it ran last year is a good sign that it might not be too expensive.

As time passes, the R-12 Freon that your car came with when it was new will get more and more expensive and recently I saw it for \$75.00 per pound! By contrast, R-134 retails for only about \$10 a pound. So if you have no major fault, keep it original, if you have lost all the Freon and you are facing a major repair to the system, change it over. The added advantage is that in years to come, as future AC work is needed, I expect R-134 to remain the most cost effective refrigerant. —MC

*Q: My 2001 Carrera lost all its AC refrigerant over the winter and now I am told that the compressor and left front condenser are seeping. I drive a black car so it has to be functional. I realize that compressors just wear out but I wonder why the condenser failed? —Keith*

A: You are right about compressors. They simply wear out and nothing you could have done would prevent that. There is a way to get more life out of your condenser. Take a strong light and look through the air grilles in the front fascia of the bumper assembly. You can see the AC condenser in the left front fender area in front of the tire. In almost every one I have looked at (maybe not Fred’s) there is a corner of the condenser that has a build up of leaves and debris creating a little mulch pile in the corner. That corner is where I usually detect leaks and my theory is that the decaying organic matter attacks the aluminum. Clean it out every year, first with a vacuum cleaner then a pressure washer. If needed, remove the air grille to pull that junk out of there. —MC

*Q: My 2001 Boxster makes an odd whirring noise when I turn the AC on. I took it in and first thing the shop noticed was a loud idler pulley which they replaced, now they tell me that the AC compressor is the source of the noise. I am not sure I trust them since they “guessed” wrong the first time. What do you suggest? —Pete*

A: Serpentine belt drives can be tricky to diagnose. These belts operate at very high tension and noises from one location can be transmitted to another. Remember the “telephone” that you made when you were a kid with two cans and a taut piece of string? This can fool well intentioned techs who simply call out the loudest noise location. One way to tell where the source of the

noise is coming from is to remove the belt and (with the engine turned off) feel the idlers and bearings in the various components such as the alternator bearing, the alternator clutch, the water pump, the idler pulley(s) and the AC compressor. Unfortunately, when you are trying to detect a failing bearing by hand it is not being loaded and you are limited by that lack of tension. However, if a bearing feels rough or loose, it is a safe bet that it is not long for the world. A prudent approach would be to replace the obviously failing part first with the understanding that the sound could still be coming from one of the other components.

I would also suggest that you consider replacing the serpentine belt when you replace idlers since my opinion is that an old belt is far more likely to transmit noise than a new fresh belt (Perhaps one of you engineers reading this can explain this to me). I have seen a new belt cure noise on numerous occasions when the belt shows no outward signs of distress. The added advantage of replacing the belt is labor overlap when doing the pulley. This saves the aggravation of getting back into that area later.

The fact that the noise is only noticed when the AC is operating tells me that the compressor is the most likely source of the noise but that does not mean that it is failing. It could just be low on refrigerant. I would recommend charging the system after eliminating the idlers. If the noise persists then I agree that a compressor may be the ultimate cure. Clearly the shop should have informed you about ALL the possibilities beforehand. —MC

*Q: My 944 Turbo has a very subtle whirring sound that I hear when I change lanes and load the car from left to right. I just started to notice it. Is there any danger or should I wait until it gets worse. —Ed*

A: I say trust your intuition. If you feel uncomfortable hearing or sensing anything your car is doing, drive it to your favorite tech and get a second opinion via test drive. It could be something as simple as a wheel bearing in the beginning stages of wearing out or a wheel with loose lug bolts. Trust your senses and play it safe. I associate whirring noises with wheel bearing failure and at first, when the symptom is slight, it may be hard to detect where it is coming from. On your car, even if you cannot hear it, any looseness in the bearings tells me that you have some wear issues. Your tech can usually check for loose bearings or wheels quickly and at little expense. —MC

*Q: My midnight blue Carrera has some scratches in the right rear bumper skin that really bug me. I went to two body shops and they both wanted to repaint the whole skin at huge expense. I do not mind the expense as much as I do not want to risk devaluing the car by having it repainted. —Craig*

A: As an alternative, you might consider air brush touch up. A number of vendors can direct you to an artist that can perform minor miracles with your paint. —MC

# Around The Zone



BY **MICHAEL SORIANO**, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

*Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,*

The 3rd Zone Event of the year was held the last weekend in May; the Porscheplatz at Belle Isle. With only 27 days notice, I had to reschedule all of my planned region visits and spent much of the month of May focusing on planning and organizing this event. Each and every region did a fantastic job to help promote this event, which I am pleased to announce was extremely successful. In fact, ticket sales for Saturday surpassed the track's expectations, and we had to request an additional allocation of tickets. The event was attended by members from at least 10 of the 12 regions within the zone, and it was great to be able to spend some time getting to meet a number of you. The weather was absolutely perfect to enjoy a number of races at scenic Belle Isle including a TUDOR race, a Pirelli World Cup Challenge race, a Super Trucks race, and 2 Indy races. Over 150 PCA members and Porsche owners enjoyed the exclusive track-side accommodations and were treated to meet and greets with Leh Keen of Alex Job Racing as well as Magnus Racing's Andy Lally and John Potter. There was also a presentation by Roger Hood from Mobil 1 Racing. Over the course of the weekend a number of raffles took place, and attendees had the opportunity to win a Hot Pit Tour, in which the winners actually visited the pit during the TUDOR race; a Hot Lap Experience where the winners accompanied a professional driver as he drove the track at speed. And after an exciting and fun-filled day, 1 lucky attendee won a new set of Michelin tires. With this being the first Porscheplatz in the area in a number of years, there was concern about how well it would be received. While acquiring one of these events involves a great deal of persistence and lobbying, keeping high profile national events such as these depends on how well the events are supported and on your participation. I want to thank everyone in Zone 4 for working together and laying the groundwork for the future.

For those of you who enjoy participating in car corrals and watching races, July provides you with a number of opportunities; these include the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, and the 2nd Porscheplatz in our zone at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In addition, don't forget about P20 in Granville and the 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

Please continue to read your region's newsletter and check the region websites and e-blasts for the most up to date list of events available to you both in your region and throughout the zone. Consider attending:

- On July 9, **Eastern Buckeye Region** is taking to Portage Lakes for a Pontoon Boat Ride



- Michiana Region's** Membership Meeting is on July 9 at Colombo's Restaurant in Elkhart
- July 11-12 **Ohio Valley** and **Mid-Ohio Region** members are at the Arthritis Foundation Car Show
- Join **Maumee Valley Region** on July 12 for a Rally concluding with a Party at the Macks in Tiffin
- July 12 is **Rally Sport Region's** Lakes Tour and lunch at the Beach Bar
- Motor-Stadt** hosts the IROC Autocross at Spartan Speedway on July 19
- Ohio Valley Region's** Diners Drive-Ins and Dives Tour is July 19
- July 19 is **Western Michigan Region's** dinner drive to Smuggler's Cove
- Join **Allegheny Region** at Schenley Park for the PVGP on July 19-20
- Northern Ohio Region** is hosting an Autocross on July 20 at Lakeland Community College
- Central Indiana Region** members will be at the Porscheplatz at IMS on July 24-25
- P20** is July 25-27 in Granville, OH

On July 27 participate in the Zone 4 Porsche Car Corral at the 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's.

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at these upcoming events. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks, **Michael**

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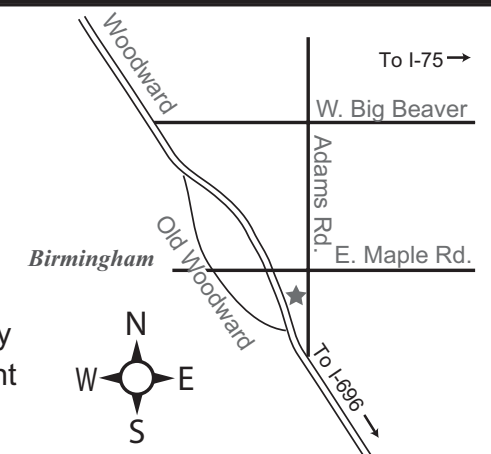
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