



INSIDE



6

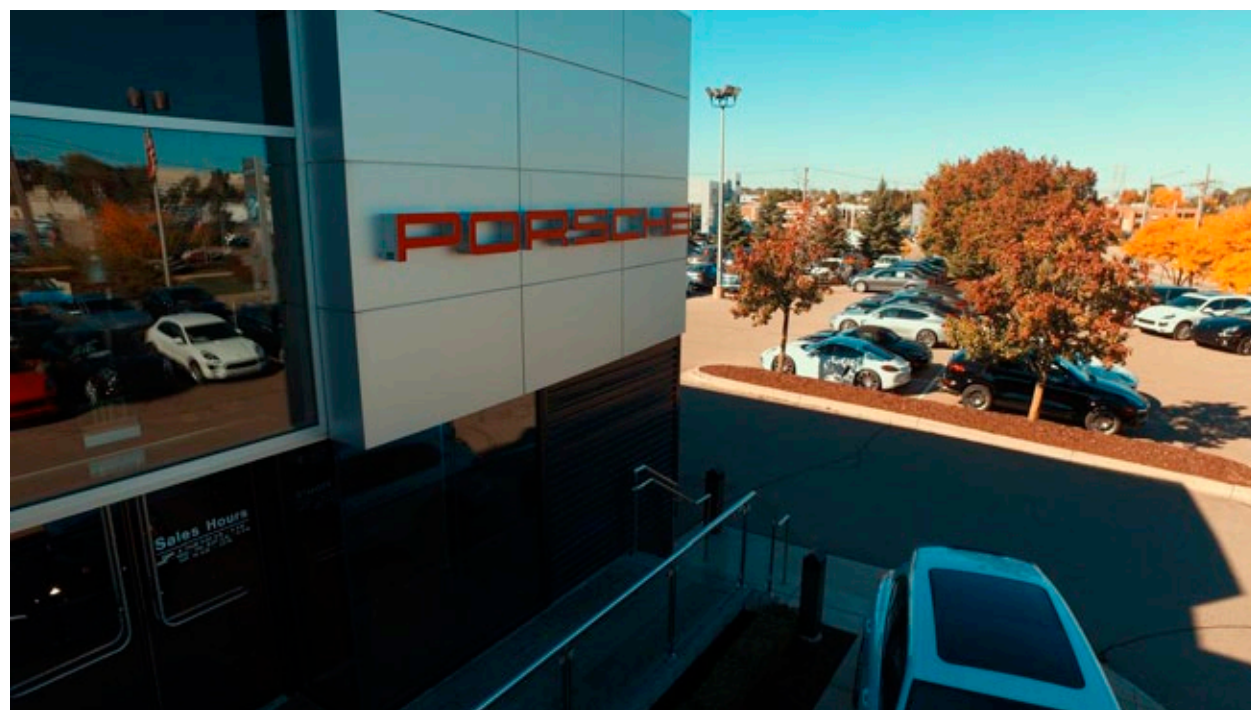
*Fall Color Tour
is October 22*



14

*Holiday Party/
Silent Auction
is December 9*

- 9 *Recap: Picnic & Concours*
- 13 *Recap: September DE*
- 16 *Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta*
- 17 *General Membership Dinner is November 17*
- 23 *In the Shark Tank*
- 29 *Ballot for Election of Directors*
- 33 *Tom Fielitz*



Farmington Hills



PORSCHE



248.471.0800

porschefarmingtonhills.com

37911 Grand River Ave

Farmington Hills, MI 48335

The Porsche Farmington Hills Advantage

- fully certified Porsche staff
- fast & crystal clear pricing
- relaxed atmosphere
- individualized buying experience
- gratis pickup & delivery of vehicle for service



S SUBURBAN
The Suburban Collection

Southeastern Michigan Region Porsche Club Of America



Board Of Directors



**President &
Chief Instructor**
Marc Molzon
248•882•1759
*e-mail: President
@sempca.org*



**Vice-President/
Associate Webmaster/
National Safety Inspector/
National Concours Judge**
Gretus Hoogestraat
248•670•1761
e-mail: gretus@sempca.org



**Immediate Past President/
Progressive Dinner Chair/
National Safety Inspector**
Howard Gilson
248•549•4016
*e-mail: howard@
sempca.org*



**P4 Co-Managing Editor/
Holiday Party Chair**
John Keilly
248•797•2439
*e-mail: JohnK@
sempca.org*



**P4 Co-Managing Editor/
Swap Meet Chair**
Michael Cohen
248•227•8604
*e-mail: P4@
sempca.org*



**Secretary/
Concours Chair/
National Concours Judge**
Fred Young
586•566•3193
*e-mail: Concours@
sempca.org*



**Ladies Drive, Picnic &
Silent Auction Chair**
Patti Door
248•661•4362
*e-mail: Patti@
sempca.org*



**Membership &
Insurance Chair**
Greg Gallagher
313•300•4191
*e-mail: Insurance@
sempca.org*



Fall Color Tour Chair
Walter Crump
586•873•0557
*e-mail: walterc@
sempca.org*

Other Officers



Treasurer
Leo Wanstreet
H: 248•887•8628
W: 248•473•9238
*e-mail: Treasurer@
sempca.org*



National Liaison
Dennis Denyer
248•391•3268
*e-mail: Nationalliaison@
sempca.org*



Webmaster
Erik Ohrnberger
248•515•4306
*e-mail: Webmaster@
sempca.org*



DE Chair
Steve Carbary
248•242•6437
*e-mail: De@
sempca.org*



DE Co-Chair
Garen Nicoghossian
248•224•9599
*e-mail: De@
sempca.org*



Zone 4 Representative
Michael Soriano
419•843•2070
*e-mail: msoriano.zonerep@
gmail.com*



Goodie Store Chair
Victoria Hoogestraat
313•296•6244
*e-mail: Goodiestore@
sempca.org*



P4 Associate Editor
Mark VanderEyck
248•520•2292
*e-mail: P4@
sempca.org*



P4 Associate Editor
Tim Hartge
313•583•6465
*e-mail: P4@
sempca.org*

CONTENTS

Directors and Officers3
Calendar4
Editor’s Column5
Fall Color Tour Event6
President’s Column7
Picnic and Concours Recap9
HPDE#4 Recap13
Holiday Party and Silent Auction Event14
Porsche Experience Center16
Membership Dinner Event17
P4 Advertising Rates.....22
In The Shark Tank.....23
Index of Advertisers27
Membership Application Process27
Director Candidate Biographies28
Director Ballot29
Volunteers Wanted-SEM 60th Anniversary Gala30
Tech Talk31
Tom Fielitz’s Column33
Around the Zone Column34
Board Minutes.....36
Member Anniversaries36
The Place for Porsches and Parts38
New Members.....38

Managing Editors: Michael Cohen, John Keilly
Associate Editor: Tim Hartge
Associate Editor: Mark VanderEyk
Submission Deadline: 10th of the month
Address: Michael Cohen, P4 Editor
25545 Hereford Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48067
Phone 248-227-8604 • E-mail: p4@sempca.org
*For membership information, application or change of address, contact:
Greg Gallagher, Membership Chair at: greggallagher@comcast.net or 313-300-4191*

The P4, Porsche Pushers Private Papers, is the official monthly publication of the Southeastern Michigan Region, Porsche Club of America. Available only by subscription to SEM members as a portion of the annual National membership dues, or to other PCA members at \$18.00 per year. Statements appearing in the P4 are those of the author and may not reflect the views of the PCA, the SEM Board of Directors or the P4 editor. The editors reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication. SEM/PCA is not responsible for any services or merchandise advertised herein. Permission to reprint any material published in the P4 is granted provided full credit is given to P4 and the author.

ON THE COVER:
Some of the concours entrants at our annual picnic and concours. PHOTO BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT

2017 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 Board Meeting
22 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting & Calendar Planning
17 Membership Dinner

DECEMBER

- 7 Board Meeting
9 Holiday Party

All dates and events are subject to confirmation

BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

BY JOHN KEILLY

With the daylight getting shorter and the overnight temperatures dropping, it’s inescapable that summer is over. That became official on 22 September with the arrival of autumn. Still, there are a number of events to enjoy—both before and even after our cars go into hibernation.

On 22 October, Walt Crump will again lead us on the Fall Color Tour. This is one of the most popular events of the year. Please go to www.ClubRegistration.net and sign up early.

On 17 November, we have the General Membership Dinner. We’re moving it over to the WaterMark Bar and Grill on the east side. The guest speaker is still a mystery, but promises to be interesting. Again, Please register on www.ClubRegistration.net

Then on 9 December we have the always popular Holiday Party. This year it will be at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Please register at www.ClubRegistration.net Note: Your registration is not confirmed until you have paid and selected your menu option.

There are announcements for each of these events in this issue. In addition, Fred Young recaps the Picnic & Concours—including all the concours winners. There is also a recap of the most recent DE. Member John Khami recently visited the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, GA. We’re delighted to have him report on what it’s like to experience the track, skid pad and something called the Kick Plate.

Andrew “The Shark” Olson reports on his recent HPDE experience at the Pitt Race. Another regular columnist, Tom Fielitz, is back with another insightful piece. Zone IV rep Michael Soriano also reports on goings on in all regions around the zone.

Meanwhile, we also have the election for the Board of Directors. Your ballot is included in this issue. Please both print and sign your name on the ballot and be sure to include your PCA Membership Number. There are five candidates and five seats up for re-election. Ballots will also be available at the Fall Color Tour. Of course, you can also mail in your ballot, anytime before October 27.

What’s missing is the latest installment of “My First Sports Car.” Come on people...everyone should have a story to tell—maybe good, maybe bad, maybe funny. Maybe some combination of those things. Everyone who has submitted a story this far has found it to be fun. Please submit yours. We’ll be glad to help you with it.

Over the next several months, most of our cars will be going into layup for the winter. If you are new to Porsche ownership, please check with your local dealer or any of the fine shops that advertise in the P4. It’s not a complicated process, but don’t just “park it” and expect it to roar back to life next spring. Below are

Oh No!
Not You Again!



some tips courtesy of Howard Gilson. A little preventative maintenance now will preclude headaches in the spring.

WINTER STORAGE

by Howard Gilson

Below are some recommendations for preparing a car for winter storage.

1. Change the oil.
2. Do not wash the car the day you put it in storage. The car should be washed and driven a couple of days before to get the water out of parts, like inside the doors. I always recommend that a car be driven after every car wash.
3. Put 45 lbs. of air in the tires.
4. Fill the gas tank and put a can of Sta-Bil (available at automotive, marine and lawn mower shops) in the tank to stabilize the gas during storage.
5. Put a light coat of Vaseline on doors and the trunk seals for protection.
6. Disconnect the battery or pull fuse for clock to prevent battery drain. If your car has a burglar alarm, DO NOT set it unless you plan to charge the battery every 3 to 4 weeks. The alarm will drain the battery if it is left on.
7. Models that are water-cooled check the antifreeze to make sure that it registers between –20 to –10 degrees F.
8. Check that your window washer reservoir is full.
9. Use a good grade of leather treatment on leather to prevent it from drying out.
10. Leave doors and trunk ajar. (Not wide open, but shut in the first possession).
11. Block the windshield wipers off the window (use a towel or something soft to put under the windshield wiper arm so that the windshield wiper is off of the window and cannot form to the windshield).
12. Put the car in reverse gear instead of using the emergency brake.
13. Once a month, push your car a couple of feet forward or backwards so the tires won’t get flat spots.
14. Push your clutch in once a month.
15. I do not recommend running the engine because a warm engine creates water condensation when it cools down. But if you do start the car make sure it is at normal operating temperature before shutting it off.

2017 SEM/PCA
Fall Color Tour
Sunday, October 22, 2017

12:30 –1:30 PM:
Meet at thyssenkrupp System Engineering, Inc.
901 Doris Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326



We will complete registration, sign waivers, and collect money.
Cost - \$40.00/person with dinner
\$5.00/person without dinner.
(Cash or Club Reg. payment preferred)

2:00 PM: First Car Out
3:00–4:00 PM: Cider Mill Stop.
We will have ballots available for board elections

5:00 PM: Dinner: Big Tommy's Parthenon
40380 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48375



Call/text Walt Crump at 586-873-0557 / email: wlc111076@yahoo.com

Porsche. People. Power. Passion...

BY **MARC MOLZON**



Hopefully you have had many opportunities to drive your Porsche this summer! The days are getting shorter and the weather is starting to dip as we head to that point of putting our cars to rest for the winter months. Hope you have been able to attend some of our events over the spring and summer and had a chance to interact with our fellow members.

Kiro Trendov, who has been a member of SEM/PCA since 2015, wrote an article for the national Panorama magazine talking about the different friendships and great people he has met in the club. His story was in the August issue on page 18. If you missed it, I encourage you to check it out and see if you have had a similar experience with other club members. I mentioned in a previous article all of the great friendships I've developed with fellow club members. It's remarkable the number of friends that not only have the same passion for their cars but also share the same interests in various activities and parts of life.

Coming up soon: one of our biggest driving events is the Fall Color Tour on October 22nd. In years past, there have been over 70 cars participating in this drive. Sabrina and Walt Crump have been organizing the event the past few years and have set up a great drive with great friends, great cars and great food so please join us this year for another fun event. It's a different drive each year: so whether this is your first Color Tour or your 10th, it will be different than what you've experienced in the past. We will also be collecting our board election ballots at this event. So bring your ballots and vote for who you would like to lead our club to the future. As always, it's our member volunteers that do such a wonderful job in organizing and coordinating our events—if you have interest in helping with any event, please let one of the board members know and we'll get you hooked-up!

As we wrap-up the last part of 2017, we have numerous activities coming up. We also have our Annual Membership Dinner on November 17th. This is a great opportunity to connect with



Copyright: Michael Yokosich 2017
President Marc Molzon's new track car.

other members and enjoy dinner while hearing from an interesting event speaker. Make note on your calendars that the Holiday Party is coming up in December on the 9th.

And 2018 is a landmark year for us in the SEM/PCA—we are already planning for a great celebration next year for our club's 60th Birthday!!

Check out SEM/PCA
member Kiro Trendov's
letter to the editor
on page 18 of the
August, 2017 Panorama

DO YOU HAVE HOLES IN YOUR COVERAGE?



- Choice of Body Shop
- Agreed Value Coverage
- OEM Parts
- No Depreciation



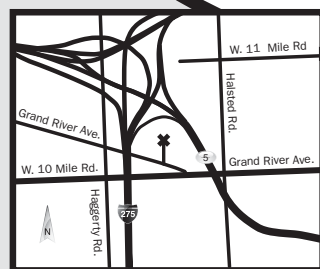
auto | home | umbrella
734-525-2432
tworley@mma-mi.com
mma-mi.com

A Performance Sports Car Deserves a Performance Collision Center.

That's Why There's AutoMark.

AutoMark specializes in body work for virtually every brand of sports car. Whether your Porsche needs collision work, paint repairs or any other cosmetic changes, AutoMark is there to accommodate you.

When your Porsche's appearance isn't meeting expectations, bring it to our state-of-the-art facilities for the quality care your car deserves—and you expect.



24750 North Industrial, Farmington Hills, MI 48335
Phone: (248) 473-8100 • Fax: (248) 473-0800
Hours: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
www.automarkcollision.com

AutoMark
collision center



2017 SEM Picnic & Concours

STORY BY **FRED YOUNG**

PHOTOS BY VARIOUS

Judging from the crowd and the over forty entrants in the Concours, Springdale Park was the place to be for our Annual Southeast Michigan Region Porsche Club Picnic. This was by far the greatest event in the annals of our picnic. Over one hundred and fifty members attended with a ravenous appetite. This was attested to by the mass quantities of food consumed.

Recapping the day's events, we must start with the weather. It was a sunny day with temperatures in the low 80's. It was just sunny enough to see all imperfections on all the shiny black cars (sometimes black is a curse). Things started to hustle with the arrival of Patti and Jerry Door unloading all the picnic supplies and food. Fred Young brought a boatload of stuff, including the trophies and all the food that Don Kleist had prepared beforehand. The early arrivals including Shirl Carlisle helped position the picnic tables and put on the tablecloths. Coffee, egg muffins, donuts, bacon and other assorted goodies awaited the guests. The parking lot started filling up earlier than usual. Forms were filled out and numbers placed on the windshields.

Cleaning began in earnest. Elaborate car care kits were everywhere. You never know what was needed to clean up that last noticed imperfection. Of course, it was back and forth to the food table interspersed with a little cleaning; and, before you know it the time for judging began. Bob Amano and Bruce Gears had the toughest job as they had the largest field of 911s ever. But they persevered along with the rest of the judges and got the job



Getting ready for the concours judging.

done. (See the list of judges with the Concours results). The amazing thing is that with an almost 20-year separation in the cars, the older cars walked away with top honors in the 911 category.

Lunch consisted of the main courses of chicken, salmon, ribs, and sausage. Delicious appetizers, side dishes, and salads that members brought rounded out the menu. Also included were a variety of desserts with even tiny chocolate Porsches. Lew Cantor, a longtime member, and past president was pressed into service on the grill making salmon replacing Don Kleist who was ill and unable to attend. Tom Grabowski, the award-winning grill master, was making his famous delicious ribs. Patti Door was orchestrating arranging all the food that she prepared along with all the side dishes and desserts from the guests. Finally, Jerry Door went to Kroger's and purchased the chicken. Thanks, Jerry! It also leads to the biggest calamity of the day. First of all, Jerry's car was blocked in by all of the Concours entrants. So, Kathy Young had to drive him to Kroger's. Secondly, on the way out of the store with two boxes of chicken the bottom fell out of one of the boxes. Chicken everywhere! Luckily Kroger's agreed to deliver the replacement order to the park. Therefore, no one went away hungry. Leftover food was not to go to waste. It was donated to the Riverview Fire Department for dinner that evening. Surely it was greatly appreciated. During lunch, the lively banter

(continued on page 10)



Another look at the concours entries.

Picnic & Concours (continued from page 9)

was the order of the day and a welcome reprieve from the cleaning. Old and new members engaged in lively conversations. Everyone seemed perfectly at home.

Everyone was getting a little antsy waiting for the giving of awards, the process began. Marc Molzon, club president, made a few opening remarks and introduced the board members, past presidents, and all those wonderful volunteers that make up the nucleolus of the club. He also informed guests of future events. Fred Young then proceeded to hand out the trophies. A total of twenty-six awards were given out to the top finishers. The awards consisted of a shadow box with a frosted outline of a 911 on the glass. In the background was a Porsche logo. On the bottom was a

Porsche 1/87th car. It could hang on a wall or stand alone. Fred noted that the contestants were worthy of being in national competition. He urged them to consider showing their cars in the next Porsche Parade to be held in Missouri in 2018. For the non-winners, it was a learning experience. But as one person who shall go unnamed said: "no one likes to be told their baby (car) was less than perfect." We can only hope they will be spurred on to doing better next time. After the awards were handed out, clean up began with everyone pitching in to help. Even after that, die-hard members gathered in the parking lot for a while to reminisce about the day's activities and say good bye to old and new-found friends.



More concours entries



J.P. Joans and Gina Ann's trophy winning 996 Turbo in foreground.



Picnic co-chair Patti Door rt., flanked by able helper Shirl Carlyle



Gathering under the pavilion

MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 12

The Michigan 928 Owners' Club presents:

SERVICE THAT SHARK!

Automatic Transmission Service & Filter, CV joints, and Tech Inspection Procedure*

All Porsche 928 enthusiasts are welcome to this 928 tech session!

Lunch will be provided.

As always, there's no charge, but donations to MI928OC are gratefully accepted.

To register for this event or for further details, contact: **Andrew Olson** or **andrewmolson@yahoo.com** or **734-837-7908**

* If time permits

See our new website: **www.mi928.com**

Saturday, Nov. 4th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
at Munk's Motors
3080 W. Huron St. in Waterford



It's time to say goodbye to porch weather ...and Porsche weather.

But before you do, call us to schedule service at a time when your car will be parked anyway.



Wheels while your car heals!
Free rental car for SEM Members; call for details.

3080 Huron St. (M-59)
Waterford, Michigan
service@munks.com
248.681.8081

Michigan's #1 Rated Bosch Service Center



After enjoying delicious appetizers, club members joined the buffet line.



Hungry attendees chose from a wide variety of side dishes and salads plus entree selections of chicken, ribs, salmon and sausage.



After the buffet, almost everyone sampled the fabulous dessert table.

2017 CONCOURS AWARDS*				
People's Choice				
1958	Ruby Red	356	Cabriolet	Michael Gilson**
1988	Granite Green	930	Coupe	Eric Chau
356 Class				
1964	Yellow	356C	Coupe	Dick McClelland
1965	Slate Gray	356C	Cabriolet	Bill Block & Freda Giblin
1958	White	356A	Coupe	Fabien Landry
924 – 928 – 944 – 968 Class				
1985	Kalahari Beige	944	Coupe	Gene Kiesel
1986	Guards Red	944 Turbo	Coupe	Rick Christian
1989	Zermatt Silver	944	Coupe	Dennis Cooperson
Boxster – Cayman Class				
1997	Silver	Boxster	Cabriolet	Veronica Carmona
2016	White	Cayman	Coupe	Dennis Denyer
2016	Racing Yellow	Cayman GT4	Coupe	Joseph Jakubus
2016	Red	Cayman GT4	Coupe	Leon Lewis
911 – 912 – 914 before 1986 Class				
1974	Black	911	Coupe	Kevin Kondrat
1984	Guards Red	911	Cabriolet	Roger & Denise Tayloe
1986	Guards Red	911	Coupe	Jim & Lisa Tanner
1987 – 1998 – 911 Class				
1988	Venetian Blue	930	Cabriolet	Kevin Kondrat
1987	Red	911	Coupe	Greg Miller
1996	Black	993 C4S	Coupe	Howard Gilson
1999 & up – 911 Class				
2002	Artic Silver	996	Coupe	Chris Young
2002	Grey	996	Cabriolet	Lucas Phan
2003	Artic Silver	911 Turbo	Coupe	Jeff Hendry
2013	Black	911 4S	Coupe	Carlos Carmona
2002	Basalt Black	996 Turbo	Coupe	JP & Gina Joans
2002	Black	911 C2	Coupe	Jason Dworin
Cayenne – Macan – Panamara Class				
2014	Umber Metallic Gold	Cayenne S	SUV	Gary Kogowski
2006	Black	Cayenne	SUV	Carol & Jim Hearrell
*Entrants are ranked in the order of finish. **Also placed 1st in Class.				
Many thanks to our dedicated judges, Bob Amano, Michael Cohen, Dennis Denyer, Bruce Gearn, Dale Goby, Charles Hagen, Gretus Hoogestraat, Trace Leffler and Kevin Kondrat. Most of the judges have judged at the national level and are keenly aware of what makes a winner. The quality of detailing of the cars at our local picnic does not make their job easy though. A great deal of agonizing thought goes into ranking the cars and we hope you appreciate their efforts. Mr. Hagen and Leffler even came in from the Motorstadt Region to help judge our fine cars. A gracious thank you to all the judges.				

STORY & PHOTOS BY JIM BIST
PHOTOS BY MICHAEL YOSICH

If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to drive your car on a race track, stop wondering and come visit one of the great Southeast Michigan Porsche Club HPDE events. You could not ask for a safer or better organized event. More importantly, you won’t find a better group of people, attendees, instructors, and volunteers alike. Whether it’s your 1st time or your a grizzled track day veteran, it doesn’t matter. Every event is fun, educational, open, and inviting.

For me, HPDE or “track day,” is a family affair. When they are available I bring my entire family to the track. Though my wife Laura may not get in the car with me or despite my pleading drive on the track, she is always game to come along. Between the great people and beautiful cars, she always has a great time. My kids have done the instructor led track walk, as has the family dog. My teenager is already talking about the day she can drive Dad’s Porsche at the track; thankfully I’ve a got a few years to get ready for that. My entire family is made to feel welcome whether they are car fanatics or could care less and are just enjoying another sunny day at Waterford Hills.

And then there is the opportunity to drive your car in a controlled and safe environment in the way sports cars were built to be driven. You don’t drive a Porsche? That’s fine, neither do half the folks at a typical SEM PCA event. Not sure if your car is mechanically ready? Why not find out what, if anything, needs to be addressed by having someone at uber supportive and friendly Munk’s Motors or one of the other tech inspection stations look it over? Worried about your skills? You will be made to feel comfortable and prepared regardless of your skill level. Have a question about your car, someone else’s car, or how to better approach that last turn? You can ask pretty much anyone at one of these events, they’ll either have the answer or help you find it. There’s never been an event where I’ve walked away with just one new piece of information...it’s typically a treasure trove of information on how to better setup my car, proper car position on a tricky turn, or even tips on smoking



Mike Swehla driving his 2015 Cayman GTS ahead of Robert Sayeq in his 2017 Mustang.

a pork shoulder (it’s not ALL car talk!).

The most common question I get from friends who know I’ve attended a track event is “How fast did you go?” It may sound crazy but the response is typically a smile and a somewhat embarrassed “I don’t know”. The last thing I am doing at my fastest point is looking at my speedometer. At 100 MPH you cover a football field in about 2 seconds so I’m focused on what’s going on around the car, not the number on the speedometer. Beyond that, it’s amazing but a 40 MPH turn is much more exhilarating than a straight at more than double that speed. Regardless of speed, the focus is on getting better as a driver and safety.

Speaking of safety, I feel safer at a PCA HPDE event than a do driving on the street. You have a group of experienced organizers, instructors, and track workers working within a framework laid out by Porsche Club of America. Every vehicle at the track has been inspected for function and safety by multiple sets of expert eyes and you are on the track with like minded drivers divided up by skill level; instructors with thousands of hours of track time are on the track and watching when not on the track. You are much more likely to bruise your ego than your car, your vehicle, or someone else. Everyone wants to walk away not only with their personal health intact but also their vehicles. The best thing is no matter how good of a driver you are you’ll learn a whole new set of skills at a HPDE.

You may have heard the PCA saying “It’s not just the cars, it’s the people,” and it’s true! But...the cars! Some days it seems that a car show has broken out at the track but there are no garage queens at this car show. Cars at the track day come in all makes, models, and ages. There is something special about seeing a 1970’s Porsche, a race prepped Mustang, a Miata, a 928 grand touring car, and a brand new 911 Turbo on the track at the same time. The sights and sounds are something you’ll not experience many other places. You don’t have to be a “car nut” to appreciate

(continued on page 15)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
2017 Holiday Party & Silent Auction

Saturday, December 9, 2017

MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB

DETAILS NEXT MONTH

Please consider donating an auction gift or check to our charity:

Jo Brighton Special Olympics Athletes

Contact Patti Door at Patti@sempca.org or (248) 661-4362

Why is an EXCELLENT Porsche mechanic so expensive?

Why are you paying \$125 or more an hour when you should be paying just \$75.00?

Tomas, proprietor of R&T Motors, LLC., asked himself that same question. GUESS WHAT, he couldn't come up with a good answer either.

Make an appointment today, call Tomas for a quote on your next Porsche repair or general service. He's a trained Porsche Audi Rallye mechanic. He guarantees a lower price and the best quality service. **Satisfaction guaranteed.**

Call today 248-227-1155. Tomas will pick up the phone. Give him a call and get your first oil change for just \$75.00. Make an appointment to winterize your car today.

248-227-1155

4270 Haggerly Rd. Commerce Twp., Michigan 48390

996 and 997 Porsche Specialists



HPDE Waterford (continued from page 13)

the classic beauty of some of the cars or the impressive engineering that goes into these vehicles enabling them to drive at the limit on the track and then make the trip back home on the street without skipping a beat. Even if all of that doesn't impress you, you can't help but have a great experience with all the people around you.

I mark my calendar with upcoming track events and am a little sad when the track season comes to a close. Each one is an opportunity for both me and my family to have a great experience and we make new memories each time. My only hesitation in shouting from the rooftops about how great they are is how fast they would fill up if the secret got out!



Author Jim Bist in his 2013 Boxster S followed by Glenn Gattannach.



John Battison in his Turbo S followed by Rick Christain and Jim Bist.



Chrixy Crowe attending her first HPDE, Lori Mauthe was her instructor.



President and Chief Instructor Marc Molzon testing out his new track car.

The Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta

STORY & PHOTOS BY JOHN KHAMi



View of the Porsche track from the Carrera Café patio.

“Punch it...PUNCH IT!”
 “Ok. We are. We are. We’re moving.”
 We got to the curves in a second. Maybe two.
 “Tap the brakes before you get into the turn. Never brake when you’re turning,” said the coach in the passenger seat.
 I touched the brake pedal, made it into the curve and then another, then a short straight where I got excited, the car moved quick and I hit the brake...in the turn.
 “Don’t do that again. Look three curves ahead,” said the Porsche coach.
 “Concentrate on the road ahead. You’re gonna know where you are and where to turn by looking ahead.”
 “Sure thing,” I said to myself. We were doing about 80 on the Porsche test track coming out of the curves onto another straight that took us to a long turn that I straightened out and under control hugging the edge of the road. I heard the rumble strips buzzing under the wheels.

Porsche’s Driving, Development and Experience Center in

Atlanta is located on the site of a former Ford Facility next to Atlanta’s Hartsfield Airport where old Dixie Highway and I-75 about the property. My wife, Ann and I arrived early that morning for our 1.5 hour class. We stopped at the Carrera Café for coffee then walked out to the patio overlooking the course and watched other Porsche drivers skid off the wet kick plate, drive around the slalom cones at the dynamics area, wait their turn to get onto the low friction circle. Above us, a passenger jet was coming in for a landing.

When the 11 a.m. time slot opened, we slipped into our seats, sunglasses on our faces and an instructor next to us. We rolled onto the outside track. Ann was in the Cayman with a lady coach and I had the 911 Carrera.

The Porsche Development Center in Atlanta Georgia teaches drivers how tires grip, how the traction control systems on a Porsche work, how to control the car in different road conditions. The coaches turn the stability systems on and off as they watch

(continued on page 18)

2017 Southeast Michigan Porsche Club Membership Dinner

Friday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.

WaterMark Bar and Grille
 24420 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48080, USA

We can not disclose the name of our guest speaker
 I promise, it will be very, very interesting

You NEED to RSVP, absolutely NO walk-ins!!!



Separate Checks for Food and Cash Bar
 Sign up at Clubregistration (scan QR Code)
 For details contact Gretus Hoogestraat
 (248) 670-1761 or email gretus@sempca.org



AUTOMOTIVE TECHNIQUES

specializing in service & tuning
 for all European vehicles

40500 Grand River Ave, Suite J • Novi, MI 48375

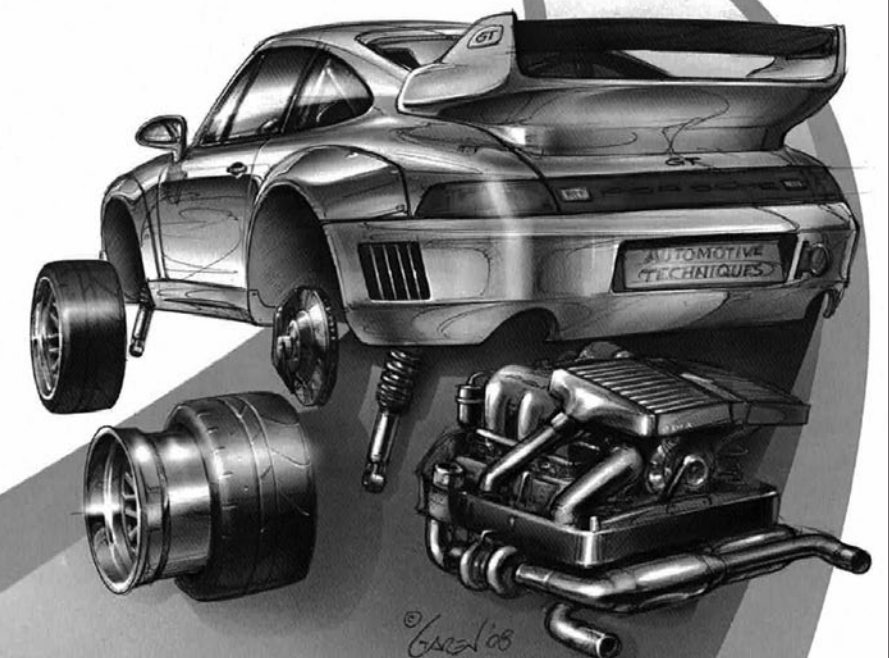
tel: 248 • 615 • 8964 fax: 248 • 615 • 8929

www.automotivetechniques.net

alphantango911@hotmail.com

Established in 1988

- service & maintenance
- engine & transmission
- suspension & brakes
- alignment
- performance upgrades
- track prep. & inspection
- factory scheduled maintenance
- towing available upon request



you drive and how you react to the different challenges.

We began driving at a steady pace to learn the 1.6 mile course doing an easy seventy on the straights. After two laps the speed increased, the fun started at the curves. Then to the hairpin turns, back out to a straight and around the course again for more laps.

As we drove to the Low Friction Circle, the instructor asked if I knew how to handle a skid. I said, “Sure. Turn in the direction of the skid.” He was good with that and nodded several times to agree.

At the Low Friction Circle there is a constant water spray that keeps an oversized round concrete pad wet and slick. I pushed the car to forty, the on-board stability systems tried to compensate but the Carrera went into a skid, then fishtailed into a circle.

I steered into the turn with water kicking up and misting from around the Carrera. With my hands off the steering wheel, my foot off the accelerator, the car continued moving left, then moved to the right, bucked to the left again, then slowed to idle.

“You did that well,” said the instructor.

I looked at the coach and said, “You know, you instructors down here in Atlanta should understand something about all of us up in Michigan.”

“What’s that?”

“We drive in snow.”

He turned, looked at me for a second or two then said, “All right, all right.” “Let’s go to the Kick Plate. Get moving.”

We drove to a long, rectangular concrete pad covered with water with more water spray. We stopped in front of the area. I looked ahead watching another 911, go into a turn, skid to the

left, the driver turned in the opposite direction to the right, the Porsche looked like it was leaning on the outside wheels trying to straighten and compensate. The Porsche slowed and the driver came off the pad.

“This is where we test your reaction time. Turn into the slide like before. Get the 911 up to 35 or 40. The track computer on the left senses the speed of the rear wheels. Then it lifts a hydraulic pad in the road that kicks you in a right or left direction to put you in a forced skid.”

I listened.

“The road is wet. Control the car. Straighten it out as best you can. Do not do what that other driver did just now. You stay in control.”

I drove onto the first run at a slow twenty. The plate kicked the car to the right. We skidded and all was good on the recovery, no problem but the next run was at 35 and the coach turned off the stability system. The plate kicked the back end up and to the left. The Carrera went into a spin. I turned in that direction.

“Turn in, turn in. Quick. Make the turn.”

The 911 went in circles. Water sprayed all over the car as we kept turning. The back end came around then forward before we slid-off to dry pavement that stopped the Carrera. It was like hitting a bump then trying to control the car on an icy or wet road.

Snow is snow but that kick plate was quite a challenge. We spent some time understanding the dynamics on that part of the course. Then we were back circling on the track for more driving experiences to finish off the day.

The coach said, “Feel what a Porsche can do. How it handles. How it breathes. Believe in its response. Don’t brake in the mid-

dle of a turn. Always brake before a curve and look two curves ahead. Stay to the right on an inside turn. Straighten the road by driving to the left and then come out of that arch.”

“I need more time to learn this. An hour and a half is not enough.”

“When are you coming back, he said.”

I thought for a minute and said, “How about in a year and may- be drive a 918 for the return trip?”

There was silence as he stared out the windshield. He turned, gave me a blank look and smiled. He wiggled his index figure as he pointed to the Porsche building.

“Just...just go back to where we started and park the car. Ok?”

After 90 minutes, it was high fives and grins in a Carrera with no helmets and no traffic. The Porsche coach was great.

The Atlanta Porsche Driving and Experience Center was a sweet ride.



Kick plate with low friction circle in the background.



Interior of the main building at the Atlanta Porsche Experience Center.

Things to know at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta:

Book early. The phone number is: (888) 204-7474 Ext. 1

Address: Two Porsche Ave, Atlanta, GA 30354 / Internet: Porsche Driving Experience Atlanta

When you arrive, look for:

- The “Carrera Café” where coffee, muffins, espressos or a quick snack are offered with house made desserts. The patio overlooks the course.
- “Restaurant 356” where fresh foods are assembled for lunch and dinner and presented with Porsche’s flair. “Restaurant 356” is open to the public and for private events and overlooks the test track.
- The retail shop with Porsche Drivers Selection, Porsche Design and Porsche Museum gifts all in the same location.
- Driver Simulators for groups or individuals.
- The Classic Workshop where a classic Porsche can be repaired and restored.
- The Heritage Gallery with vehicles from the Porsche museum and private collections on display.
- A Business Center with state of the art AV equipment, track views and room to accommodate meetings from six to 140 people. Private Events for up to 600 seated in the main building.
- The Solis Hotel is located next to the Porsche Development Center in Atlanta and is scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of 2017.

OUR HEART RATE JUST WENT UP. PORSCHE JOINS THE EITEL DAHM MOTOR GROUP.



SALES HOURS

Monday and Thursday:
9 am - 9 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
9 am - 6 pm

Saturday:
10 am - 4 pm

Sunday: Closed

SERVICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:
7:30 am - 6 pm

Sunday: Closed



VALET SERVICE TO YOUR DOOR.



PORSCHE OF THE MOTOR CITY

24717 Gratiot Ave.
Eastpointe, MI 48021
586/435-8200

www.porscheofthemotorcity.com



Four Great Brands. One Standard of Excellence.



BAVARIAN
BMW

www.bavarianmotorvillage.com



AUDI OF
ROCHESTER HILLS

www.audirochesterhills.com



PORSCHE OF THE
MOTOR CITY

www.porscheofthemotorcity.com



MINI
MOTORCITY MINI

www.motorcitymini.com

CROSSROADS PLAZA

At 16 Mile & Van Dyke Ave.



Phantom Fireworks -NEW-
-\$5 Crunch -NEW-
-Ding Ho Chinese Food
-U.S. Cleaners
-John's Coney Island
-Ludwik's Mens Wear
-Pet Haven
-Anita's School of Dance
-Chicken Shack

Retail Space Available.
 Office: 586-939-2211

P4 Advertising Rates per Calendar Quarter

(Requirements for digital ads)

- PDF -- preferred, highest resolution
- TIFF -- 600 dpi
- EPS -- all fonts converted to outline

Two Page Gatefold	\$ 525
Full Page	\$ 299
½ Page (back cover)	\$ 299
½ Page	\$ 172
¼ Page	\$ 105
Business Card	\$ 68

(COLOR 50% EXTRA)

MINIMUM AD RUN IS ONE FULL CALENDAR QUARTER

E-mail your ad to: P4@sempca.org — Thank you!

Michael Cohen, Editor 248•227•8604

IN THE SHARK TANK

Report from PittRace

STORY & PHOTOS BY ANDREW OLSON

Recently I joined the Northern Ohio Region PCA for their HPDE weekend at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex, or more commonly known as, PittRace. Located in Wampum, PA just north of Pittsburgh, Pitt Race was recently expanded and completely repaved. Its original 1.6-mile course, previously known as Beaverun, has now been mated to a 1.2-mile “South Track.” PittRace has quickly become a premier facility as a result. We ran the combined track which gives a total of 19 turns over 2.8 miles with just over 100 feet of elevation change.

This event was a 3-day HPDE event, with Friday being a lap-ping day for advanced drivers and instructors. This was my first time at PittRace, and I now see why it is so popular. The week prior, I had watched some videos of Caymans on the track, to get a feel for the layout and it seemed that a lap time of about 2:00 was “good” time. Since this was my first time at this facility and my car is a bit slower than a Cayman S, I had set a goal of 2:10. If I achieved that, I would be happy.

Friday was all about learning the track and getting a feeling for the line. From the grid, there is a hard-left turn through turn one and a slight turn for two as you come up to speed on to the second front straight. Then it's a long pull uphill to turn three. Turn three is a great setup for my favorite part of the track. Turn four is a hard-right-hand turn downhill to turn five. You plummet 80 feet in the 600 feet between turns four and five and then as you brake, downshift and hit the apex on turn five, it's a wild pull back uphill through turn six. It's a bit like a roller coaster – except you're not coasting.

Turns seven through 12 are commonly called the esses, but these are real turns, and it takes a sort of rhythm to get them right. There are no straight lines through these esses. I found this section of the track is where I could make up ground on “faster” cars around me. At the end of this section, if you turn in a bit early in

turn 12 as you climb the hill, it will push you out in perfect position to take turn 13. Turn 13... argh! Turn 13 is completely blind. There are few, if any, visual markers for where you should turn. You need just to “feel it.” If you're feeling “it” you can stay on the throttle and carry a lot of speed. If not... then you lift and lose a ton of speed through 14. This is one of the most challenging spots on the entire circuit.

Turns 15 and 16 are just kinks, but you are carrying so much speed at turn 16 that the car needs to be planted. As you brake

for 17, the track goes uphill slightly and continues to climb up through 19 as you head back down the front straight to the start-finish line.

On Friday, I managed to squeeze out a 2:12.7 lap time in the last session of the day. I was happy, but I knew I had room for improvement. Saturday morning the track was becoming burned into my head. I could anticipate each turn and focus on the line. On the first session, I hit my goal of 2:10.4! Then it rained.

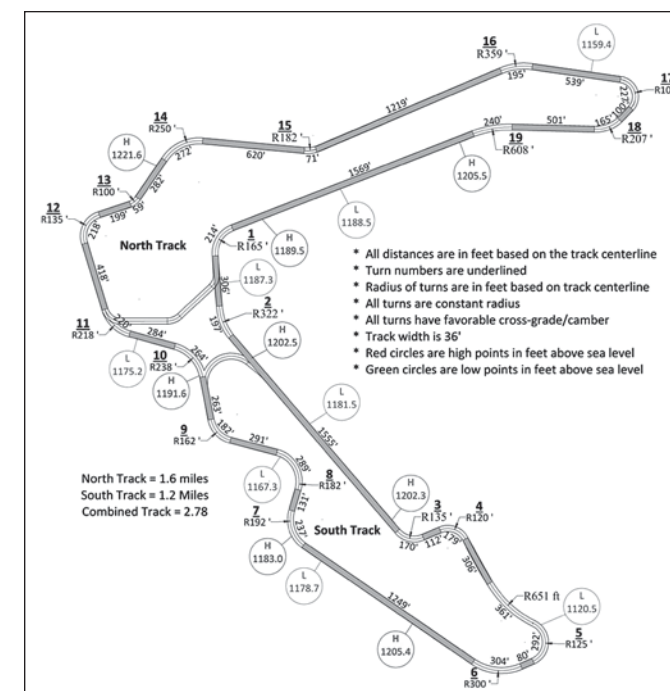
During the rain, I switched to street tires and predictably, my times were 5 to 10 seconds slower. But then the rain stopped, and I could go back to my track tires. At the last session of the day, I could shave another three seconds off my time and get down

to 2:07.1. Now I was having some serious fun!

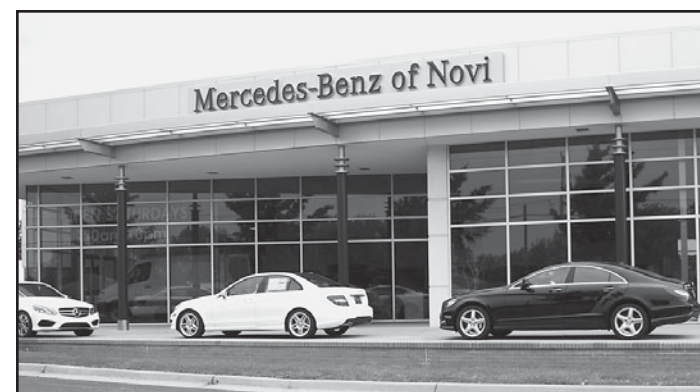
Sunday was the last day, and while the threat of rain loomed over us, it only misted slightly for about 15 minutes. My first session was not great. I was only able to get 2:09. Even though we were running expanded passing rules, there was still a significant amount of traffic in my group. I also noticed my tire pressures were a bit low, so I re-calibrated them, and in my second session I was back on pace in the 2:07's.

In the last session, a lot of people had already left - meaning I had a nice clear track. I had a couple of nice laps with no traffic

(continued on page 24)



PittRace is 2.8 miles long and has 19 turns with over 100 feet of elevation change.



Eric Wheeler
 New & Pre-Owned
 Sales Representative
 AMG Specialist
 Master Certified

Mercedes Benz of Novi
 39500 Grand River Avenue
 Novi, MI 48375
 248 • 426 • 9600
 www.mercedesbenzofnovi.com
 eric@novibenz.com



Mercedes-Benz



Steve's European Automotive

4920 Pontiac Lake Road
 Waterford, MI 48328

248.674.2770

StevesEuropeanAuto.com

whatsoever and could knock out a 2:06.7 followed by a 2:05.6 on the last lap of the last session of the last day! What a way to finish the weekend. Almost 5 seconds faster than the goal I had set for myself.

However, not everything was roses. On my post-HPDE weekend inspection, I noticed copper flakes in my oil. There are only two things that are copper inside a 928 engine. Thrust bearings and rod bearings. Thrust bearings rarely go bad in a 5-speed, but rod bearings are a different story.

I put the car on the lift and began pulling things off to get at the oil pan. A few hours later I had the pan off. The very first connecting rod I saw was for cylinder #5. I pulled the connecting rod cap off and was devastated. The rod bearing had spun. Normally, the rod bearing stays stationary in the rod and rod cap. In this case, the tang that locates it had been hammered allowing the bearing to stick to the crank, and rotate into the rod assembly. Normally this is a death sentence because it scores the crankshaft and damages

the connecting rod surface.

It appears I got lucky. The #5 rod looked fine. The crank also looked fine, and all other bearings were in good shape. I measured the old bearing, and it was only 0.002” thinner than the others, so I must have just caught it before permanent damage was done. I bought several lottery tickets that day, but all were losers.

After a grueling eight hours reassembling everything, the 928 Coke Car is back together with new rod bearings ready to hit the track again. I’m taking some measures to ensure this doesn’t happen again hopefully. I think it had to do with the ignition-timing chip I have been running and the hot track temperatures we saw at PittRace. But that is a story for another day.

If you can make the 4-and-a-half-hour journey to PittRace, I highly recommend it. It is probably one of the best tracks and facilities within a reasonable distance. Thanks to Ed Baus and the Northern Ohio Region PCA group for putting on a great event! I will be back for sure!



It's great to see old school and new school equipment at these events.



The Coke Car in line for final tech inspection.

MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 26

Porsche of Ann Arbor



*We invite you to visit our brand new
Porsche showroom.*

*Let us help you find the new (or used)
Porsche of your dreams.*



Come visit our brand new Porsche building:

PORSCHE OF ANN ARBOR

2575 S. State Street • Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Take I-94 to State Street, Exit #177, go North
1/2 mile...Porsche of Ann Arbor is on the right.

Porsche Sales: 734-761-3200
www.porscheannarbor.com

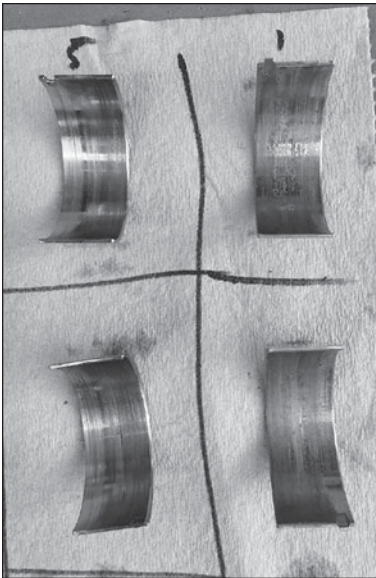




Me and some of my friends on a track walk.



The Coke Car with a couple of Corvettes and a Panoz race car.



The #5 rod bearings next to #1



This is the Turn 5 apex looking back at Turn 4 at the top of the hill.

CLOVERLEAF
Fine Wine

**HUNDREDS
OF CRAFT BEERS**

Bring this card to receive a
10% DISCOUNT*

*Retail Only

**Detroit Area's Premium
Fine Wine Store
Now in Downtown
Royal Oak**

Knowledge • Selection • Value
Beautiful New Cellar Location
Large Selection of Craft Beer Singles

711 S. Main, north of Lincoln
Royal Oak
248.357.0400
www.cloverleafwine.com

Compromise is for politicians

When you're ready to take your sports car to the next level, we're ready to help. Tailored vehicle development for the enthusiast unwilling to compromise. Contact us today.

contactvrp@vrperformance.com
www.vrperformance.com

VRPERFORMANCE

43706 Utica Rd / Sterling Heights / 48314 / 586.991.2455

Index to Advertisers – October 2017

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Andree Riley/National Realty	35
Autocore Performance Group	30
AutoMark Collision Center	8
Automotive Techniques	17
Burton Brothers General Contractors	35
Classic 9 Leather Shop	35
Clear Auto Bra	37
Clem's Garage for Storage	37
Cloverleaf Fine Wine	27
Copyrite Printing	35
CrossRoads Plaza	22
EDMG Porsche of the Motor City	20-21
Fred Lavery Porsche	39
Hans Auto Electric	37
Marsh & McLennan Agency	8
Mercedes Benz of Novi/Eric Wheeler	22
Motor City Auto Spa	35
Munk's Motors	11
Nikolas Motorsport	Back Cover
Paul's Auto & Boat Interiors	35
Porsche of Ann Arbor	25
Porsche of Farmington Hills	2
R&T Motors	14
SellYourSportsCar.Net	32
Steve's European Automotive	22
Vintage Munk's	37
VR Performance	27
Wheel Works Detroit	32

Join the Porsche Club of America (PCA) and the Southeast Michigan (SEM) Region

Paying Online

- Join PCA at (www.PCA.Org/User/Join/Membership) and have your credit card and car's VIN (vehicle identification number) or serial number handy.
- Enter all required information, including payment information, and submit your application.

Paying by Mail

- Download application at: (www.PCA.org/Join-Porsche-Club-America).
- Have check or credit card handy and enter all required information. PCA Region is SEM.
- Make your check payable to "Porsche Club of America, Inc." If paying with credit card, write your information in the space provided.
- Mail your application and payment to: PCA National Headquarters, P.O. Box 6400, Columbia, MD 21045

If Your Porsche is on Order

- If your Porsche is on order and you do not have your VIN number yet, print the application, fill it in and mail it along with a copy of your Porsche sales order to PCA National Headquarters at the address above. You may also fax them to (410) 381-0924.

SEM/PCA Board of Directors
November 2017 Election Two Year Term (2018-2019)
Candidate Bios



Michael Cohen: Michael joined SEM/PCA in 1998, and is currently serving his third term as member of the SEM/PCA Board of Directors. Michael is also the Managing Editor of the P4 and has been associated with the magazine since 2010. Additionally, he chairs our annual Swap Meet. Michael participates in HPDE events and has been a volunteer for the Club Race. He is a frequent helper and attendee at club events including the Picnic/Concours, driving tour events and Membership Dinners. A true Porsche enthusiast, Michael brings a wealth of retail and factory automobile experience and is anxious to continue to contribute the club's growth.



Gretus Hoogestraat: Gretus first contact with Porsche was in 1981. He worked at a GULF refinery where the gasoline for the last 917 K-81 was mixed for the Le Mans race. At the age of 25 he bought his first 911SC which he drove on the Autobahn for 14 years, and ever since he is a proud Porsche owner. The next model was a 993 and a couple of years ago he added a 986. Gretus joined SEM in 2011 and is an ambitious, enthusiastic and passion filled member, always ready to help where needed and presenting new ideas. Gretus was first elected to the Board in 2014 and currently serves in the Region as Vice President, Concourse Judge, Charity Chair, Associated Webmaster and Media Chair. On PCA National level he serves as Concourse Judge and Safety Inspector. He is organizing the Annual Spring Tour and the Downriver Tour & BBQ, is a Street Survival School Instructor and responsible for a lot of SEM pictures in the P4 and videos on YouTube.



John Keilly: John Joined SEM/PCA in the summer of 2007, after buying his Porsche. Shortly thereafter, he became an editor of the **P4**, a post he continues to hold, along with Michael Cohen. He was a member of the 50th Anniversary Committee and edited

the event program. He has twice been a host home for the Progressive Dinner. John was named Enthusiast of the Year for 2009. He has served on the Club Race Committee and in recent years he chairs the Holiday Party.



Marc Molzon: Marc's affinity for and ownership of Porsche cars dates back to when he was only 18. Currently his track car is a 2006 BMW M3 and he also owns a 1977 930. He attended his first SEM/PCA Driver Education event in 2003 and became a HPDE Instructor in 2005. He has served in many capacities as an integral part of the and has chaired numerous fall and spring driving tours. Organizing new membership dinners, organizing multiple holiday parties Marc was first elected to the board in 2008 and currently serves as President, Street Survival School co-chair, HPDE Chief Instructor.



Fred Young: An active member since 1991, Fred has chaired the concours for the last seventeen years and served on the board for ten years presently as board secretary and concours chair. He has also served on the national level as a concours judge. With their 2002 Guards Red 911, Fred and his wife, Kathy, have won six national Parade concours awards. Fred has conducted detailing sessions and offered advice to club members enabling them to successfully compete in local and national concours. Over the years he has planned the 2008 and 2014 trips to Germany, been named the enthusiast of the year, presented the Family Day at Waterford Hills, a garage crawl, Museum Bronze tour, and the Model T Museum and Race Car Replicars tours and also chaired the by-laws committee. Fred feels he represents the members by bringing a balance and continuity to the board and by advocating a variety of events at a reasonable cost to the members.

Southeast Michigan Region / Porsche Club of America
2017 Election Ballot – Board of Directors

Five of the nine positions on the board are up for election.
The candidates are listed below.

Each SEM member and their affiliate member may vote
for up to five candidates to fill the open positions.
Please fill out the form completely or it will not be counted!

Please submit your ballot either (1) in person, at the
Fall Color Tour on October 22, 2017
or (2) by mail, postmarked by Friday October 27, 2017,
James Garner,
37139 Turnburry Drive, Livonia, MI 48152

VOTE FOR FIVE CANDIDATES

	Member	Affiliate
Michael Cohen	_____	_____
Gretus Hoogestraat	_____	_____
John Keilly	_____	_____
Marc Molzon	_____	_____
Fred Young	_____	_____

YOU MUST PRINT THE NAMES:

_____	_____
Member	Affiliate
_____	_____
Signature	Affiliate Signature
_____	_____
Member Number	Affiliate Number



Autocore
PERFORMANCE GROUP LLC

Come visit us at our new location:
3565 Elizabeth Lake Road, Suite 200
Waterford, MI 48328

Congratulations to Ralf Lindackers
 2016 NASA GTS3 Champion
 Eastern Nationals
 Work and Race Support
 by
 Autocore Performance Group



248-843-1900



IMS Bearing
 Tire Mounting/Balancing
 Custom Fabrication, Cage, Exhaust, Welding
 Annual NASA and PCA Tech Inspections
 (Yes, we work on street cars too!)

Race and Track Support
 Parts and Safety Equipment Sales
 *Same day availability on most items
 Race/Track/Street Suspension Setup
 Transaxle Rebuild and LSD Installation

- Porsche - BMW - Mercedes - Ferrari - Lamborghini - Audi -
www.facebook.com/apgracing | www.apgracing.com | autocore@gmail.com



Here Is Your Opportunity To Get Involved



We are planning our
60th Anniversary Gala
and we need volunteers

If you are interested in helping to
plan the party of the decade, contact:

Patti Door

pdoor@sbcglobal.net

(248) 207-7617

TECH TALK

The following are reprints from Panorama or the PCA.org website. Questions are submitted by PCA members and responses are formulated by members of the PCA Technical Committee.

ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS

Model: 911 Carrera Targa, Year: 1984, Mileage: Unknown

Q: I recently noticed that the fog lights on my 1984 Carrera Targa are not evenly aimed in the vertical plane. The right side fog light is aimed about 2" higher than the left side fog light. The horizontal adjustment looks fine. I have had no damage to the lower valance since I purchased the car in 1997. Is there a way to adjust the vertical aiming of my fog lights? I do not see any adjustment screws when I remove the fog light assemblies from the lower valance.

A: There is an adjustment, but you have to get at it from behind. If you raise the car, you can see the fog light bracket and there is a pinch bolt that can be loosened and the vertical adjustment made. No need to remove anything, you just need to access it from underneath.

ENGINE

Model: 928 S4, Year: 1987, Mileage: 67,360

Q: I have just acquired a 1987 928 S4 and when it was checked out, the technician noticed that there was some coolant on the top of the engine in the V at the front. Any suggestions as to what that might be and what I should do to correct it? There is plenty of water in the system and it does not seem to be a big leak.

A: There is a coolant bridge that holds the thermostat between the two cylinder heads on the front of the engine. It uses an O-ring that sometimes dries out and can cause a small leak. It may just be a small leak when the engine is cold and sealing when it is warm. Also, check out the small hose attached to the bridge and the heater valve and hoses on the back of the engine for a leak. Some have been successful at removing the bridge to replace the O-ring without taking off the intake.

BODY

Model: 911 Carrera Cabriolet, Year: 2013, Mileage: 32,500

Q: My soft top will not open and I am getting an error message that reads "Soft Top Control Fault." I believe it has something to do with the windscreen sensor, as I

pushed the button to bring up the windscreen yesterday it did not fully extend. I am thinking that the sensor may think that it is open and that is why the top is not being allowed to operate properly. Any way to reset the sensor myself or do I need to take it to the dealer to fix?

A: It is very possible that the windscreen is the cause of your convertible top fault. If the windscreen is not in the full retracted position the top will not operate. This was a known concern on early 991 cabriolets and was even followed by two different product update campaigns; one to lubricate the windscreen hinges and one that involved replacing the entire windscreen. Unfortunately, I am not sure you will be able to do much on your own to try and remedy this concern. The first thing I would try is to open the top and cycle the windscreen up and back down to see if that changes the operation. The problem you have is there is no way for you to get the top into the open position while having the "Soft Top Control Fault" present. Your local repair facility will either be able to clear the fault allowing operation of the top or use a diagnostic tester to operate the top into the open position. I would suggest taking the car into your local repair facility.

ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS

Model: 911 SC, Year: 1983, Mileage: 130,000

Q: I just purchased a 1983 SC and have the following problem. While traveling, if I turn on the lights the speedometer drops by approximately 15 MPH. Any thoughts as to what might be going on?

A: My first guess would be that one of the ground wires on the speedometer is on the wrong terminal. Remove the speedometer and find the various ground wires piggy backed on the two terminals. Turn the instrument lights on and start removing those wires one by one until the lights go out on that gauge. Then put that wire on the other terminal. I suspect it is now on the 31b terminal. Put all the other wires back where they were and retest all functions.



DETROIT: THE MOTOR CITY.

We rely on our cars. From cruising Woodward on summer nights, to getting through our punishing winters. We understand the value of a car that's in good condition to take us where we need to go. Rough rides can scratch and scrape our rims and unavoidable potholes can wreak havoc on our wheels causing bends and cracks.

Things aren't just made in Detroit, they are remade, repurposed, and repaired in Detroit.



Wheel Works Detroit

4519 Delemere Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073 | Phone: (248) 259-4420 | www.wheelworksdetroit.com



WWW.SELLYOURSPORTSCAR.NET

"Helping You Sell Your Porsche and Other Fine Automobiles"

Showings & Consultations by Appointment

Matt Fenster
matt@sellyour sportscar.net
248.496.3004

Michael Cohen
michael@sellyour sportscar.net
248.227.8604

Now offering secure heated year-round storage in a newly renovated building. State of the art 24-hour monitored alarm system. 24/7 access. Multiple car discounts.

In Memoriam

*Our condolences go out to
the family of Glenn Haege
who passed away on September 11.*

*Glenn was a well-known Detroit
radio host (Handyman Show),
Detroit News columnist
(Homestyle Magazine), author and
4 year PCA/SEM member.*

Beyond the Fun

BY TOM FIELITZ

We are all familiar with the phrase be careful what you wish for but never thought it applied to our cars. When we look back at the cars we owned we see simple and under powered cars but cars that were fun to drive on a day to day basis. Maybe we wished for the powerful and sexy cars we could not afford and dreamed we were in those cars when driving our more mundane model.

When I was driving my first car, a 1967 VW Beetle I could dream that it was a Porsche 911. I drove that VW like I was racing it every day. No one but me realized that every green light was a drag race to the other side of the intersection. Every curvy road was a famous race track that had to be attacked with precise driving. Every shift had to be precise and that was when I first practiced heel toe downshifts. But the dream was that I was doing all of that driving in a super powerful and super fast 911S.

Ultimately I did sell the VW and got a 1970 914-6. I had fulfilled the dream that I owned that super fast and sexy Porsche with direct racing heritage. I should have been happy but I still wanted that 911S. So I sold the 914-6 to my brother and bought a used 1969 911S Targa. I now owned my dream machine. But as anyone who has owned an early 911S will tell you it is a car with warts. As powerful as it is the car is not a tractable street machine. If I got caught at a stop light for too long the spark plugs would foul even with the CD ignition. And gas mileage was so poor I finally got a gas credit card just so I didn't carry so much money in my wallet. A fill up of premium grade was \$25!

After an engine failure the 911S was followed by a 1972 911E

which was actually faster but at the same time more practical. Being my only car at the time it became my daily driver and track car. But with all of my friends telling me how much fun it was to drive a low powered 356 I gave that a chance too. The 356 became my daily driver and a bit more challenging in terms of reliability and daily maintenance. It was a difficult car in the winter not just because of traction but because of heat. I needed an ice scraper to keep the inside of the windshield clear of frost! But the opportunity to chase another dream came along, a race car I could drive on the street, a 914-6 GT. The 356 got sold to fund that project but that did not work out as planned. Not only was a 2.8 RSR racing motor 914-6 very fussy to drive on the street but I needed a car trailer to take that car to the track which was the only element it was suited for. Changing to street tires to load it on the trailer and then to race tires for the track became very tiresome. Still looking for that super street car I turned my 1972 911E into a Carrera RS tribute car and a reliable track car that did not require a trailer. For a reliable street car I went back to a low powered 944 Porsche that also did some duty on the track. When the 944 crossed 150,000 miles it was time to look for a replacement. Faced with tough choices and limited budget I crossed sides and sold the mostly garaged 914-6 GT to buy a used Corvette. It was a fast and reliable road car plus a good track car and when it reached 175,000 miles it was time to look for another. The solution was a used low mileage 2007 Z06 with 505 horsepower and serious track capability.

So now I feel like I have come full circle. The 1972 911 Carrera RS tribute car and the 2007 Corvette Z06 spend most of the time in the garage waiting for an opportunity to exercise their performance. The daily car has once again become a VW but now a Jetta. The only difference now is that I don't have to dream of owning the super cars. I no longer have to be careful for what I wish for. But if you wish for that super car I truly hope you receive what you wish for. It may not turn out exactly as you hoped for but it sure makes life interesting. And isn't that the whole point of wishing in the first place?



Around The Zone



BY **MICHAEL SORIANO**, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Over the past few months, I have travelled extensively throughout the zone attending a multitude of outstanding events affording me the opportunity to interact with a number of PCA members.

I was able to participate in MORPCA's 3rd annual HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway along with nearly 300 drivers from all over the country, with a large group from throughout zone 4. The outstanding 3-day event is still the only one of its kind permitted at IMS. The weekend began with a gathering held in a pavilion near the iconic pagoda, as well as a reception the following evening in the Hall of Fame Museum. This year there was also a party for all of the volunteers and instructors held at the Dallara Indy Car Factory in nearby Speedway, IN.

I recently attended Northern Ohio Region's Annual Rib Burn-off and social. This event is consistently one of their largest social events of the summer and included a people's choice car show. In addition, there was even live music provided.

I also recently attended Eastern Buckeye Region's Annual Summer Party, an event I've been told I needed to attend since

becoming Zone Rep. The Summer Party is one of the region's most popular events. This year's theme was a Toga Party, and it was great to see so many of the members participate. One of the highlights of the evening was an impressive fireworks display.

As we look ahead to events being offered this month, there are some great opportunities to enjoy some more time behind the wheel before the driving season concludes and it is time to store your car for the winter. A number of regions have beautiful color tours scheduled. In addition, there are still a few more DEs available for those who want another opportunity to spend some time on the track, as well as autocrosses, car shows, and there are always terrific social events to attend. Make sure to get out and take advantage of these opportunities.

Please remember to check your in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- October 3 is **Rally Sport Region's** Club Meeting at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth
- **Motor-Stadt Region's** You Define It Dinner Drive is October 5
- October 6-8 is **Ohio Valley Region's** Autumn Thunder DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- Join **Michiana Region** Members on October 7 for OctoberFest in the Village at Winona
- October 13-15 is **ARPCA's** Club Race at Pittsburgh International Race Complex
- **Mid-Ohio Region's** Drive and Dine to The Levee House in Marietta is October 14
- October 21 is **Western Michigan Region's** Fall Color Tour
- **Northern Ohio Region & Eastern Buckeye Regions'** Horsepower & Harness Racing Event is October 21
- **Maumee Valley Region's** Color Tour to Irish Hills is October 22
- Join **Southeast Michigan Region** on October 22 for their Fall Color Tour
- October 28 is **Central Indiana Region's** Huber Winery Auto Tour

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

Thanks, Michael

*Like us on
Facebook -
Southeast Michigan
Porsche Club
of America*

Expert Auto Detailing

248 - AUTO SPA (288-6772)

"Voted Best Auto Detailing Center in 2009 & 2010 on WDIV's Vote 4 the Best"

\$20 OFF
Complete Detail Package

"For That New Car Feel"

901 W. 11 Mile Rd • Royal Oak
www.motorcityautospa.com



Andree Riley, RSPS, GREEN
Realtor

110 Willits Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

C: 313-506-7476

F: 248-724-1299

E: alsriley@aol.com



Burton Brothers
GENERAL CONTRACTORS, L.C.

INSURANCE REPAIRS • BUILDING CONSULTANTS • SINCE 1922

Commercial & Residential
Alterations and Repairs

Website: www.burtonbrothers.net
eMail: djb@burtonbrothers.net
Office: 248-357-7000
Fax: 248-353-5638
Cell: 248-882-0231

Dave Burton

"Your Performance Printer"



30503 Gratiot Avenue • Roseville, MI 48066

586-774-0006 • Fax 586-774-2792

www.copyriteprinting.net

Leather Interior Restoration

911 / 928 / 944 / 968 / 930

Dash Boards • Seats • Console • Carpet

Leather and Vinyl Coverings Available in Kit Form or Installed



Read about our work in the
September 2008 issue of *Excellence* Magazine
"Same Difference" (p.75)

Shop Hours by Appointment

Classic 9 Leather Shop

7250 Drexel St. • Dearborn Hts., MI 48127

www.classic9leathershop.com

info@classic9leathershop.com

313-682-1983

Paul's Auto & Boat Interiors

Award-Winning Original & Custom Interiors

Serving Michigan for over 50 years

"When only the best will do!"

We are a family-owned and -operated business currently run by the second generation of the Riemenschneider family. Combined, our techs have over 125 years of experience and expertise.

From small projects to large, from high end to low, we do it all:

- Award-Winning Original & Custom Interiors
- Hotrod & Antique Design
- Convertible Tops & Rear Windows (Both Plastic & Glass)
- Boat Tops, Interiors & Covers
- Vinyl, Cloth, Leather & Exotic Interiors
- Heated Seats & Custom Embroidery
- Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, & Aircraft, too.
- And Much, Much More!

700 Cesar E. Chavez
Pontiac, MI 48340

ph. 248-334-9936

fax 248-334-9937

www.paulsautointeriors.com

SEM Board Minutes (9/7/17) by Fred Young

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

Call to Order: 6:45 P.M. by President Marc Molzon.

Minutes: Moved by P.D. and G.H. to approve. Motion passed.

Financial: Tabled

Membership: Up for July and August.

Insurance: In place for D.E. and Drive your Porsche Day. Needed for Ladies Drive.

P-4: Michael Cohen – The post office is late in delivering the P4's. Mark VanderEyck went over content for the October issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

August 11: DE Waterford #3: Marc Molzon – A lower turnout than usual. Marc talked about the possibility of having a sampler DE, a sort of abbreviated version of a regular DE.

August 20: Picnic and Concours: Patti Door, Fred Young – Everything went smoothly with over 150 attendees and 40 cars in the concours.

September 15: Ladies Only Drive: Patti Door – Several new members have signed up.

September 17: Drive Your Porsche Day: Gary Ambrus – All set.

October 22: Fall Color Tour: Walter Crump – The route, cider stop

and restaurant are in place. It promises to be a great event.

November 17: Membership Dinner: Marc and Gretus will look into possible venues and speakers.

December 9: Holiday Party: John Keilly – It was moved by H.G. and W.C. to approve a contract for the Meadowbrook Country Club for the 9th of December. Motion passed.

60th Anniversary Party: Patti Door – It was moved by G.H. and H.G. to approve a contract for The Inn at St. John's on September 8, 2018 for the 60th Anniversary Party. Motion passed.

Board Elections: Biographies and a ballot will be in the October P4.

Web Site: Erik Ohrnberger – The new server is up and running with PCA as the host. Erik went over possible improvements to the web site. It will require further study and input.

Goodie Store: No report.

Event Reports: Needed for the picnic.

NEW BUSINESS:

PCA has new requirements and guidelines for next year's events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. – Moved to adjourn by M.C. and G.H. Motion passed.

Refreshments and Locations: Thursday, October 5 – Mark VanderEyck – Gilson’s; Thursday, November 2 at 6 p.m. – Patti Door – Door Residence; Thursday, December 7 – Howard Gilson – Gilson’s

Hans Auto Electric, LLC

Starters • Alternators • DC Electric Motors

We Specialize in
High Performance!


- **Heavy Duty Industrial**
- **High Amperage**
- **Marine**
- **Racing & High Performance**
- **Small Engine**
- **School Bus & Fleet Specialists**
- **Golf Cart Starter Generators**
- **Snow Plow Motors**
- **DC Electric Motors 6 to 80 Volt**

248-349-7600

www.hansautoelectric.com

**28003 Center Oaks Court • Suite 109
Wixom, MI 48393**

Clem's Garage for Storage



\$550
(up to 6 months)

Heated, Secured.

Clem Weierstahl
(810) 636-2840

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - October 2017

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

Congratulations to all who have a membership anniversary this month!

Anniversaries are noted by the date the primary member joined PCA. Please let us know if we've made an error or omission.



YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
54	Lewis & Violet Moorman	13	Tim Thane	2	Mike Latcha
52	John & Carole McConnell	13	Stephen & Janet Malerman	2	Chuck Huffman
39	Richard & Beth Rubinstein	6	Michael & Colleen Baldwin	2	Mark Lemko
36	John & Sandy Chambers	6	Jay Farner	2	Don & Melissa Snyder
30	Vicente & Lucy Rivera	6	Gretus Hoogestraat	2	Steve Janssen
28	B McCall	5	Barry & Karen Eckel	2	David Watkins
28	Michael & Suzanne Gilson	5	Michael & Lindsay Nehra	1	Janet Hartz
25	Richard Berg	5	Diane Thomson & Anne Humphrey	1	Pat Beshouri
23	Bryan & Charles Salah	5	Clark Headrick	1	John Hutchcraft
22	David & Jennifer Hoffa	5	William & Imelda Christian	1	Bob Stanglewicz
20	James Tasiopoulos	4	Kenneth Paulson	1	John Gialanella
19	Wayne & Arlene Everett	4	Michael Meguiar	1	Miles Townsend
18	Jerry & Mike Zaccardelli	4	David & Darcy Anne Fischer	<p><i>Please note this correction to the August anniversaries:</i></p> <p>15 Karen & Larry Kelly</p>	
18	Tim & Chris Swies	3	Sylvester Galczyk		
16	Jack & Todd Luhtanen	3	Thomas & Carol McDonald		
15	James & Laurie Williams	3	Michael Jackson		
13	Alex & Joan Kindsvater	3	Mahendranath Reddy		

CLEAR AUTO BRA

A virtually invisible alternative to bug shields or vehicle bras

www.NoRockChips.com

734-259-0021



Larry Millen
larry@3mguy.com

Michigan's most experienced **3M** paint protection installer

Vintage VW Tech Session

Sunday, Nov. 5th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

We invite everyone whose car was previously featured at a tech session to come back and see how it's doing now. Make this session your own: What do YOU want to learn? Let us know!

Lunch will be provided by Hungry Howie's and a \$10 donation is requested to benefit the MVVC.

RSVP recommended:
events@munks.com



vintage munks

**3088 Huron St. (M-59)
Waterford, Michigan
service@munks.com
248-335-5424**

THE PLACE FOR PORSCHE & PARTS

*SEM/PCA members may advertise Porsche vehicles, or related parts or services—
either “For Sale” or “Wanted”—for three months at no cost.*

*Advertising will be accepted from non-members at the Editor’s discretion, space permitting, at the rate of \$5.00 per issue
for three lines, payable in advance to SEM/PCA, C/O P4. Please see page 4 for the address*

FOR SALE: Porsche Parts. 1 pair full power seats (black) from 987/997 (Boxster, Cayman, 911). New condition \$1,000 for the pair. 1 912/911 steering rack. 2 replica Abarth 4 pipe exhausts. Stainless steel (large pipes). Prototypes. New - never used. \$600 each. Five 15” x 7” phone dial wheels with caps/Contact Bill Hallandal (231) 377-9310 home or (231) 676-7780 (6/17)

FOR SALE: 2006 Porsche Cayenne 3.0. Dark moss green with tan leather. I thought the color was black for 9 months. Very nice condition inside and out. Trophy winner at last Porsche Club picnic. Originally from Virginia and Maryland. In Michigan since November 2015. 140k. Everything works. Rides and drives. \$6,900. Call or text Jim Hearrell at 248 894 7600. (6/17)

FOR SALE: 1969 PORSCHE 912. Polo red, black interior. Ex Stoddard collection. Call Thom Walton. 248-685-3922 (8/17)

FOR SALE: 2000 PORSCHE BOXSTER S. Speed Yellow with Opt. full leather Black int. 21,987 miles. 6-speed manual. Sports Package with 18” Sports Design wheels and Porsche wheel spacers. Speed Yellow seat belts, BIRD black leather, lockable console. Digital sound pkg. with AM/FM radio with CD and remote 6-CD changer. Body-color, removable, magnetic bodyside protection moldings. One owner, non-smoker. All documents including window sticker. Always garaged, no snow, no accidents. Beautiful, must see car! \$20,000 Contact Bob Aikins 248 553-3787 or bob@aikinsaviationart.com (8/17)

VEHICLE STORAGE: Newly renovated. 24/7 access to remove or return your car. 24-hour monitored alarm system. See your car from your cell phone. Heated, air conditioned. Advanced security system. \$125/month. Contact Michael Cohen 248-227-8604; michael@sellyoursportscar.net. (8/17)

FOR SALE: 1971 PORSCHE 911T. One owner. 91,000 actual miles. Excellent condition. Service records. Certificate of Authenticity. \$69,500. Contact Matt Fenster 248-496-3004 or matt@sellyoursportscar.net (9/17)

HELP WANTED: Automotive service consultant for a top rated Bosch Service Center. Enthusiasm for the Porsche brand, a cheerful outlook on life and excellent communication skills are essential. Will train. Text 947-999-7717 (8/17)

FOR SALE: 1971 Porsche 911T Coupe: Sepia Brown. One owner. Full service documentation. COA. Original window sticker. Tool kit. Excellent condition. Survivor. Rare opportunity. \$69,500. Contact Matt Fenster 248-496-3004 or matt@sellyoursportscar.net (10/17)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Arjun Srivatsa
Arthur Papadopoulos
Nick Coburn
Dennis Cooperson
Fabien Landry
Werner Boelstler
Michael Curis
Ronald Guerrieri
Chris Obey
Omar Hernandez
Gregg Doty
Rick Tavel
Shawn Scofield
Horst Reinhardt
Paul Carthew
Margaret Dimond
Spencer Doty

Please
support our
advertisers.

They make
this magazine
possible.

PORSCHE

NOTHING EVEN COMES CLOSE



PCA Specials

10-YEAR OR 100,000 MILE CLUB DISCOUNT

20% DISCOUNT ON SERVICE FOR
PORSCHE OVER 10 YEARS OLD
OR OVER 100,000 MILES *

WITH COUPON
(*some exclusions apply)
10% OFF

Valid only at Fred Lavery Porsche. Must present coupon when order is written. Not valid with any other offer. Tax, shop supplies and environmental charges are extra.

PORSCHE WATER- COOLED OIL CHANGE

We feature Mobil 1 **Mobil 1**
(1997 and newer)

INCLUDES: Porsche oil filter, engine oil,
drain plug washer (where applicable), tire
pressure adjustment

WITH COUPON
'05-'08 '09-'16
\$289.95 \$329.95

Valid only at Fred Lavery Porsche. Must present coupon when order is written. Not valid with any other offer. Tax, shop supplies and environmental charges are extra.

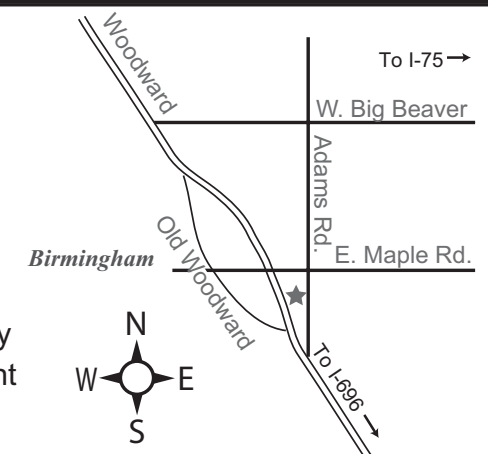
**Present Coupons to
Service Advisor**

**FRED
LAVERY**
COMPANY

34602 WOODWARD AVE.
BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009

*For Your
Convenience...*

Our Service
Department is
Open 7 a.m. until
12 Midnight
Monday thru Friday
Call for appointment
248-645-5930



Michael Cohen, P4 Editor
25545 Hereford Drive
Royal Oak, MI 48067

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Mail-Tek

24792 Crestview Ct.
Farmington Hills,
MI 48335

NIKOLAS MOTORSPORT

INDEPENDENT BMW PORSCHE MINI SERVICE

- All Scheduled Maintenance
- General Repairs
- Brakes & Suspension
- Engine & Transmission Repair/Replacement
- Four Wheel Alignment
- IMS Bearing Replacement
- Performance Tuning
- Air Conditioning
- Fabspeed Dealer

2683 Orchard Lake Rd. • Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

248•682•7755
nikolasmotorsport.com

Excellence Since 1987

