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ON THE COVER: James Garner races around the track at the GingerMan Raceway High Performance Driver Education day. PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS

2015 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 3 Oktoberfest*
- 7 Board Meeting
- 18 Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 5 Holiday Party

* Not a club sponsored event

BOARD MEETINGS

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

The site of the September Board meeting is yet to be determined. Contact any Board member if you wish to attend.



She’s Flying!



BY MIRANDA CHRISTEN

Wow, can you believe it’s really been a year since I’ve started working with this crazy club? Many of you might not realize, but I started volunteering for the P4 a year ago as Michael Cohen’s ever confused associate editor. I would like to give him a huge thank you for I would not have been as prepared for this as I am without his guidance! Also, thank you to all the people who have volunteered to take photos, write articles, and lend a hand where it is needed with the magazine. This P4 would not be what it is without the participation from members.

A few exciting things I would like to highlight for the upcoming month:

- Ladies Only Drive is September 12th – please RSVP to Patti Door ASAP at 248-661-4362
- Drive Your Porsche Day is September 20th – RSVP to Howard Gilson at 248-549-4016 or hgilson@gilsonmotorsports.com
- Fall Color Tour is October 18th – RSVP to Walter Crump at 586-873-0557 or walterc@sempca.org
- Nominations for the SEM/PCA Board of Directors are now being accepted! Positions will serve 2 year terms beginning January of 2016. Send nominations to Fred Young at concours@sempca.org or 14551 Pear Tree Lane, Sterling Heights 48313

While it seems so far away from now, we are accepting donations for the 2015 Holiday Party Silent Auction! Anything from merchandise, event tickets (sporting or otherwise), goodie baskets, etc. would be excellent additions to the auction. All proceeds benefit the Jo Brighton Special Olympics program, the organizers of which are always so thankful for our support. It’s amazing what we as a club have been able to help provide to the athletes and programs. Jo Brighton not only graciously accepts our help, but also pays the love forward through donation of items to other programs in need.

I would like to take a moment to apologize to Andrew Olson for the mix up on his



Look at that lift! Thom isn’t that short, but with no seats it’s hard to see over the steering wheel.

possible for the club. We can’t say enough good things about the active participation of members as our events continue to grow in strength. The more the merrier!

I wish that I could give you all an update on the 911 my father and I have been working on, but it is currently in the shop getting a new eye piercing orange paint job! The last thing we did before taking it in was to spend painstaking hours stripping the Porsche of all its tar and extra fluff so it could be sanded and painted. After hours upon hours of work, that didn’t seem to make a dent, my father applied heat to the tar and it peeled right off. Who would have thought? It’s now nestled in Ferndale waiting for love and attention, but don’t worry, I’ll share photos as soon as we get it back. If you see it on the road, you won’t be able to miss it!

I hope to see everyone before the year is up at the Fall Color Tour, Drive Your Porsche Day, Ladies Only Drive, Holiday Party, or around town flying in your Porsche! Have a great September and thanks all for a great summer.



Thom (my father) moving the 911 before we began the total strip down.



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Drive With Spirit!



BY HOWARD GILSON

This month I should be calling my article “Fueled by Volunteers,” as the Southeast Michigan PCA, just held the Club Race at Gingerman Raceway and I must as the club members really helped out to make this another great event.

I would like to thank Marc and Lisa Molzon for chairing the SEM/PCA Club Race & HPDE at GingerMan raceway. We didn’t have the greatest club race attendance that we have had in the past, but we did have great attendance for the HPDE. I can’t forget to thank all the volunteers that showed up to help, volunteers that have been with the club race from the very first one held back in 1997. Speaking of which, Patti Door was honored with the workers choose award for her dedication to the club race!

A big thank you to all the instructors that came out to instruct the students that attended the HPDE. for future reference the new surface at Gingerman raceway goes through brake pads, rotors and requires frequent brake fluid flushes.

I would like to thank the sponsors for the SEM/PCA club race Sonital Security and Munk’s Motors, thank you for your support of the club race.

A thank you to all the volunteers involved with the club race:

Amber Door / Lisa Molzon, Timing & scoring

Jeff Amos / Gretus Hoogestraat, race control

Howard Gilson / Stephen Cramer / Steve Carbary /

Greg Gallagher, Scrutineer / tech inspections

Jerry Door, pace car

Patti Door catering & refreshments

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All the Grid workers including, Shirley Carlisle, Mary Stevens, the Kreager family and many others that helped grid all the race cars and HPDE students.

Victoria Hoogestraat, Goodie Store

Michael & Lisa Soriano, zone 4 representative

Fran Amos

If I have forgotten to thank you in this article I apologize and thank you for all the work you have done for the club.

I also want to thank Patti Door, Fred Young, and Don Kleist for hosting the SEM/PCA Picnic / Concours in August. Thank you to SellYourSportsCar.net and Gilson MotorSports for sponsoring the event.

On September 3rd the club will have their last HPDE at Waterford Hills Raceway, sponsored by Munk’s Motors.

After the HPDE, the club will have their annual HPDE Party hosted by Chief Instructor Marc Molzon. I would like to thank everyone involved with the HPDE program, you have all done a great job enhancing the program for the students!

Ladies Only Drive will be held on Saturday September 12, 2015, For details and timing, please contact event chair Patti Door at 248-207-7617 or by email: pdoor@sbcglobal.net and make your reservation today. This is relaxed Girl’s Day Out so get out & drive your Porsche! If you’d like to ride along rather than drive, just say so!

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Drive Your Porsche Day

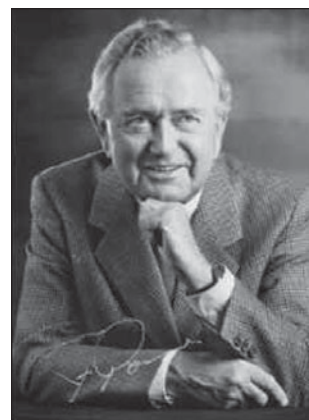
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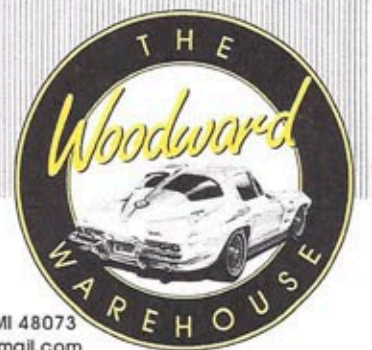


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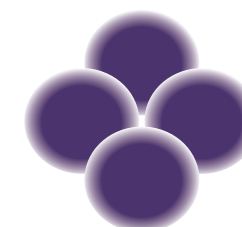
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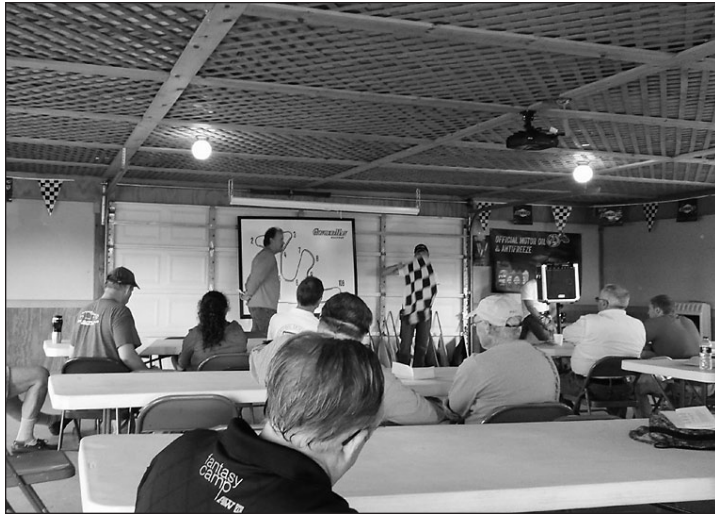
The cars are displayed in on the grass behind the church in a secure parking area, which can accommodate up to 25 vehicles. The shows includes a people's choice award and a best in show award. There is no charge for cars participating in the show.

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

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ROAR ON THE SHORE Club Race & HPDE at GingerMan

STORY & PHOTOS BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT



Classroom session Friday morning.



I have been many times to DEs at Waterford Hills Road racing, but I did not know what to expect with the Club Race and HPDE (High Performance Driver Education) at the same time on a different track. After a three-hour drive, we arrived Thursday afternoon at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven. To our surprise a lot of people were already there. We were greeted by President Howard Gilson, Race Chair Marc Molzon and his wife Lisa, Steve Carbary, Chief Driving Instructor for the weekend, Patti, Jerry and Amber Door and Shirley Carlisle. Amber was already in full registration mode and we were done with it quickly. After Victoria finished setting up the Goodie Store, we drove to our Bed & Breakfast, seven minutes away from the Race Track. We settled in and had dinner at Bangor Tavern Bar & Grille. After a glass of wine we called it a day.

At 7:00am Friday morning I left our quarters and went to the track for a coffee and the 8:00am classroom session, held by Marc Molzon and Steve Carbary. They explained the different colored flags, how to enter and exit the track and grid area. Interestingly we only had two HPDE run groups, which worked out perfectly after the first two sessions.

Now the fun started, at 9:00 am HPDE Group 1 was going out to run a 30 minute session, then HPDE Group 2 was running for 30 minutes and the racers did a test and tune session for 30 minutes. Then Group 1 was running another 30 minutes and so on. Besides a second classroom session and lunch break, you were on the track or getting ready for the track on the grid. At the end of the day most people had 150 minutes track time in the book.

Saturday was almost the same schedule, except the racers did

practice runs and drove the 1 hour Enduro Race. The HPDE participants were able to collect another 150 minutes of track time. On Sunday the racers had more practice sessions and two sprint races. The HPDE participants had the opportunity to collect more track time, 2 * 30 minute sessions and a 40 minute session. Overall you could collect 400 minutes of track time throughout the weekend, which equals out to a whole HPDE season at Waterford Hills.

In order to be allowed on the track, your instructor performs a grid inspection on your car. Tire pressure, torque on the wheel nuts, secure battery, signal and brake lights etc. And of course he checks if all loose items are removed from inside the car and trunk. You don't want to have anything flying around in the car while you are on the track under hard acceleration, cornering or braking.

This much of track time puts a lot of wear and tear on the machinery. Changing brake pads was not uncommon to see and help was everywhere, races as well as in the HPDE community. Alain Baur, for example, ran out of brake pads. Amber Door was trying to get some for her 2009 Boxster at a local dealer, but they were out of stock. "Johnson Autosport" Race Team helped Alain out with a fresh set of Pagid race brake pads.

I enjoyed the recently resurfaced track very much. On Friday I drove two sessions with instructor Dr. Gary Mason. First I had to learn the track and then we worked on my driving line and braking.

In the meantime, Victoria arrived and opened the Goodie Store. She presented some new items including Wine Glasses with an engraved Porsche Crest. The Goodie Store did very well



Preparation for the Grid inspection as well as mounting GoPro cameras. (Photo by Alain Baur)

at the weekend, all Wine Glasses were sold and she already has more on order.

After lunch I had three sessions with my original instructor Jeff Amos. We worked on smoothness, momentum and certain parts of the track. At the end of the first day I became very comfortable with the track and Jeff signed me off as a Solo Driver. In between our HPPDE session the racers tested and tuned their cars. If you were not getting something to drink or eat, you were definitely watching them. After the track day we went back to the Bed & Breakfast, took a shower and getting ready for dinner. The Blueberry Festival was in full swing in South Haven and all restaurants had at least an hour wait. We decided to go back to the Bangor Tavern Bar & Grille. It is located right on 43, on Michael Cohen's way to his hotel in Paw Paw. He joined us for dinner and we had some great ribs.

Looking forward for the Saturday activities to start, I was back at the track at 7:00am and the first HPDE car went out at 8:00 am. Again another great track day. Being right there with the racers, they on the track we on the grid. After they pulled off the track, we went right out on the track, a "Priceless" experience. Whenever I had time I was in the tower at race control to shadow Jeff Amos. It was very interesting to see how professional Jeff Amos handled the different situations during all the sessions and the race. He instructed the corner workers to show for example the yellow flag, black flag and the "meat ball" flag to the drivers. After our last Saturday HPDE the racers run their 1 hour Enduro race. At the end of the day we joined fellow HPDE enthusiasts, racers, volunteers and the National Club Race Staff at the Banquet. The food was catered by a local company and let me tell you, it was excellent and way too much. Instead of throwing the food away, Patti & Amber drove to Benton Harbor and donated the leftover food to

a Homeless Shelter. They were so thrilled that they put a banner with "Southeast Michigan Porsche Club" up!

Jerry Door and Leo Wanstreet volunteered to drive the Pace Car. Fortunately they were only busy during the warm-up laps before the "Flying Start."

It was very foggy on Sunday morning. When I arrived at the track the windows of my 993 were wet and foggy. On Sunday only the Solo Drivers HPDE group could go on the track. At 8:00 am we went out for our first session.

Because of the fog I thought the track would be slippery. I took it slow on the first lap. But surprisingly the grip was good and I laid some very nice and consistent laps down. After 30 minutes we departed the track and the race group rolled in for their warm-up session. Then the HPDE group went out for another 30 minute run. Then it was time for Sprint Race #1.

After the first race the Solo Driver HPDE Group went out on the track for another 40 minutes, the last HPDE track session for the weekend.

Lunch Time is Quiet Time at GingerMan, no race engines allowed, but regular engines are not a problem. On all 3 days people took their cars for Touring Laps during Lunch Break. Speed is limited and no helmet required. SEMPCA charged \$5 for Touring Laps per car. 100% of the proceeds went to our charity "Jo Brighton Special Olympics, Michigan".

I started to get the 993 ready for the trip home and Victoria packed the Goodie Store back into the BMW. Thanks to Howard for giving her a hand. Now it was time for the Race Group to run their second Sprint Race.

After the race Marc & Lisa handed out the awards to the Rac-

(continued on page 14)



Alain Baur had to change the brake pads on his Boxster.



Lisa & Marc Molzon, Andrew Olson, Tim & Maggie Otto, Ileana & Leon Lewis taking a relaxing lunch break.

ers in the Pavilion and Patti Door received the Workers Choice Award.

On Friday Michael Cohen was the track announcer, on Saturday and Sunday William Kreager took over the microphone. Jeff Amos held the role as Race Control together with the National Race Control staff.

Looking back, Victoria and I had a great, fun weekend with fellow enthusiasts and looking forward seeing you at our next HPDE at Waterford Hills Road Racing on September 3rd. We also hope to enjoy a Gingerman weekend next year, we will definitely be there.



Jerry Door's 993 was the Pace Car for the weekend.



Foggy Sunday morning. (Photo by Alain Baur)

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RECAP Caravan to Porsche Parade

STORY & PHOTOS BY GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT

First off, the idea of a Caravan to the Porsche Parade came not from me. All the kudos go to SEMPCA Member Lucas Phan, the original brain behind it. Unfortunately, early in the planning phase it became clear he could not participate due to other commitments, but I was hooked on his idea and followed through. Thank you Lucas for the great time we had!

Early morning on June 20th Victoria and I started our journey to the Porsche Parade in French Lick Indiana. At 6:02 a.m. we arrived in our 993 in the parking lot of Faith Christian Assembly in Melvindale. This is the place where SEMPCA conducts their annual Street Survival School. The sun was already up, the weather wasn't bad, overcast, dry and the temperature called for T-Shirts. Time went by, the clock turned 6:15 and nobody else was there. Waiting, waiting and seconds turn into minutes when you hope to expect something. 6:17, still nothing, not one car on the street. It wasn't until 6:20 when we heard some engine noise... and there was a yellow 356. It was Dick McClelland and Susan Budsys coming down Outer Drive and turning into the parking lot. Then, one after the other arrived. Dan and Constance Conrad in their Cayenne S, Chris Conrad in his white, one day old, Boxster, Greg Massa in his 96 993, Dale Goby in his 2006 911 Carrera and Walter & Sabrina Crumb in their... Audi TT. Unfortunately Walter & Sabrina encountered a problem with their Boxster a few days before and couldn't drive it, but they didn't want to miss the Parade.



Parts of the Caravan at IHOP, the roads still wet.

At 6:30 sharp we left the parking lot and went on I-75 South towards Toledo. The cars were lined up in the order they arrived, with the 356 behind me. I didn't know what a 356 is capable of, so I slowly increased the speed. At 80 mph, the 356 was still behind me with no problem, I finally put the 993 into cruise control. It started to drizzle a little, just to make the roads wet, nothing major. We made it to IHOP at Airport Hwy in Holland (Toledo) Ohio on time. To our surprise Chuck & Lynne Olenyk with their

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When we arrived at Chili's in Franklin, there were P-Cars in the parking lot.

silver 1987 Carrera Convertible from the Western Michigan Region joined us for breakfast and the rest of the tour.

About 8:30 we left IHOP to continue our journey on US24 towards Fort Wayne, Indiana. We were supposed to meet with the Central Indiana Region for brunch at Sweet Cars. The night before I was contacted by CIRPCA and Sweet Cars and they told me their parking lot was flooded. The good news was that the event was still on, they moved it to Sweetwater Sounds, just a 2.5 mile detour.

When we arrived at 10:00am in Fort Wayne, it was overcast, warm and not raining. We were in front of the building of Sweetwater Sound...nothing, no cars, just empty parking lots. Greg Massa did a scout run around the building and found something in the back...to our surprise there was a full blown car show, from Porsches, Ferraris, Lamborghinis and etc.

We were offered a full made to order brunch, provided by the owner of Sweetwater Sounds. Finally we met CIRPCA Member Rick Campodónico and Jimmy & Maureen Arata. They were so helpful to put the caravan together, thank you to the both of you. Because of the overwhelming welcome in Fort Wayne, we departed late at 11:45.

Matt Napieralski from the Michiana Region told me they wanted to join us with 8 from South Bend for lunch in Franklin, Indiana. This opportunity was in jeopardy. Right after leaving Sweetwater Sounds we stopped for gas and then went down I-69 towards Indianapolis. 15 minutes after we left Fort Wayne we encountered two other P-Cars. To our surprise they were our neighbors from Canada, Mike Stanesic & Marylyn Campeau with a 911 and Thomas Behr and partner with a Boxster. They stayed with us for quite some time until they all the suddenly left the Interstate. I talked to Mike later at the Parade and he told me they were running out of gas, otherwise they would have stayed with us. South of Indy we took I-65 South and then E 500 N towards Franklin.

When we entered the restaurant, we got a warm welcome from our fellow Michiana Region Members. Unfortunately they were just about done with lunch, but we still had time to mingle and enjoyed each other's company. To our surprise our No-Show

SEMPCA Member Chris Young was there. He had a little trouble earlier in the day and went straight down to Franklin to catch up with us for lunch.

Leaving Chili's we took E 200 N and 144 and it was the way to reach Indiana 37 which brings you down to the French Lick area. The freeway was in good condition; some construction was going on but didn't really interfere with the drive. From Indiana 37 we turned onto Indiana 50 which brings you via Shoals and country roads to West Baden. That was when the real fun began. It was a great ride; I would call it a "Tail of the Dragon" teaser. We encountered roads with a little water left on it from the flooding the week before, but they were drivable. There is a YouTube link on www.sempca.org where you can watch the video of the Caravan. And then, what a bummer, 5 minutes before we arrived at West Baden Hotel the GoPro camera battery went dead. Have to think about a backup plan next time.

At 5:03 we arrived at the West Baden Hotel and our President Howard Gilson managed to keep the PCA Welcome Tent open. We were welcomed by Howard and the Volunteers of the Welcome Tent. They handed us refreshments and instructions for parking, maps of the area etc. Like in Fort Wayne, there was flooding in French Lick and West Baden area.

Even with the little rain and the late arrival in Franklin and West Baden, overall the Caravan was a great success. I'm still amazed that the cars always stayed together over such a distance and driving time. When we got separated at red lights on Indiana 37, at the next light we were back together. I was already asked, even from members that did not participate in this year Caravan, if we organize a Caravan to Vermont and the answer is probably "YES".

We are looking forward to driving to Jay Peak, Vermont, with you next year. Because of the geographical location, we will have more cars going the same direction. It is an 11-hour drive from Detroit, no breaks included, and we might have to think about an overnight stay somewhere. It is never too early to start planning and suggestions and help are always welcome.

Thank you everyone, Gretus Hoogestraat



Southeast Michigan, Western Michigan and Michiana Region Members at Chili's.



This was supposed to be a park at the West Baden Hotel.

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RECAP Sharks in Hell

STORY & PHOTOS BY **ANDREW OLSON**

It never gets old telling people to go to Hell—or to end a phone call with, “See you in Hell!” especially when you are talking about Sharks in Hell. This year was our 10th year holding the 928 gathering in Hell, Michigan. We had about 40 928s and a smattering of other Porsche cars. There was plenty of fun and sun this year and the weather was, for once, not hotter than Hell.

Getting to Hell for me was a bit challenging this year because I had been traveling for work until midnight the night before. When I woke up, my children and I hustled to get things loaded up and to get on the road. The plan was that I would drive the Cayenne with the Coke car on the trailer and my 16 year old son, Sven, would drive the supercharged 1985 Euro 5-speed. He had been practicing driving the dog-leg manual transmission in the neighborhood, and while nervous, felt confident to drive the car to Hell and back.

We got on the road right on time and went to pick up my daughter’s friend Melanie. Shortly thereafter, I remembered I forgot something back home, so we swung back by the house. While we were at the house, my son rolled his window down and motioned to me.

“Hey Dad. The gas gauge is reading empty on this car. Do we need to get gas?”

Of course I was certain I had recently filled it up, so I responded, “Naw... don’t worry about it. I’m pretty sure I just filled it up. That gas gauge doesn’t work, but the idiot light does. And if that comes on, you still have 3–4 gallons to go. You’ll be fine.”

‘You’ll be fine.’ Those words still echo in my head.

Sven was doing a great job getting away from stop signs and stop lights without stalling the car. I decided to take M-14 west to get to US23 north. As we were cruising down the highway, I see my son pull off onto the shoulder, so I pulled over too, albeit a quarter mile down the road. We talk on the phone and he says the car won’t run. I walked back to see if I could figure it out. It didn’t take me long to realize, he was probably out of gas. [Gulp!]

I ask him to sit tight and I took the Cayenne to get a couple gallons of gas. When I return about 20 minutes later, he’s clearly not happy with me. And while I’m secretly hoping it’s a mechanical issue, I put the gas in the tank and ask him to try starting it.

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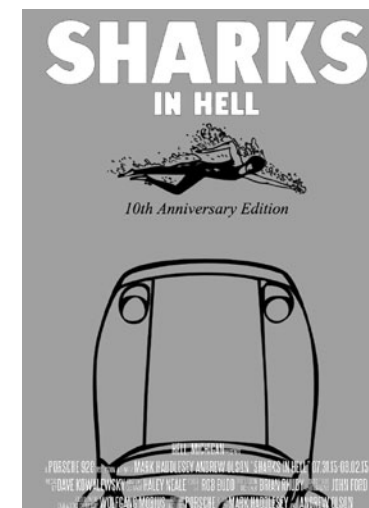
We made it over to the gas station and filled it with 22.1 gallons of gas. The tank holds 23 and I put at least a gallon and a half in. Clearly it was bone dry.

The shame to be “that dad” who didn’t listen to his son only to get the *I-told-you-so* look

later was almost unbearable. It didn’t matter what I said to make up for it, well...because he’s 16 and pretty much anything I do in his eye aside from giving him gas money is questionable. Despite being an hour and half late to the big event and having to recount the story for the entire day as my *mea culpa*, we had and awesome time.

Thanks to several sponsors, the event was a blast. Munk’s Motors helped us with t-shirts and other financial support. 928s-R-Us

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This was the design for this year's shirts and posters.



928s lined up for all see.



Brad Swick and I are working on fixing a vacuum leak on a 928 intake.

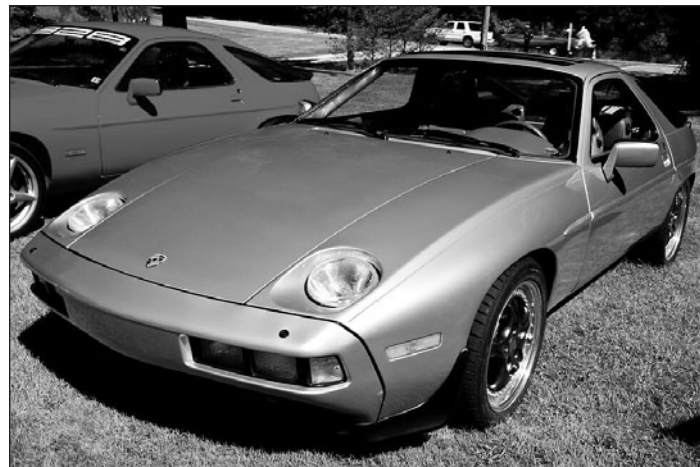
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in Texas sent us several door prizes along with Rob Budd of the Classic Leather Shop who also provided pizza in the evening for everyone. Andy Thompson of Inland Press made souvenir posters for everyone, which he has done for the past several years. If it were not for wonderful sponsors like this, the event would not be the same. THANK YOU!

My biggest reward, however, was when Sven asked if he could have a 928 someday. He said driving a stick is "way more fun than

the Honda CR-V!" YES! So I while I lost a little credibility with my son...I also won. Now to keep cultivating that spirit.

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



Even Dennis Szermet who passed last year was there in spirit.



Here I am demonstrating how to get in and out of the fully caged Coke Car.



Here Mikayla was pulling numbers for door prizes, while my son was texting, I was yelling out numbers, and Brent was collecting his prize.



Quite a crowd gathered around when we started taking things apart.



We counted about 40 928s throughout the day.



There was quite a spread of food for everyone.

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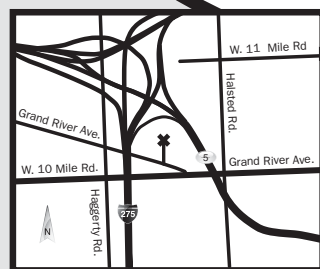
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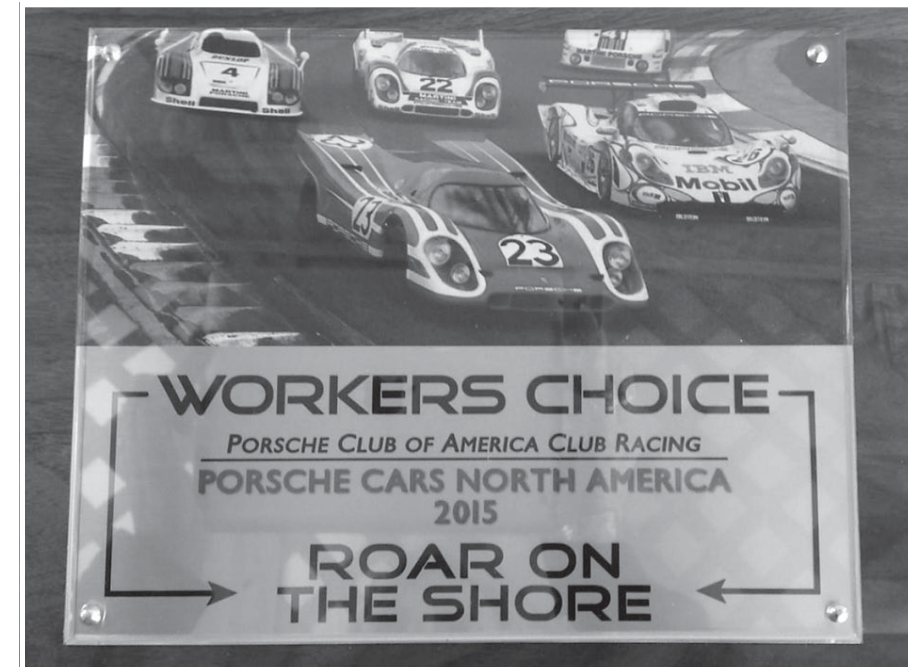


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Recap: Club Race (continued from page 16)



Patti Door's Workers Choice Award.

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Brake pads, and more brake pads were changed that weekend! PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS

STORY BY **TOM FIELITZ**

Do you have a favorite road? Most car enthusiasts will have a road that holds special memories for them. Maybe your favorite road even makes a statement about who you are. Your favorite road may challenge your driving skills or may just be a scenic wonder. It may be a public road or even a race track. It may have been famous or a road only you know about. You may have only experienced the road once, on infrequent occasions or if you are very lucky your favorite road is used every day. Maybe it became your favorite road because you shared the experience with someone special. Maybe your favorite road gave you a special thrill or maybe it marked you with a moment of sheer terror. Your favorite road seldom stays the same forever. Favorite roads often get replaced over time with new favorite roads or just fade into imprecise memories. Favorite roads mark a period of time just like many other things that are special in our lives. They mark destinations and passages, milestones and memories. They are a reflection of our car culture and a metaphor for a passage through life.

Usually we can't describe a favorite road without relating it to the vehicle we used to transit that road. Usually it is related to a special car we owned, but not always. Sometimes that favorite road involved a car we shared with someone or even a nondescript rental. Sometimes it did not involve a car at all and sometimes the road was more a trail than a road. Usually the favorite road was linked to a specific destination but some very special roads are discovered by accident, or at least not by plan. Maybe the road is special because it was a once in a lifetime experience. Sometimes the road only becomes a favorite when looked back in retrospect or when recounted with friends. Swapping stories about favorite roads is part of the pleasures of having a favorite road.

Part of the treasure of a favorite road is the location. A favorite road in an exotic location adds to the exclusiveness and makes it more personal. On the other hand it makes that favorite road an experience that often can't be repeated. It may only exist for now in your memories. If you are lucky there are some pictures, or even better yet, a video. If you are very lucky you can close your eyes and visualize that favorite road whenever you need it. But one of the pitfalls of a favorite road is that it can change or even disappear over time. Progress has a habit of turning a favor-

ite road into a common place route. That favorite winding route from nowhere to no place special will become a major thoroughfare through a major population center with all of the associated clutter of homes, shopping centers and cross roads with their traffic controls. Your favorite road becomes hijacked by the passage of time and the progress of civilization. That loss forces us to ever search for replacement favorite roads. That search, though it is pleasurable in itself, can push us out of our comfort zones and further and further away from home.

That leads naturally to how we keep track of our favorite roads.

In simple times our favorite road was just a route we knew by heart. We didn't need so much as a map to find or describe it. As our favorite roads became linked to travel they needed to be defined by road names or route numbers. They often were roads made relevant by a city or perhaps a landmark. The road now became a place that could only be experienced with much planning and forethought. The thrills of that favorite road became shortened and the spontaneity of experiencing the road was dimmed. It may even reach the point where that favorite road is lost to just memories and to re-experience it becomes impossible. To even find our favorite road now requires Internet search engines with computer mapping and satellite images. We can know more than we ever did about our favorite road but that was not what had made it our favorite in the first place.

As travelers sharing a vast network of possible favorite roads the thrill is always that the next road we take may become that special favorite road. Perhaps that next road story we hear may spark us to begin our search anew. For some the search may be a solitary one. For others that thrill will come from sharing the favorite road with friends. In whatever form it takes our favorite road will make a statement about us, define some of our character, and shape some of our memories. I hope you find new favorite roads for the rest of your life.



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RECAP **GingerMan DE**

STORY & PHOTOS BY **SHIRLEY CARLISLE**

I just had my second anniversary with my Porsche and PCA. Bought my first Porsche and joined PCA the next day. My first Porsche Parade was French Lick, I guess you can say I'm hooked!

Making the decision to go to GingerMan was easy. Sending off an email to Marc Molzon, I was committed. I knew it would be fun with SEMPCA, but finding a hotel for three nights (on account of competition from the Blueberry Festival in South Haven) was the challenge and being persistent paid off. I chose five hotels close to South Haven and the track, and called all five every morning until I found someone had a cancellation. I was very happy how it all worked out!

Thursday morning finally arrived and HOTBOX and I were off. Deciding to find the track before checking into the hotel, I found a yellow Porsche and Amber, Patti and Jerry Door hard at work putting things together for the event. They quickly had me stuffing shirts and information into manila envelopes for the drivers. Then off to check-in, find dinner and explore South Haven.

I was up early Friday and off to the track well before 7 a.m. to help with driver check-in. I was whisked away long before the track went hot to help on the grid with a smile on my face as this is what I really love. Seeing many old friends was great and anticipating meeting many new ones even better.

The day went fast with breaks along the way, and at noon I took advantage of Parade Touring Laps and did a dozen or so laps of my own. A manicured track of just over two miles with twists and turns, GingerMan is excellent. My only other track experience is participation in DE's and volunteering at the 12 Hour in Sebring, Florida with the Suncoast PCA.

The grid crew was awesome and efficient, always thinking safety. I met many of the drivers while checking wristbands, doors and trunk lids. We did find a few wrists without the appropriate band and a few doors and trunks not closed properly. Safety is always first with club racing. The drivers quickly got the hang of us checking on them and would wave their wrists out their windows. The day ended before I was ready to stop having fun but luckily



The number 395 hitting the apex! PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS

we still had all of Saturday and Sunday for racing. I saw many DE students move to solo driving with big grins on their faces. Saturday morning started with timing and scoring; now we were serious about racing. I was happy to get to know many of the drivers smiling faces through their helmets.

It was such an awesome experience to be on the grid and track-side, to feel the thunder and smell the fuel. It was electric and contagious! The Enduro was the finale of Saturday's race. Saturday night brought a social dinner with friends old and new. A great barbecue dinner was served with adult beverages and make your own ice cream sundaes with all the toppings.

It was sad to have Sunday arrive because this meant we would all be returning to our real lives. Sunday was another awesome day at the track that ended with the Sprint Race, which is very exciting. Everyone stands along the track when the cars and drivers return to the paddock and applaud the drivers. If you have never participated in a DE or volunteered at the track you sure are missing out on a great experience. No experience necessary just sign up on club registration to have the thrill of taking your Porsche for a real ride in a DE or just come join the fun as a volunteer. It really was a blast at the GingerMan Raceway with the Southeast Michigan Porsche Club.



The 670 car flying. PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS



A flash of fast color on the track.
PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS



The sun sets on another successful day at
GingerMan Raceway. PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS

Around The Zone



BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

It has been a very busy summer for us here in Zone 4, and all of our regions' social calendars are at full speed. OVR's Top Gun Challenge returned to Putnam Park Road Course this year. During the weekend, they ran 4 Sprint races and an Enduro race. They also held a 3-day advanced HPDE in conjunction with the club race.

The next weekend I attended ARPCA's premiere event, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, which is one of only two vintage races that occur on public streets in the world, the other being in Monaco. It is a multi-day event that began with a kick-off party for visitors from out of town. In addition to the vintage races, there is an international car show, catered meals, and some great prizes. The highlight of the weekend, however, was the fact that after a great deal of hard work and determination, the organizers were able to reach an agreement with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to be able to display Janis Joplin's 356, which has only left the museum a few times.



Janis Joplin's 356 at PVGP

The following weekend, I attended P20. For the 4th year in a row, the event was held in Granville, Ohio, just east of Columbus. With the cooperation from the City of Granville, Broadway Street, the city's main thoroughfare, was transformed into the perfect setting for the nearly 350 Porsches that lined the street. Graham Rahal's viper green 918 arrived at the dealership 2 days before the event, and he allowed it to be the focal point on Marilyn's Row, giving everyone attending P20 the chance to view his car even before he was able to.

On Sunday, I attended the 2nd Annual Zone 4 Car Corral at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. The Concours d'Elegance of America is widely regarded as one of the country's best concours events featuring a world class exhibition of classic, rare, and exotic automobiles. Once again, the Porsche Car Corral was the largest and most well attended corral at this event.

A great deal of hard work goes into making these events the successes that they are, and to all of the volunteers, I want you to know that your efforts are not going unnoticed. One of the goals I set when I first became Zone Representative was to have Zone 4 regions work together in order to provide even more opportunities for our members, and I was very pleased to see that each of these activities attracted participation from members from regions throughout the zone.

The hospitality and camaraderie displayed at these events confirms that we are on the right track.

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



P20 photo courtesy of Gary Chisolm

- On September 4, please join **Michiana Region** for Porsches to Warsaw, A relaxed car show and street party
- **Allegheny Region** is hosting a DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course September 11-13
- September 12 is **Southeast Michigan Region's** Ladies Only Drive
- **Maumee Valley Region's** Golf Scramble and Dinner is September 12
- September 12-13 is **Western Michigan Region's** Grand Prix of Grattan DE
- **Rally Sport Region's** Track Day at Waterford Hills is September 15
- September 18-20 is **Mid-Ohio Region's** Club Race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- Join **Central Indiana Region** Sept. 19 for Don and Candy Shuck's "Tour of the Senses"
- **Ohio Valley Region's** Autocross is September 19 at the Forest Fair Mall
- September 20 is **Northern Ohio Region's** Autocross at Lakeland Community College
- **Motor-Stadt Region** is hosting an IROC Autocross on September 26 at Spartan Speedway

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

Thanks, Michael

SEM Board Minutes (8/12/15) by Fred Young

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

Call to Order: 7:02 PM by President Howard Gilson
Minutes: Motion to approve by M.M. and W.C. Motion passed.
Membership: Greg Gallagher – Now at 604 primary and 403 associate members. Renewals are good and reminders are to be sent out. It is easier to register online, just designate SEM Region on the form.

Financial: Leo Wanstreet – Everything is in good order. Some invoices are not in yet resulting in a higher balance. Motion to approve by J.K. and G.H. Motion passed.

Insurance: Greg Gallagher – None needed for August. Will arrange for September events.

P-4: Miranda Christen – We have a new advertiser. The August issue had a couple of minor errors. The membership form is to be changed.

OLD BUSINESS:

July 11: Progressive Dinner: Howard Gilson – It was a great event with three houses this time at great locations. The food was superb from the caterer and also from the guests. The directions were a little loose.

August 7-9: Club Race: Marc Molzon – We had a 200% increase in driver education participants, however the racers were

down in numbers. More racers have to be attracted. Everyone had a great time with more than 60 SEM members attending. Everything went like clockwork. Marc and the volunteer staff were applauded for the fine job they did. Next year we will have to watch out for date conflicts. Discussion ensued as to next year’s possibilities due to a financial loss incurred this year. Extra food was donated to a homeless shelter which really appreciated it.

August 23: Club Picnic: Patti Door – More than 50 are registered and she is looking forward to a good turnout. Late registrants are a problem as it is difficult to plan without having a firm count. Registration is \$15.00 after August 9th.

September 3: Driver Education: Marc Molzon – On track. Motion made by P.D. and J.K. to spend up to \$300 for the DE party after the session. Motion passed.

September 12: Ladies Drive: Patti Door –All good. Route being finalized.

September 20: Drive your Porsche Day: Howard Gilson – Plans are underway.

October 18: Fall Color Tour: Walter Crump – Everything is coming along fine.

November TBD: Membership Dinner: Nothing definite.
Charities: Gretus Hoogestraat – Money collected for parade laps at the club race are to be donated to the Jo Brighton Foundation.

Web site: Gretus Hoogestraat – The Associate Webmaster name is to be changed to Media Chair. We now have national followers on Facebook.

Goodie Store: Gretus Hoogestraat – Had great sales at the club race. Wine glasses were big sellers along with caps.

Event reports: Needed for Progressive Dinner.
Event Sponsorship Report: Greg Gallagher – To be worked on before the calendar meeting.

Board Elections: Fred Young – Five present board members are up for election. Chris Young has volunteered to run also at this time. More nominees may be forthcoming. The nominating committee will consist of the board as a whole.

60th Anniversary Committee: Howard Gilson – Nine people have expressed an interest in being on the committee. The board will make appointments at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leo Wanstreet asked for a clarification on DE rules, specifically passengers in cars.

Fred Young – Concours at St. Johns – will ask for simplified car registration rules and payment for car club parking.

A volunteer thank you event was brought up along with a possible drive to the new Porsche facility in Atlanta.

After discussion it was moved by J.K. and G.G. to move board meetings to Thursday to provide continuity because dealers are open late that night. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM – Moved by M.M. seconded by G.G. Motion passed.

Refreshments and Locations: September 10 – Howard Gilson – Gilson Motorsports; **October 3 – Marc Molzon** – To be determined

ASK THE Master Cylinder



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

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

BY CHRIS BRADEN, TECHNICAL EDITOR

Q: The timing belt tensioner pulley for my 1984 928 has a noisy bearing and I need a new one. First, I ordered one from the dealer. They told me that there were none in the country but they could order it from Germany. They said that it might take a week to ten days to get it. Not wanting to wait that long, I checked online. One of the well-known parts suppliers (I will call them “Stork”) showed the part on their website in stock. Great! I ordered it from them and I was ready to pay for overnight freight (\$54.00) since I wanted the car back on the road for Sharks in Hell. The next day I got an email from Stork saying that shipment was delayed, the part was temporarily out of stock, but it would be shipped overnight as soon as they received it. They also said that if might take a week to ten days to get it from Porsche. This was a bit frustrating since the website showed it, but I guess someone beat me to it. So I called the dealer for a status report on the first pulley I ordered and they informed me that there were none available even in Germany! Now I am starting to get worried. I called Stork and asked when they expected to get the part in. I was told that the part was on back order from Germany and there was no expected arrival date. Now I am really starting to sweat.

I decided to cancel the overnight order from Stork since they could not get the part any faster than the dealer, it was the same price, then there was that \$54.00 overnight freight charge. When I called, they informed me that although they could cancel the order, I would have to pay a 20% restocking fee. I was astonished! They were going to charge me to restock a part they showed on their website, but did not have, could not get, and therefore, would not have to restock at all! The very nice customer service rep on the line said that she was sorry but that it was Stork policy. When I asked to speak to her boss, after a five minute wait she said that they would make an exception and cancel the order with no penalty. I will think twice before I call them again. So “with two out, bottom of the ninth”, here I am, needing a part that no one currently has nor can get, and a car that I cannot put together. Help! —Don

A: Ah, the world of online parts. Clearly the site was not updated when you placed your order but holy cow...a restock fee for a part they could not sell you? I know who you are talking about and I

am very surprised to hear about that policy, but it is a very creative way of making a profit by just taking an order.

I need to put a plug in here for the local Porsche dealers. I have found them helpful and fair in their pricing (usually) and very eager to track parts that I order. When I get a part shipped from Germany, there is no extra freight and they deliver the part to my door. I recently bought a new front fender for a 930 Turbo which came from Germany in a giant box and it was no big deal. The on-line suppliers get many of their genuine Porsche parts from dealers and then they resell them at Porsche retail plus freight. The point is, if you want a genuine part, call the dealer and get their price. Some give club discounts and if you can wait for a stock order, there is no freight charge. Dealers sometimes get a bad rap for being expensive but they have rent to pay like any business. So give them a shot at selling you the part and definitely compare pricing. There was a time where some dealers charged more than Porsche suggested retail then took the club discount off the inflated price. Tricky!

But I digress. You need a pulley, the world cannot help you, and you are eager to get back on the road. Auto companies generally do not make many of the components which comprise the car and your 928 is no different. In some cases, a generic pulley can be purchased at a local auto parts store which will function quite nicely and live just as long as an original part. You take the sample part to the parts store and frequently they can match it up. If they can’t, then you have to get creative. Tensioner pulleys have a bearing and an outer structure or shell, which is sometimes proprietary. However, if you look at the existing bearing in your tensioner pulley, there is a part number on the bearing and that bearing can be sourced. So that part of the process is do-able. Next, the Motor City has an abundance of qualified machine shops that do small jobs like fabricating a pulley and most independent shops know who they are. The fabricated part needs to have a bearing of sufficient quality to function properly and the material used must be stronger than the original metal when possible.

The last pulley that I had fabricated was solid steel rather than a stamping and the bearing used was the same part number. It took about three days to locate the components and have it made.

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When all was said and done, it was about the same cost as buying the part from Porsche, just a lot more aggravating. So when the part can be bought you buy it and when it can't, you build it. The Motor City is full of creative people and resources are not hard to find. —MC

Q: My 1993 RS America has had an intermitting starting and occasional stalling problem for years and I am about at my wits end with it. I have had components tested, replaced a few and, for a while, it seems better but every once and a while, it just will not fire up. I have replaced the DME relay, had the grounds checked

and replaced one of the speed/reference sensors and whenever things are tested, everything works!. Got any ideas? —Robin

A: I have seen solder joints fail in the DME computer which have driven me crazy and although I do not recommend that you try this at home, suggest to your favorite Porsche technician that he take the computer out of the car, remove the guts and take a very careful look at it with a magnifying glass. If he finds spots on the circuit board that look questionable, a competent electronics specialist can re-solder these and that may do the trick. Let me know if it works.—MC

More Views From The Club Race At GingerMan



A relaxation moment on Saturday. PHOTO: DARREL ELLIS



Zone Rep Michael Soriano getting the checkered flags ready!



Lunch time break. PHOTO: GRETUS HOOGESTRAAT

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries - September 2015

Thanks to the SEM/PCA webmaster Erik Ohrnberger, we are pleased to now be able to recognize membership anniversaries each month. Congratulations to all who have a membership anniversary this month! Anniversaries are noted by the date the primary member joined PCA. Please let us know if we've made an error or omission.

YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
46	Rollin & Maxine Titsworth	15	Eric & Steffie Chau	3	Andrew Olson
39	Thaddeus & Marsha Stanek	13	Jan Summerlot	3	David & Concettina Lutz
31	Heath & Kathy Hurlbert	13	Norman Gage	3	John Sandrock
27	Jim & Ruth Frazier	12	Torhild Havnen	2	Emil & Suzanne Tijan
26	Bernie & Lisa Palo	12	Hans Havdal	2	Eric Terrien
25	John Ball	12	Edward & Roberta Gaspar	2	Jeffrey & Angie Hendry
23	Thomas & Cathy Ernst	12	Douglas Brown	2	David & Jennifer Daiek
21	Charles Salah	11	Stephen & Janet Malerman	2	Nicholas Sage
21	Bryan Salah	7	Ralf Lindackers	2	Robert Sage
21	Richard & Leslie Hinson	7	Garry Frost	2	Bill Braden
20	Chad Dybowski	7	Mike & Jenn Studnicki	1	Eitel Dahm
20	Richard Dybowski	4	Jay Farner	1	Jeff Cooper
19	Tom & Linda Walton	4	Hal & Deb Johnson	1	Scott Denman
18	Ulrich & Christine Trispel	4	J W Watson	1	Mitchell Alley
18	Kenneth & Judith McCormick	3	John & Mary Beth Panganiban	1	Mark & Daena Grayell
17	Robert & Ro Aikins	3	Michael O'Connor		

Congratulations to our new members!

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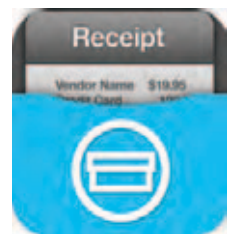
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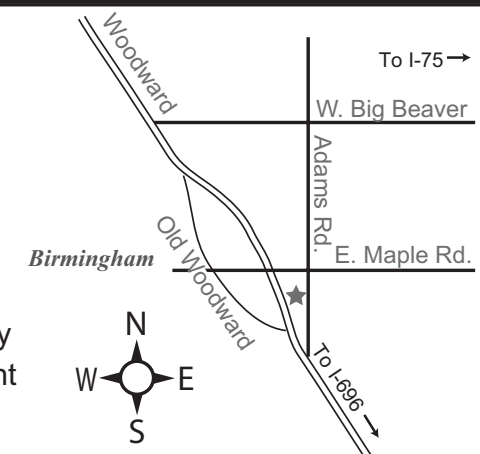
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