



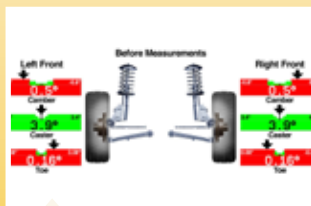
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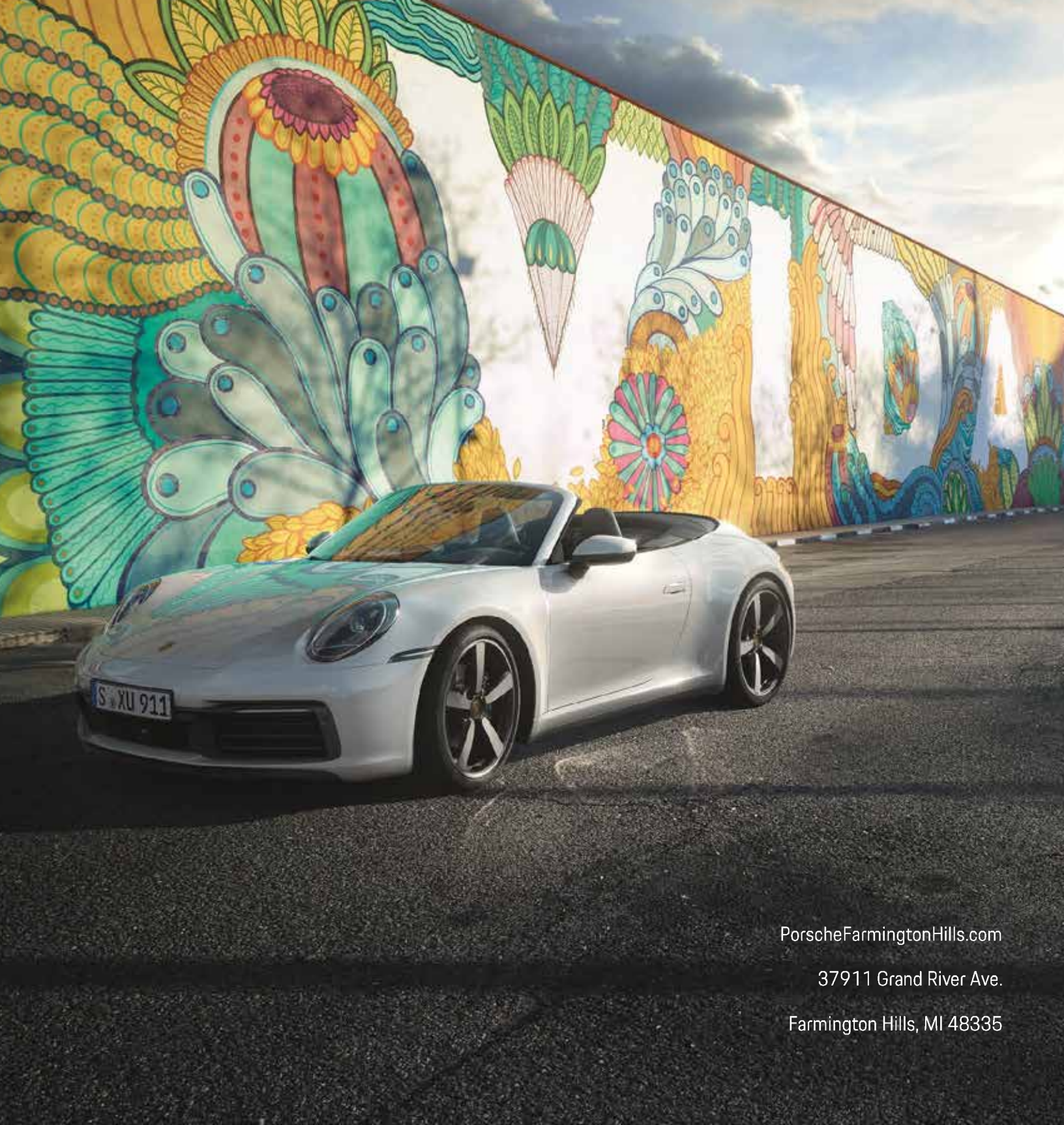
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2023 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 Business Meeting
- 2-4 *Detroit Grand Prix
- 9 DE#2 at Waterford
- 11 *Cars 'R' Stars - Packard Proving Grounds
- 17 Solstice Tour
- 18 *Eyes on Design at Ford Estate
- 18-25 Porsche Parade
- 25 Waterford Hills Race Track Family Day

JULY

- 6 Business Meeting
- 7-8 Deutsche Marques at Gilmore Car Museum (Overnight Tour)
- 15 *Rally Sport Region "Porsches in the Park"
- 29 Progressive Dinner

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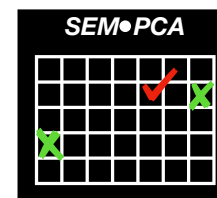
- 3 Business Meeting
- 6 *Troy Traffic Jam - Troy
- 11 DE #3 at Waterford
- 19 *Woodward Dream Cruise
- 20 Picnic and Concours

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Business Meeting (Wednesday)
- 9 DE #4 at Waterford
- 10 65th SEM Anniversary Party
- 13-24 *Detroit Auto Show
- 16 Ladies only Drive
- 17 Drive your Porsche Day
- 22-23 *Detroit Concours D'Elegance
- 28-1 *American Speed Festival

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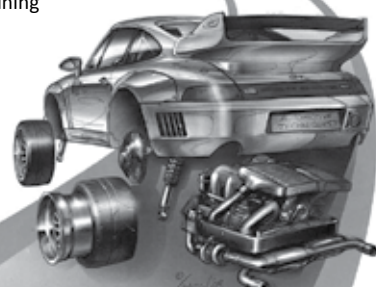


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President's Column

Dear Southeast Michigan PCA Members,

Porsche will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on June 8th. I hear there is something special scheduled, some Porsche dealer may have events planned. I just want to congratulate Porsche on 75 years of sports cars, I look forward to what Porsche has in the future. Happy Birthday Porsche!!!

With the Progressive Dinner coming up at the end of July, the club is still looking for houses to host the event. The club provides everything needed for the event and it is limited to 50 participants. If you are interested please contact Christina Gennari 248.550.4788 or gennari.ca@gmail.com.

On Sunday, September 10th 2023 the Southeast Michigan PCA will host its 65th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Packard Proving Grounds. We are working on the details and will keep updating our members as things come together.

So far the club has secured the Packard Proving Grounds as the venue for the 65th Anniversary Celebration. The club has come across some minor issues, one being that as a PCA club we cannot serve alcohol so the club has had to make this a BYOB event. We ask that you also bring a cooler as the Packard Proving Grounds does not want bottles of wine on the tables during the event.

The Southeast Michigan PCA has also made the 65th Anniversary Celebration a more casual event. We have planned a photographer to take a photo of you and your beautiful Porsche when you arrive and have the photo printed before you leave. We have a few other things that are in the planning phase and I will include these in future President's columns.

Once we have the event listed on clubregistration.net, please sign up as soon as possible as we need time to create name badges, order gifts and arrange food. We will have a registration cut off date of August 27th 2023, two weeks prior to the 65th Anniversary Celebration. We look forward to seeing you at the event to help celebrate this milestone with friends and family.

For those businesses that are interested in sponsorship opportunities, the club has four tiers to choose from. Please contact me if you are interested in sponsorship, this is a great way to reach our members.


The annual Spring Tour had an astonishing 74 cars in attendance. Congratulations to Lucas Phan and Chris Bohr for organizing another fantastic tour. The roads and weather were great and everyone had an amazing time. We only had room for 54 people for dinner. With the limited staff we are seeing in restaurants these days, it becomes difficult to plan for 100 plus people for dinner. We will look into larger facilities for dinners in the future. Thanks to all those who participated in the tour, we look forward to seeing you at another event soon.

By the time you read this, I will be driving out to the 2023 Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, California. I have volunteered to be a Concours Judge and I am also the Parade Safety Inspection Chair tasked with inspecting all the Porsches that will be running at the Autocross on Wednesday and Thursday. I am looking forward to this Parade, as it was cancelled three years ago due to Covid. I plan to stop at Pikes Peak on my way out and on my way home I plan to stop in Las Cruces, where I went to college. I will be traveling for most of June, so I will see you at the next event in July. ■

Thank you,
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President


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We'll start this drive early and wrap with lunch:
Registration opens at 9am
First car out at 10:30am
Lunch at 12:30pm

Upon registration, please indicate whether you will attend the Tour AND Lunch or the Tour ONLY.

Registration through Club Registration (Event 13495)
<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/13495>

Last day to register for Tour AND Lunch: Tuesday, June 13
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2023 Swap Meet Recap



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*“Hi. How much is that beautiful Porsche book?
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Deal!”*

This was a typical negotiation overhead at the annual PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show and Tech Quiz sponsored by SEM.PCA on April 22, 2023. The event was held in the immaculate service department of Nikolas Motorsport on Woodward Avenue in Pontiac, just across from M1 Concourse.

Vendors started setting up their wares on long tables provided by Nikolas at 9 am. A little of everything was on display – books, model cars, wheels, tires, floor mats, all sorts of mechanical parts and Porsche accessories. At 10 am the doors opened to the shoppers and approximately sixty-five members from several PCA regions entered and meandered through the vast service area examining the items offered and socializing with fellow members, many of whom they had not seen since last year.

In addition to the swap meet, there was a concours and tech quiz. Concours judge Fred Young presented winners Alan and Jodie Klein one of his custom made trophies for their beautiful blue 993 coupe and Bill Block presented the tech award to winner, SEM president, Howard Gilson.

Additionally, host David Nikolas had a number of cars on display at the facility including his two race cars – a March 817 CanAm car and a 1988 Fabcar GTP. Also, a Porsche 904, a Porsche 906, a 993, three Ferrari’s and a Jaguar E-Type were positioned in his front showroom. All these rare autos were in immaculate condition.

The event concluded with lunch provided by Nikolas Motorsport featuring submarine sandwiches, chips, drinks and very special Porsche crest embossed cookies. Everyone had a good time and some got some great bargains. Plan to join us again next year. ■



1. SEM members checking out the For Sale items in the immaculate service area at Nikolas Motorsport.
2. Dan Conrad purchases red Cocoa floormats from Dave Renner.
3. Model Cars, books and accessories offered for sale.
4. A collection of Porsche books offered for sale by Bill Block.
5. A Yellow 904 in the showroom.
6. A pristine Porsche 906 also in the showroom.
7. Host Dave Nikolas' Fabcar race car.

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1. Concours winners Al and Jodi Klein.
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2. Concours winners Al and Jodi Klein next to their
beautiful Miami Blue Porsche 911 (993).



3. Delicious, artful Porsche logo cookies supplied by
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4. Tech Quiz winner President Howard Gilson
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Wheel Alignment

Wheel alignment at first consideration would seem to be a very simple problem to solve. After all there are only four wheels and three axes to control, camber or top to bottom tilt of the wheel, toe the inward or outward pointing of the wheel and castor the angle of the wheel relative to the ground. These dimensions are applied independently to each wheel, act in concert with each other and dynamically in reaction to forces applied to the wheel based on an operator's inputs and road reactions. How complicated could that be? As it turns out it is almost infinitely complicated. The measurement and adjustments are also almost infinitely complicated and at the same time critical to efficient and safe operation. It also requires very specialized tools and very specialized mechanical skills.

Different alignment settings have different consequences on the driving feel and car response to driving situations. To begin with, the alignment settings that your Porsche originally came with are more than adequate for the majority of driving that will occur. Porsche engineers have to take into account not only how the majority of driving will occur, but also the safest possible outcomes that the car will be subject to by the average driver. That's right, Porsche knows that their owners are for the most part better drivers than the average and they set up the handling of the Porsches to take that into account. But, at the same time handling can be optimized to increase feedback and make the car more enjoyable and predictable to drive. Being informed enthusiasts we often want to change the suspension set up to bias it toward different performance objectives such as occasional track use.

Any modifications usually end up being a compromise of some sort. Setting the suspension to racing specifications usually results in an uncomfortable or even unsafe street driving handling. If the car is never street driven and is towed on a trailer to track events you may not consider the optimized set up to be an issue. Also be prepared to accept sometimes extreme suspension and tire wear which may be acceptable on a race car, but not so much on a street driven car. The other consideration of car suspension set up is the tires that are being used. On a race car it is acceptable and even expected that the tire wear will be excessive. It is quite normal that tires will lose their performance over short distances of even less than 100 miles. Race cars usually have suspension setting checked and modified almost every time they hit the track. Every competent race team owns their own alignment set up rig and often dedicates mechanics specifically to suspension set up. For anything less than a dedicated race car this would be unacceptable. Yet in the quest for the optimum performing car, many manufacturers are willing to use tires with very short wear life to provide handling performance better than the competition can deliver. Considering the low miles that are usually put on most high performance cars this may be acceptable. Also consider that given the low use it is quite likely that performance tires will age out their four year safe life expectancy long before the tread disappears.

Production cars have suspension settings that are combinations of compromises trading off wear against comfort, safety and performance. A standard suspension set up for a Porsche biases these settings toward performance, but also consistency that results in being able to extract a higher level of performance with feedback. This ensures being able to extract performance in a confidence inspiring manner. Again, it considers that driving skills are only reached with driver confidence. Any erratic chassis reaction makes it very difficult to explore handling limits with any degree of repeatability. Throw in road irregularities and it is an accident waiting to happen or at a minimum much more excitement than desired or intended.

That is precisely why most good suspension set ups have a mild degree of under steer built in. The same goes for wheel toe in on the front and rear wheels. Understand that the range of motion that wheels go through is not linear by design. Engineers design wheel travel to optimize the contact patch of the tire through many variables of vehicle pitch and roll as well as dive and squat on braking and acceleration. Spring rates and shock absorbing settings can have just as large effect on suspension settings as tire pressure setting have. Negative camber or leaning the tire into a corner can increase cornering grip, but be assured that there are serious consequences on tire performance and wear.

If you are going to deviate from OEM manufacturer suspension settings you should be aware of the consequences of the newly compromised settings. Better yet, take advantage of the knowledge of the mechanic that you use. In my opinion mechanics with race experience are excellent sources of what works and what doesn't. For an example, Tim Pott is a very successful 914 racer. When I sought help with my 914-6 GT it already had chassis and suspension modifications adapted for racing. With alignment settings performed by Tim, it became a phenomenal performing track car. Since I trailered the car to and from the track I could mount racing tires and accept rapid tread wear. On my 1972 Carrera RS tribute I had many track optimized suspension components, but I intended to do mostly street driving with occasional track outings. Road manners and tread life were of some consideration. In that case, I used Howard Gilson to create an easy to drive optimized set up.

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Information about the drive: We would drive together on Friday, July 7th, 2023. We would leave around 3pm and take the back roads. We would arrive in time for dinner together and stay overnight (optional group hotel is available).

Registration: <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/13405>



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2023 Spring Tour Recap

The 2023 driving season is finally upon us. Despite Michigan DoTs best effort to hamper any driving enjoyment this year, the SEM PCA Spring Tour was a well-attended success! A record 77 cars turned out for an excellent season opening spring drive. Even though it rained in the morning the weather cleared up and gave us a partly cloudy afternoon (is Lucas’s curse finally being lifted?).

Our starting location was at Munk’s Motors in Waterford. Registration opened at 2PM and the first car out was at 3:30PM. Attendees were able to walk through the shop and around the grounds to appreciate all of the beautiful vehicles in attendance and boy were there a lot of Porsches. The turnout was so large that we ran out of space to park cars. Even with the “every road you turn on has construction” happening this year we were able to put together an enjoyable albeit challenging route. The route this year took us around several lakes and under plenty of newly bloomed trees. It was the first real nice weather day of spring and a lot of people were out for a Sunday afternoon drive including us.

We traversed several towns including West Bloomfield, Walled Lake, Novi and Northville. There were several great views across lakes and down tree covered roads. It was also a bit of an architectural tour as we passed many nice houses along the lakes. The roads themselves were a bit of a mix. There were several twisty roads, roundabouts and cruising along the lakes. We were able to bypass active construction cones, however construction traffic and random rough patches added a challenge to the drive.

Dinner was held at Granite City Food and Brewery off of 7 Mile in Northville. We had a private room for our group and we filled every inch to accommodate as many participants as possible. The food was great and the company was even better. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and made this another very successful event!

A special thanks to Lucas Phan, Howard Gilson, Jeff Boes, Bobby Tarchinski, Dan Conrad, Roger Tayloe, Kyle Bohr and Jim Williams who all helped make this event possible. P.S. For anyone wondering why there was a random Blue Subaru WRX STi in the mix and leading Group 7, that was me. My 2018 718 Cayman was totaled by an 8 point buck last November. Its replacement will be here this summer and I look forward to bringing it to our future events. ■

2023 Spring Tour Recap (continued)



1., 4. & 5. A record 77 cars turned out for the Spring Tour. Parking was at a premium at Munk’s.

2. Kyle Bohr working the registration desk.

3. SEM members renew friendships after the long winter.



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Many new members and first time participants were at the Spring Tour.



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10. & 11. The Spring Tour participants filled the Granite City Food and Brewery private dining room to capacity.

12. A large open lot was available at the restaurant so the club could park together.

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P6er's Traveling to Treffen 2021

STORY BY PAULA TRENDOV
MUSEUM PHOTOS BY KIRO TRENDOV

Full was in full bloom as we started our road trip with Tim and Christina (Cubanski) in Kalamazoo, MI for Treffen 2021. October 15th from 10th. Dale and Marilyn Goff were traveling the northern coast from their home and meeting us at the American Club Resort, which I have to say was again on over the top scenic drive. Driving up we were impressed with the beautiful grounds and the wonderful accommodations. Thankfully there was underground parking and access for all the amazing Porsches that traveled to the event.

Early Wednesday morning, with coffee and tea in our travel mugs, we were on our way to meet up with Tim and Christina. Our biggest concern for the first leg of the trip was navigating through Chicago and if it did not disappoint. I honestly think every inch in the country was on the freeway AND road construction, oh my goodness, was everywhere. At least we were meeting, but definitely while traveling it for about an hour. Being the Porsche enthusiasts that we are, none of us admitted to any of this and we were enjoying the trip and enjoying lunch. We did have our tanks with \$400 and \$500 in cash. Through and about that.

The welcome reception offered every magazine imaginable, along with great bread (yes facts), sandwiches, and mouthwatering appetizers of smoked salmon and also a delicious cold of pepper (yes facts). Adult refreshments were provided as well. A puppy Pika Band provided the music while we all enjoyed socializing and meeting friends.

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Munk's Motors Tech Session Recap

ARTICLE BY MERRITT SCOTT COLLINS
PHOTOS BY JOHN PLANK

It started early on the morning of Munk's Motors' first in person Porsche event since fall, 2019. Just a drizzle, but enough to indicate it would be a cold gray day. We were concerned that might affect attendance, which it did, though not as the way we expected.

As it happened, the cold weather worked in our favor. Several dozen who had been looking forward to the first Q12 of the season at Woodford Hills took one look at the weather forecast, which happened to be one of the biggest tech sessions we have ever had.

"We were excited to welcome everyone back," said Chris "Munk" Munk. "It has been two years. We have missed having our Porsche community and if the attendance numbers are anything to go by, they missed us as much as we missed them."



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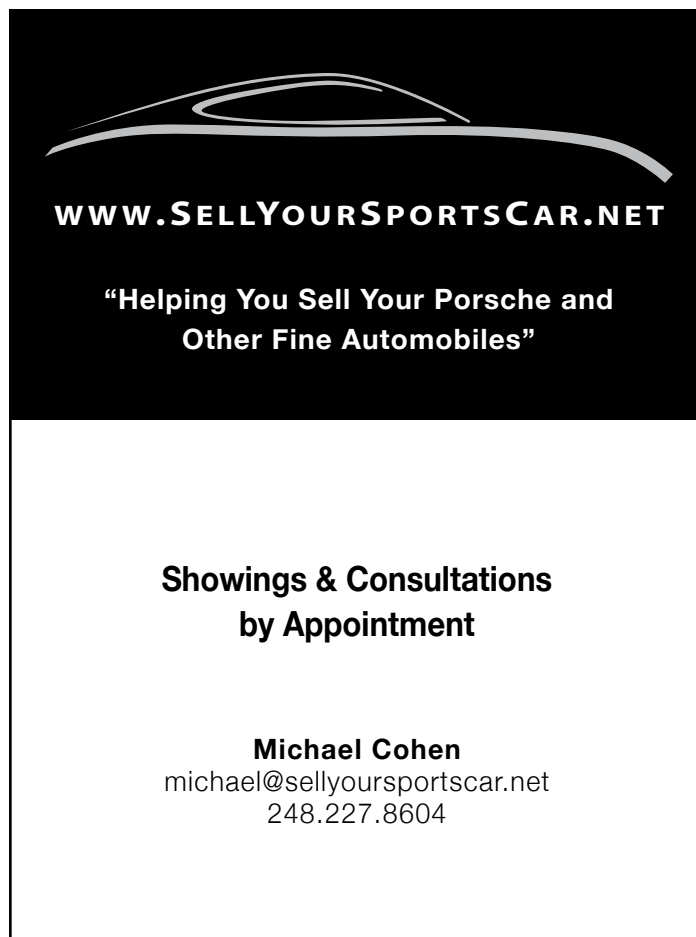
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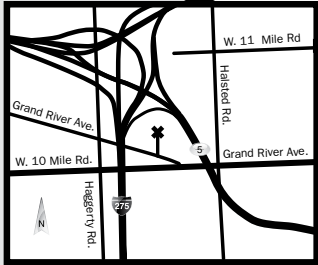
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Las Vegas to the Canyon: A Road Trip through the Desert

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY PATRICK COLEMAN

Sin City.

24/7 lights, booze, gambling, and other unmentioned forms of debauchery. It's also in close proximity to two amazing southwestern landmarks and is worth a desert road trip. Upon landing at Harry Reid International Airport, I flagged a cab to my hotel on the Vegas Strip. In past visits, I've always loved the Wynn, however this trip I decided for a change of scenery and checked into the Aria Hotel. After dinner at Joe's Seafood in the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace for stone crabs, it was time to head back to my room for a restful evening.

I awakened the next morning energized by the rising sun over the surrounding mountains. Around 9 am, I headed to Enterprise Exotics to pick up a 2023 Porsche 911 Carrera Cabriolet. The rental facility was just 1.5 miles from the strip and the onsite representative Paul was very accommodating. After some brief small talk, Paul – noting I was a long time Porsche owner, gave me 150 free miles and knocked 50% off any over mileage. It felt better than being dealt an ace and face card in blackjack! Now the real adventure was about to begin.

I made a left onto Flamingo Blvd and headed to I-215 E to jump on southbound US 93. The scenery got pretty spectacular as I headed past Henderson towards Boulder City. Traffic was light, the weather a bit cool, but no worries. The sun was beaming and the roar of the twin turbocharged flat-six in the 992 had me grinning! After a 36-minute drive and pulling into an overlook or two, I reached Exit 2 for the Hoover Dam Access Rd.

After passing through a security checkpoint (no drones nor firearms allowed), I parked the P-car and climbed stairs (there's also a ramp) to proceed to the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge. Situated above the Colorado River, the bridge is a pretty breathtaking sight, carrying US 93 over the river. It also connects Nevada to Arizona. Being on the pedestrian viewing area next to the roaring traffic on the highway is a bit surreal and unnerving. Once on the viewing portion, you can literally walk to both neighboring states.

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Las Vegas to the Canyon: A Road Trip through the Desert (continued)

There's a tourist center and the dam itself is an engineering marvel. Looking down onto the largest reservoir in the U.S., Lake Mead is astounding. The lake provides water to AZ, NV, CA and parts of Mexico. The view from the pedestrian bridge gives one a bird's eye view that is astonishing. I soon headed back to the car to drive around the canyons encircling the dam. Lots of twisties and incredible scenery, but I was careful – it was still not time to drop the cab's top because of the potential for falling rocks!

Back on US 93, I was soon in AZ, the Grand Canyon State. I continued for 57 miles and made a left onto Pierce Ferry Road in Dolan Springs, population 1,994. This was a fun road that allowed the 992's personality to really come to life. Passing the Dolan Springs Post office, I continued for 16 miles while paying attention to signs warning of cattle.

After stopping for gas and a leg stretch, it was time to let the top down! What a perfect day for open air motoring. I made a right onto Diamond Bar Road, which was one of the highlights of the drive. This road is a Porsche driver's aspiration. Lots of cork screws, blind curves and elevation changes, all while thundering through canyons. Each approaching curve surpassed the previous. Don't miss the Joshua Tree Forest. Pure driving rapture at its best.

After 17 minutes on Diamond Bar, I reached the security roundabout for Grand Canyon West. I checked into the Welcome Center where bus and helicopter tours, as well as white water rafting excursions are available. The west rim is situated on an Indian reservation, home of the Hualapai People. I took the bus to the skywalk, a glass bridge 4000 feet above the canyon. Skip the pricey photos, the bus will make a second stop where one can explore the red rocks by foot. Pictures don't begin to describe this wonder. The beauty of the canyon is simply stunning.

It was now time to head back to Las Vegas. My adrenaline started to pump at the thought of the roads I would encounter on my way back to US 93 north. Heading back towards Dolan Springs, I passed the Joshua trees, Hot Diggety Dog (a roadside restaurant that serves beef hot dogs w/nacho cheese), the local trading post and post office. As I arrived back in Vegas, I dropped the car off on Flamingo Road at the rental facility. Five hours round trip and only 18 miles over mileage.

Back at the hotel, I grabbed a burger and fries at Aria's Posh Burger. A couple of margaritas and a half hour or so at the blackjack table, I was ready to call it a day.

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1. Bird's eye view of the Hoover Dam from the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Bridge.
2. Picking up the 992 Cab from Enterprise Exotics in Vegas.



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3. Scenic overlook off US-93.
4. Grand Canyon West Rim.
5. Patrick Coleman at Grand Canyon West.
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Business Meeting Minutes* (05/04/2023) by Fred Young

MAY 4, 2023

In attendance: Board Members: Howard Gilson, Fred Young, Steve Carbary, Lisa Molzon, Lucas Phan, Marc Molzon, Chris Bohr, Walter Crump and Jim Williams. Officer: Mark VanderEyk. Guests: Michael Cohen and Chrissy Crowe.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Howard Gilson

Agenda Approval: Moved by W.C. and L.M. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes: Moved by L.M. and W.C. to approve the February minutes. Motion passed.

Financial: Jim Williams - Tax forms have been filed. It was moved by J.W. and L.M. to approve the April financials. Motion passed.

Membership: Lisa Molzon - Membership is at 1294. She is looking into rebates for previous years..

Insurance: Steve Carbary - Needed for the DE’s, Solstice Tour and Gilmore Drive.

P-4: Mark VanderEyk - Went over the content needed for the June P4.

Webmaster: Howard Gilson - The latest P4 is online.

OLD BUSINESS:

April 15: Munk’s Tech Session:

Marc Molzon did a presentation on corner balancing. Other topics including fire prevention were discussed. There was a good turnout with lunch provided

April 22: Swap Meet at Nikolas Motorsport:

Michael Cohen - It went very well. There was a smaller turnout than last year but everyone was pleased with the event. Coffee, donuts and subs were provided.

April 29: DE-101 at M-1 Concourse:

Steve Carbary - 16 mostly new people attended at an M-1 Garage.

May 7: Spring Tour:

Lucas Phan - The dinner is a sell-out. The route has been double checked.

May 20: DE #1 at M-1 Concourse:

Steve Carbary - 28 already enrolled. All set.

June 9: DE #2 at Waterford Hills:

Steve Carbary - Everything is in place.

June 17: Solstice Tour:

Lisa Molzon - It promises to be a good scenic drive and luncheon with a light meal. It was moved by L.M. and J.W for the club to purchase coffee and donuts for registration. Motion passed

June 25: Waterford Hills Family Day:

Fred Young - The concession stand will be open. It should be an excellent day with plenty of racing and parade laps.

July 8: Gilmore Car Museum: (overnight tour) -

Howard Gilson and Lucas Phan - Holiday Inn Hotel rooms are reserved for Friday. The drive is being planned.

July 15: *Rally Sport Region “Porsches in the Park”:

Jim Williams - No report.

July 29: Progressive Dinner:

Christina Gennari - People are starting to register. Host homes are still needed.

August 20: Picnic and Concours:

Fred Young - On track

September 10: 65th SEM Anniversary Party:

Howard Gilson - A preliminary budget was presented. Details are still being worked out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sponsorship, refund, and tour policies were reviewed.

Event Reports: Fred Young - None needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by M.M. and J.W. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Location:

Howard Gilson’s - Thursday, June 1, 2023

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - 5-7-23
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting



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JUNE 2023

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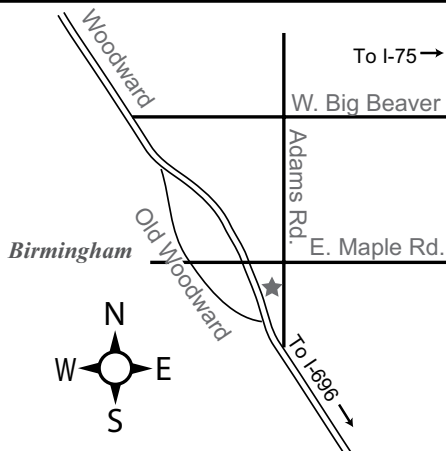
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