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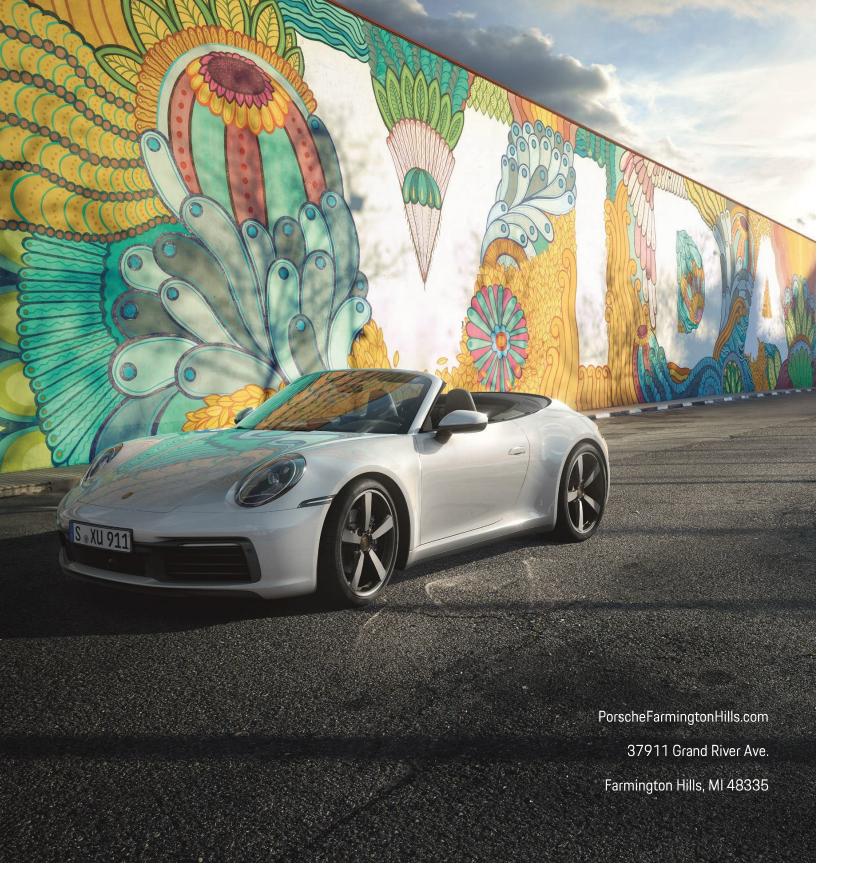
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## 2024 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

## **OCTOBER**

3 **Business Meeting** 

3-6 American Speed Festival

4-6 Fall Up North Overnight Tour

19 Fall Color Tour

## **NOVEMBER**

**Business Meeting & Planning Session** 

Street Survival School

15 Membership Dinner

## **DECEMBER**

**Business Meeting** 

**Holiday Lights Tour** 

13 **Holiday Party** 

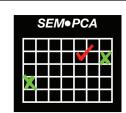
## **JANUARY 2025**

11-20 \*Detroit Auto Show

## **MAY 2025**

31-2 \*Detroit Grand Prix

\* = Not an SEMPCA Event All dates and events are subject to confirmation



The club has reset & updated the club calendar. PLEASE download the NEW SEM / PCA CALENDAR Link to instructions on how to add SEM / PCA Calendar to your PC, Laptop, iOS, Android and Windows devices. https://sem.pca.ora/2017/11/27/new-calendar/

The New SEM/PCA Website/Cellular Calendar is now ready to be DOWNLOADED Keep up to date on all the SEM / PCA events. Get the latest most up to date information.

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No.

Nov. 9th, 10 am to 3 pm

Topics TBD

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## President's Column

BY HOWARD GILSON - SEM PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Southeast Michigan PCA Members,

I would like to welcome Lisa Molzon as the Southeast Michigan PCA Vice-President. Lucas Phan, resigned due to family, work and change of location factors. Lucas will still be helping the Southeast Michigan PCA with tours and other events even though he will be in Florida part of the time. Thank you to both Lucas Phan for all the hard work that he has done for the Southeast Michigan PCA and also to Lisa Molzon for stepping up and accepting the Vice-Presidency on short notice, I know Lisa will be a great Vice-President and President when the time comes.

The Hocking Hills / Ohio 555 overnight tour was an amazing success. With 39 people and 19 car we had four group leads-Chris Bohr, Andrew Vincent, Lucas Phan and myself. We started the event by gathering at the Travel

Center off I-75 and then caravanned down to Ohio in a couple of groups, as we couldn't get everyone together leaving the starting location. We had one stop along the way for a break and restrooms. We arrived at the host hotel and once checked in, gathered at Roosters Restaurant across from the hotel. The food and service were very good and some even gathered at Roosters the second night. Chris and Lucas did another fantastic job with the tour route and the lunch stop. The roads were hilly and twisty at times, but there was little to no traffic. At the end of the tour some participants gathered at a local bar, others started their travels home and the remainder went back to the hotel. I was able to help Lucas load his 997 onto the trailer and say my good bye, as he was traveling to Florida that evening.

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The Southeast Michigan PCA members at the Ohio Overnight Tour.

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The last HPDE of the season was at Waterford Hills on The Fall Color Tour will be on Saturday, October 19th this September 7th and even though the weather was cold that day, we all had a great time. Thank you to Marc Molzon, Lisa Molzon and Steve Carbary for organizing the HPDEs for the 2024 season. Students are already looking forward to the 2025 season. I would also like to thank all of the instructors that help teach the students in the classroom and passenger seat. I know it takes a lot of experience and I would also like to mention the Street Survival School that knowledge to become an instructor and not everyone can teach driving skills to our students. I would like to also thank our sponsors, Munk's Motors and Nikolas Motorsport, for their continued support of the HPDE program.

The Drive Your Porsche Day was on September 22nd this year and Gary and Pat Ambrus did a fantastic job of organizing this year's event. We started off in Livonia and ended at a Hungarian Restaurant. The food was very good and the conversation among members was great. Happy Birthday to Ferry Porsche.

The second overnight tour, Michigan Up North, is October 4th thru the 6th. We have 10 cars signed up for the event and this will be our first Michigan Up North Tour with our new driving focused format. We expected light attendance, but we will repeat the tour in a few years for those that missed out on this one. I am really looking forward to this event and feel that the fall colors will be amazing.

year. Please come out and join us for cider and donuts at the starting location. We will have a great tour that Chris Bohr has planned followed by dinner for those who would like to join us. Please signup early for this event as it is the club's largest tour of the year.

the Southeast Michigan PCA has planned for November 9th at M1 Concourse. This will be our session at the M1 Concourse and it should be a great location for the event. If you have a teen driver in the family, this is a great event for them to learn car control in a safe environment. Southeast Michigan is one of the few regions of PCA that offers a Street Survival School for its members and teens in the area. Please sign up early as last year's Street Survival School was sold out. Thanks to Marc and Lisa Molzon for organizing this event.

Thank you, Drive with Spirit!!!

Howard Gilson President Southeast Michigan Region Porsche Club of America

## The last stop of the Ohio Hocking Hills / 555 overnight tour.





## SPONSORED EVENT

## Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 19th, 2024



The Fall Color Tour is the last drive of the season, but it is usually the best attended. Plan now to take a drive through the beautiful Michigan countryside, cider + donut and dinner together. Event starts at 2:30PM with dinner at 5:30PM.

Cancelation deadline for full refund is 10/11/24



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## SEM/PCA Board of Directors

## October 2024 Election Two Year Term (2025-2026)

## **Candidate Biographies**



### **CEDRIC ALEXANIAN:**

Cedric's love for cars and Porsche began when he was 5. He knew when he was 10 that he wanted to be an Automotive Engineer. Growing up in Europe, he always felt Porsche represented the best of German engineering for enthusiasts, including his father who always dreamed of having a 911. Cedric bought his first Porsche, a 997 4S, in 2013 to gift to his father as a thank you for all his love, hard work and sacrifices

for the family. Cedric studied Automotive Engineering and spent a year in Stuttgart before moving to Detroit in 2004. Naturally, Cedric joined SEM/PCA in 2016 after buying a 996 Carrera 2 convertible, so he could take his family with him while driving his favorite sports car. Unfortunately, he did not participate in many SEM events until 2023, as he spent 5 years working in Mexico. Cedric has been an active SEM member in the past 2 years, attending as many events as his schedule allows. He enjoys the friendship of the members, the driving tours and HPDE days. He has participated in several tours, including being a group leader for the Spring and Fall events. Last November, he volunteered to be an instructor for Street Survival School. He likes to promote joining SEM and participating HPDEs to his friends. Cedric has participated in all track days since 2023 with his 991 GT3 Touring. During his free time, he enjoys working on his Porsches, doing maintenance and improvements, and is always ready to help other members also. Cedric has attended multiple Business Meetings as a listener, so he could gain a better understanding of how the club is being run. He is looking forward to joining and serving on the Board of Directors, helping with new member integration, promoting the club, plus assisting with the organization of HPDEs and tours.



### **HOWARD GILSON:**

Howard joined the Southeast Michigan PCA in 1994 when he purchased his first Porsche, a 1975 Silver Anniversary 911S Targa, and soon became a regular at the driver education events, worked to become an advanced Porsche driver and continues to participate in and support the HPDE program. He currently owns several Porsches including a 1996 993 Carrera 4S, a 2011 Boxster Spyder and a daily driver Panamera 4S Sport

Turismo. From the beginning he volunteered at the club races until SEM ended them. He has also planned many driving events and tours including, but not limited to, Spring Tours, Fall Color Tours, Progressive Dinners and Drive Your Porsche Day Tours, has been an Instructor for the Street Survival School and volunteers at many other events. He is also a lead driver for many tours, where keeping the individual participants together as a group is a major objective. On the National level, Howard has been the PCA Porsche Parade Safety Tech Inspection Chair since the 2013 Parade in Traverse City and is looking forward to serving his 11th time in this position at the Oklahoma City 2025 Parade. Howard was named SEM enthusiast of the year for 2002. He was President of the Southeast Michigan PCA in 2015-2016 and again in 2023-2024. Howard continues to help with club activities, tours and overnight trips, keeping the club members enjoyment as his driving motivation for being on the Board of Directors for the Southeast Michigan PCA.



## **LISA MOLZON:**

Lisa married into the Porsche family in 2012 and has embraced the SEM/PCA Region by volunteering for events, becoming a Board Member in 2018 and now serving as Vice-President. As the Registrar for and a participant in the High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events, she meets and drives with many Porsche driving enthusiasts at the track. Lisa has also been actively involved with the annual Teen Street Survival

School since SEM/PCA started hosting this important program. As a member of the Board of Directors, she has contributed to the club by developing and documenting guidelines for the club including cancellation/refund and financial policies, while also serving as Membership Chair. Five years ago she developed and began Chairing the Solstice Tour, introducing a summer morning drive tour to the range of events offered to SEM members.



## **ROBERT TARCHINSKI:**

Bobby joined SEM PCA in February 2019, just two days after purchasing his first Porsche, an Arctic Silver 1999 911, type 996. Since then, he has enjoyed participating in numerous events, including tech sessions, the Holiday Party, the Picnic and Concours, several overnight driving tours and the Spring, Fall and Solstice driving tours. Bobby has volunteered at many events and served as a group lead driver for multiple driving

tours, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

His favorite SEM event was the 2022 trip to the Indiana Nurburgring, where the group drove delightfully twisty roads and, just as important, enjoyed camaraderie that was second to none. Through these events, Bobby and his wife Nita have had the opportunity to develop friendships with fellow enthusiasts. He has also attended two National Porsche Parades: the 2022 edition in Pocono Manor, PA, and the 2023 edition in Palm Springs, CA, where he gained a deeper understanding of the national PCA organization.

Bobby enjoys volunteering at both national and regional PCA events because he loves meeting new people and connecting through shared interests. He is running for the SEM PCA board with the goal of positively impacting the club and helping plan great events for the membership, listening to others' ideas while bringing his own. With his enthusiasm and drive, Bobby is ready to help organize the next generation of successful SEM events.

Thank you for your consideration, and remember, Never Lift!



"It's not just the cars, it's the people"

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## Southeast Michigan Region / Porsche Club of America 2024 Election Ballot - Board of Directors

Four of the nine positions on the board are up for election.

The candidates for the two year term (2025 -2026) are listed below.

Each SEM member and their affiliate member can vote

for up to four candidates to fill the open positions.

Please fill out the form completely or it will not be counted.

Please submit your ballot either in person at the
Fall Color Tour on October 19, 2024
or by mail (must be postmarked by October 26 and received by October 31, 2024) to
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## **VOTE FOR FOUR CANDIDATES**

| Can                | didate         | Member              | Affiliate |   |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|---|
| Ced                | ric Alexanian  |                     |           |   |
| Hov                | ward Gilson    |                     |           |   |
| Lisa               | Molzon         |                     |           |   |
| Rob                | ert Tarchinski |                     |           |   |
|                    |                |                     |           |   |
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| Member Signature   |                | Affiliate Signature |           | _ |
| Member Number      |                | Affiliate Number    |           | _ |

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## 2024 SEM Picnic and Concours



ARTICLE BY LISA MOLZON - VICE PRESIDENT

PHOTOS BY LISA MOLZON AND HOWARD GILSON

Every year we hope Mother Nature will provide a favorable day for our Annual Southeast Michigan Region Porsche Club of America (SEM/PCA) Picnic & Concours. For the 103+ SEM friends and family that attended, our hopes were rewarded with lovely weather on Sunday, August 18th.

All morning, Members were putting the final touches on the Concours vehicle entries. Yes, a brand-new Porsche may require less effort to get in tip-top shape - but many of our seasoned Concours attendees and judges know the true amount of labor necessary to ensure spotless, polished, gleaming vehicles for judging. At 11:30, with all cleaning and detailing completed, the judging started with nine trained Concours judges taking to the parking lot with clipboards in-hand.

Meanwhile, other SEM Members started showing-up throughout the late morning, each bringing their side dish, breakfast item or dessert as part of the entry to enjoy the event. Everyone was eager to catch-up with friends and walk-through our very own SEM "car show."

We all know the effort it takes to have an enjoyable backyard cookout for 4,8 or 10 people. It's no small feat to ensure that food is ready on-time and simultaneously come mealtime. Our team of Members puts forth an amazing effort to meet the expectations of all attendees. And as everyone finds a seat with their lunch plate nearly overflowing, the reward is the quiet that descends as everyone savors the meal. From salmon, ribs, chicken, sausage and asparagus to all the homemade side dishes, salads and casseroles — and also the delectable desserts: pies, cookies, pastries, cakes, and brownies — the range of food is sure to please even the pickiest eater.

With everyone full, and some going up for an additional dessert, the Concours awards started. With so many different vehicles on display, ranging from 1965 to 2025 and with just about every model represented, numerous categories were established for the awards. The coveted "People's Choice" awards were bestowed upon Bill Block and Roger Tayloe. With 26 trophies awarded this year, many of our Members went home "winners."

It truly "Takes a Village." Without the passion and commitment of many SEM Members, we wouldn't have such a full and festive day. Here is a peek into the work that goes into this annual event:

-Fred Young leads the efforts around the Concours: coordinating entries, recruiting qualified judges, enlisting the assistance of his wife, Kathy, to aid in tallying scores through lunch, generating the annual award design, AND crafting each and every trophy by hand through the winter months.

-Patti Door leads the coordination of the Picnic set-up: bringing all of the items needed for a successful and eye-catching display, the utensils/stands/displays/plates/napkins/beverages, organizing all side dishes and desserts with registered attendees, AND bringing morning breakfast fare - bacon, coffee cake and her wonderful sausage/egg/cheese biscuits. She is the event's matriarch, the one everyone goes to with questions and when offering help during the day.

-Tom Grabowski as Head Chef leads the overall grilling and cooking during the day. But, there's also all of the planning and preparing in the weeks leading-up to the day ensuring that all culinary details are not forgotten. The small sprig of dill on the salmon, the sauce on the ribs, the spices...all the necessary items to elevate the picnic main dishes. Anyone witnessing Tom at work in his makeshift outdoor kitchen, knows he is pouring his heart and soul and all energy into our mouthwatering meal.

-Lucas Phan and Chris Bohr have stepped-up the logistic efforts of the picnic over the past few years - it is no longer possible to bring everything in a can or a couple pick-ups, a U-Haul trailer is now necessary to transport all picnic items. Accompanied by Kyle Bohr, they provide much of the manpower to load-up, unpack, assist with grilling, then load back up and return all items to the appropriate homes.

-Lori Williams welcomes Members showing-up for the day. She collects the lunch fee and provides wristbands and a smile to each member as she catches-up with each person attending.

-Jamie and Joann Coobatis, Deb and Dave Miller, plus Andrew Vincent can be counted upon year after year to assist with the pavilion set-up and clean-up. There are so many others that lend a hand to make the day enjoyable - and we are thankful to each and every one!

And a big "Thank You" to our 2024 SEM Picnic & Concours sponsor, Munk's Motors! Both Chris and Elaine Braden (proprietors, SEM Members, Porsche owner enthusiasts and supporters) were on-hand to enjoy the day and to share some history and stories of Munk's.

Overall, it was a glorious day filled with friends, family, food and fantastic vehicles. At the end of the afternoon, with less than a dozen Members left after clean-up, Mother Nature decided to help wash things up a bit and opened the rainclouds. It was perfect timing.



- 1. Club member's Porsches detailed and waiting for Concours judging to begin.
- 2. A 100+ SEM members, family and friends attended the picnic.
- 3. Patti Door and Lisa Molzon fresh and ready to begin Picnic set-up.





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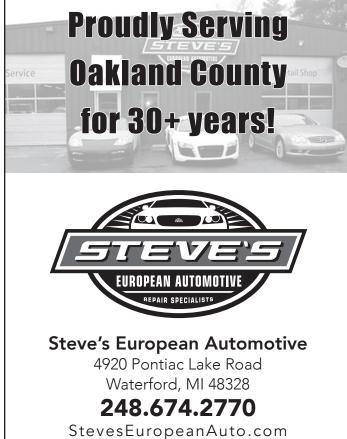
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## **2024 CONCOURS AWARDS\***

| People | e's Choice |
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Bill Block 911 1984 Guards Red Cabriolet Roger Tayloe Both cars also placed first in class

## 924 - 928 - 944 - 968 Class

1983 Kalahari Beige 944 Jamie Coobatis

## **Boxster - Cayman Class**

| 2016 | GT Silver  | Spyder    | Cabriolet | Daniel Conrac |
|------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 2016 | Red        | Cayman    | Coupe     | Mitch Sparks  |
| 2013 | Agate Grey | Boxster S | Cabriolet | Dave Barko    |

## 911 – 912 – 914 before 1994 Class

| 1988 | Granite Green   | 930    | Coupe | Eric Chau         |
|------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| 1977 | Sienna Metallic | 911 S  | Coupe | Andy Rosenberg    |
| 1977 | Silver          | 930    | Coupe | Marc Molzon       |
| 1973 | Red             | 914    | Targa | John Thurwacmter  |
| 1976 | Yellow          | 914    | Targa | Alan & Jodi Klein |
| 1983 | Red             | 911 SC | Coupe | Dick McClelland   |

## 1995 - 2003 - 911 Class

| 1995 | 2005 - 711 Class |        |           |                         |
|------|------------------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 2003 | Black            | 996 4S | Carrera   | Carlos & Veronica Carmo |
| 2000 | Black            | 996    | Cabriolet | Denise Tayloe           |
| 2000 | Vesuvio          | 996    | Coupe     | Bruce Gearns            |
| 2003 | Arctic Silver    | 996    | Coupe     | Dennis Som              |
| 1999 | Vesuvio          | 996    | Coupe     | Donna Lober             |
| 2002 | Silver           | 996    | Targa     | Tim Varzembowski        |

## 2004 - 2012 - 911 Class

| 2004 | Black | 996 4S    | Coupe     | Mark Vander Eyk |
|------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2008 | Black | 997 Turbo | Cabriolet | Michael Cohen   |

### 2013 and Up - 911 Class

| 2020 | Dolomite Silver | 992 | Coupe       | Jeff Boes        |
|------|-----------------|-----|-------------|------------------|
| 2023 | Shark Blue      | 992 | Coupe       | Bob & Peggy Boga |
| 2024 | Gray            | 992 | Coupe       | Kero Trendov     |
| 2019 | Blue            | 991 | Targa 4 GTS | Suzanne Gilson   |
| 2024 | Shark Blue      | 992 | Coupe       | Chuck Hagen      |
|      |                 |     |             |                  |

### Panamera & SUV's

2018 Volcano Grey Met. Panamera Sport Turismo Howard Gilson

\*Entrants are ranked in the order of finish.

FCY 8-19-24

Many thanks to our dedicated judges: Bruce Gearns, John Khami, Howard Gilson, Michael Cohen, Roger Tayloe, Dan Conrad, Chris Conrad and Jim Williams along with guest judge, Charles Hagen from the Motorstadt Region.

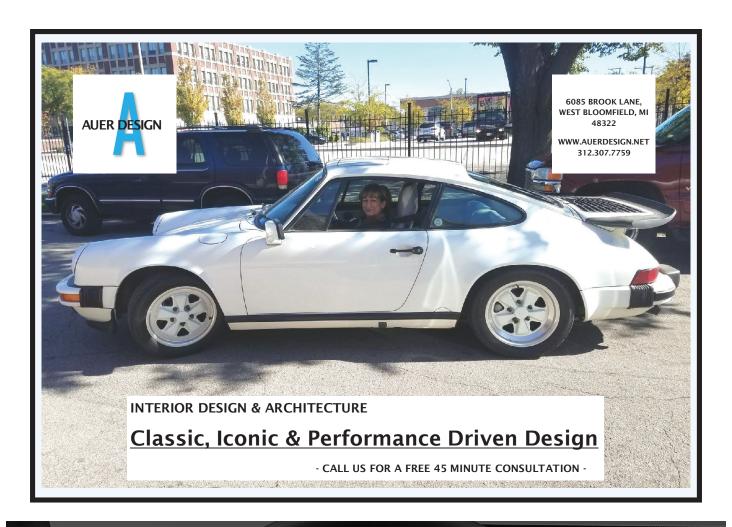






- 4. Jeff Boes finishes final detailing on his Porsche.
- 5. Both Suzanne and son Howard Gilson were Concours award winners.
- 6. The Tayloe family show off their two Concours awards.

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## IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS -



## 2024 Annual SEM/PCA Membership Dinner Friday, November 15th, 6-9pm

SEM/PCA members are welcome to join us for socializing, dinner, and our Guest Speaker: Larry Webster at The Alibi of Troy restaurant.

Larry is well-known in the auto industry as a current author at Hagerty Media, former Editor-in-Chief at Road & Track Magazine and amateur race car driver.

Our private dining room is limited to a seating of 50 - so register today.

Register and view details/menu selections on Club Registration (Event 14997) https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/14997 or scan QR code below

Registration Deadline: Noon, Friday, November 1st



Contact Lisa Molzon with Questions: 248.318.1570 or LakeLisaS@gmail.com



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## Ohio 555 and Hocking Hills Overnight Tour

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The first overnight event this year was down to Ohio to drive the 555 (The Triple Nickel) and Hocking Hills. We were in the area last in June 2021. Unlike the 2021 event, which was a big multi-region gathering, we chose to keep this one smaller. There was a stronger interest from our members than originally estimated and we were able to assemble a group of 19 cars and 39 people.

If you haven't been to the Southeast Ohio area before, this part of the state is completely different from the rest. The roads have lots of elevation and direction changes, making it quite the drive if you enjoy roller coasters. Hocking Hills is known for its camping and hiking, but the drive through the woods and along the creek make it a very scenic excursion. It's advised to drive through this area in the morning before traffic builds, as there is a nice flow to the roads as long as you are not stuck behind slow moving vehicles. The 555 is a sixty-six mile rural country roller coaster road. The crests are steep enough that vehicles disappear from your view of the horizon, even at relatively close distance. This is sometimes quickly followed by several tight turns on the way down. You need to be on top of your driving game to stay on the road.

This two day event included a caravan down on Friday and a drive on Saturday. The weather was great with plenty of sunshine and a bit of heat for both days. The caravan down on Friday consisted of 18 vehicles. We left the T/A Travel Center in Monroe at 1:30 PM and arrived in Circleville Ohio around 5:30 PM. There was a bit of traffic as we hit Columbus, however we were able to keep on schedule. Most participants had dinner at Roosters, which was across the parking lot from the hotel. Roosters' slogan is "a fun, casual joint" and that held true for our visit. The food was good and quite a bit cheaper than Metro Detroit. After dinner, our group took over the lobby of the hotel for a tech session to help everyone preload a map of the area to ensure a smooth drive the next day. The group soon broke into several lively discussions for the rest of the evening. We started Saturday morning with breakfast in the hotel and then proceeded to move to the staging area down the street at a Shell station. We staged 19 vehicles into four groups with the leads for the groups being Chris Bohr, Andrew Vincent, Howard Gilson and Lucas Phan. The

group departed east at 8:15 AM heading towards Hocking Hills. It was a 45 minute warmup commute through the Ohio countryside to reach the Hocking Hills area. Traffic was light and the drive was enjoyable as we descended down to the creek and ascended back up the hill side. The area is heavily forested which allowed the sounds from our vehicles to reverberate back through the group for more audible enjoyment. Once clear of the forest, we paused at our first stop of the day for fuel and a short break. We then had a 50 minute highway commute east, all the way to the West Virginia border. Once we reached the state border we made our second rest stop for the day. The second stop positioned us at the bottom of the 555.

After departing the second stop, the group headed north on the 555. Ahead of us was a 40 mile run to lunch covering 2/3rds of the 555. Over the next 60 minutes, the group was treated to a very twisty and winding road with little traffic spoiling the fun. We saw more motorcycles than cars heading southbound as we continued to travel north. The 555 starts out pretty tame, but quickly ramps up the excitement as you continue onwards. For the 2021 event we traveled north to south, this year we did the opposite. There is a drastic difference on the challenge of the 555 depending on which direction you travel. Traveling north to south you have a fast up and slow down on the crests. South to north makes this even more exciting as you have a slow up and fast down.

Our lunch stop was at Burr Oak Lodge and Conference Center, just off the 555 and out in the middle of nowhere. Don't let that deter you from visiting it though, as it's a very scenic stop with good food. Burr Oak is a one stop shop as it's a hotel, restaurant, camping site and conference center. Our original plan was to have lunch in the restaurant, however they have a party limit of 25 people. Once over 25 people, they require you book a private room with catering. We arrived for lunch just after 12PM. As it turned out, booking the catered lunch in the Lakeview Lobby worked to our advantage and afforded us an unobstructed view of the lake with a private balcony. The food was good and everyone enjoyed a bit of down time before our scheduled departure at 2PM.

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- 1. Drivers meeting at the beginning of the caravan.
- 2. The starting point for the caravan was the T/A Travel Center in Monroe.
- 3. Driving through the Ohio countryside to the Hocking HIlls area.
- 4. Friday evening dinner at Roosters Restaurant.

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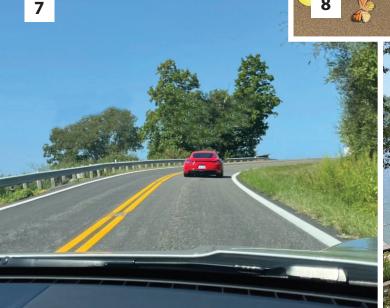


- 6. Touring the Hocking Hills area.
- 7. Driving Ohio 555.



SOUTHEAST

9. The lunch view at Burr Oak Lodge.





Before we headed out on the last driving segment of the day, Lucas Phan gathered everyone and led the group in singing happy birthday to Jim Williams. We then departed and continued north on the 555. The road continued to not disappoint for the next 50 minutes as we finished the route. We reached the town of South Zanesville and headed west to our end location, continuing on back roads through a more traditional Ohio countryside to Buckeye Lake. We had planned to stop at the Boat Yard on Buckeye Lake, however as it was a sunny and hot Saturday everyone was at the lake and the place was packed. We detoured to a nearby parking lot to gather everyone.

Even though we were a bit disappointed due to the final stop detour, the group was still able to gather and talk at the end of the drive. There were many happy smiling faces as stories were swapped about the day's events. As the event drew to a close, we dispersed into three groups. The first group headed across the street to a restaurant, the second group headed to the hotel and the third group headed back to Michigan.

Thank you to all who participated and a special thank you to Andrew, Howard and Lucas for volunteering. This was another great event thanks to everyone's participation.



- 10. Ohio Overnight Tour participants.
- 11. Birthday Boy Jim Williams.
- 12. The final stop of the Ohio Hocking Hills / 555 Overnight Tour.





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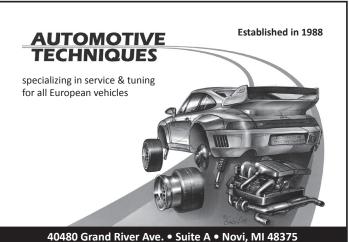
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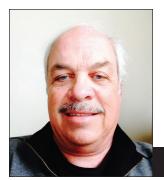


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## **Compromises**



ARTICLE BY TOM FIELITZ - SEM MEMBER

I am convinced that Porsche owners are the eternal optimists when it comes to accepting compromises to their modified Porsches. Also, I have to admit that I may be the most optimistic of all based on my history of making questionable updates to the Porsches I have owned over the years. How else could I explain not being able to leave a perfect completely stock car alone and customizing it, even when there was nothing about the car that needed changing. I could even convince myself that I had made a worthwhile upgrade when I effectively compromised the car in many aspects. I preach the idea that Porsche designs their cars to be optimum in terms of overall performance as they are delivered. In fact, I am more susceptible than most when it comes to seeking a car that is unique to me and is an improvement in many areas. As I have often said, the amount of improvement is always related to how much I have lightened my bank account. Cheap solutions never seem to be worthwhile.

Of course, we would never buy a car with obvious faults. Fortunately, our Porsches come equipped near to perfection. Teams of engineers sweat out every last detail and test to great depth to assure that performance is beyond reproach or failure. Granted an occasional recall always seems to creep in. But, for the most part there is very little room for improvement. Not that this seems to dissuade us from adding the occasional alteration. The bottom line is that in all my years of Porsche ownership, I have never had to modify my cars in the interest of correcting a compromise. On the other hand, there have been plenty of modifications that have created a compromise although the intent may have been to create an improvement. The problem always seems to be that there was no way to be assured that the change would actually be an improvement. Of course, once the change was installed there was no way I would accept defeat and remove the update. It was better to accept the compromise than to admit my mistake. The best update of all was the cheap or better yet free update. It didn't seem to matter that if a small change could improve the car why didn't Porsche do it in the first place?

The one compromise that could not be overlooked was anything involving safety. Yet, that was often an area that accepted some compromise. The manufacturer

doesn't have that option of not putting safety first even if it does introduce a compromise. Yet, we gleefully make changes to safety systems and other areas that compromise the operation or maintenance of the car. We also accept performance enhancements that compromise ride quality, if not the actual performance of the car. When it comes to adjustment settings to springs, shocks or sway bars we often go for the highest performance settings even when they might actually cause some loss of performance. The modern equivalent of this is the optional sport settings, which are actually better off left in the default setting. I've often found out that the more options there are just creates more opportunities to set them wrong. That obviously doesn't dissuade manufacturers from adding more options every year.

It is actually difficult for me to suggest modifications that don't result in a compromise. Obviously, any change should be preceded by some research. Preferably the research precedes the actual purchase. The best advice is to seek out an actual successful change that someone else has performed. The Internet is a very useful tool for research, but is not always infallible or even true. A simple example would be valve stem caps. How much trouble could that possibly cause? Well if your valve stems are attached to pressure sensors and made out of aluminum, a metal valve cap can weld itself to the stem through anodized interaction of metals. Suddenly, the original plastic valve caps begin to make sense. Changing car seats would seem to be an easy upgrade until you find that they sit slightly taller from the floor causing head and steering wheel interference. A short throw shifter seems perfect until you find that it makes the throw stiff and difficult to find the right gear. A small steering wheel feels sporty until it makes the steering very heavy and reduces leverage, which strains the shoulders besides making it difficult to precisely guide the car. Does it become obvious that these are lessons I learned from direct experience?

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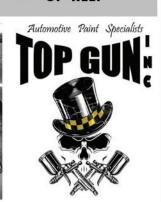
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## DE #4 at Waterford Hills





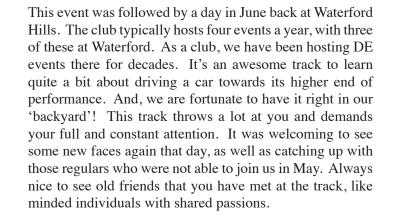
ARTICLE BY STEVE CARBARY - DE CHAIR

PHOTOS BY LISA MOLZON

The Southeast Michigan Driver Education series came to a close on September 7th this year, as our final event of the 2024 season was held at Waterford Hills. This has been a terrific year of days filled with mostly excellent weather, good people, and of course, outstanding cars. What fun. Getting to attend and organize events like these are something that brings me joy every year. This has been my 12th year as the Driver Education Chair for our club. Where has the time gone ...?

We began the year in May at M1 Concourse. That event, being our season opener, was tailored to beginners, those coming out for their initial day. A quote from the national website states about Driver Education events: "One giant word of caution: this adventure can become very

addictive." This is why I mentioned this being some of the beginners 'Initial Day'. The turn-out was tremendous! I received and placed many calls ahead of the day to ensure everyone had all the information they needed to prepare. Some people had already attended our annual DE-101 held in April, so they were well ahead of the game. A great way to start. Others were very receptive and we managed to get the season off to a roaring start. A large number of our more accomplished regulars also did not let the opportunity to drive M1 pass them by and came out as well. We had a wide range of experience levels and it was inspiring to see the span of cars lapping the course in different groups. The smiles at the end of every session makes it all worth the effort.



We were at the track again in early August for another DE. This was our most attended event this year. It was a 'full house' and everyone was ready to go. Lots of excitement and energy during our usual morning routine. The registration, track walk and classroom were clicking right along. Ok enough of that, let's get some cars on track! This always gets everyone pumped up as the instructors are always on track first. You know the day is going to be good for sure when you hear the engines rev and the tires start to sing (as we call it). The event continued from there with students taking to the track, a few more classroom sessions, catered lunch and even more track time for everyone. Can't get enough of that stuff.

That brings us to our last event of this season, as I mentioned previously. This day started off a little questionable as the temperatures in the morning were, I'll say, Michigan Fall cool, letting us all know to make the most of this day as winter is on its way. The morning even had a little mist from time to time. But, the radar looked promising and I, the optimistic voice of the paddock, was promising the day would turn in our favor. Sure enough, before long the sun was out and the track was dry. As a note, we do run these days in the rain as well. These are Drive Education events meant to teach enhanced driving skills and learning to drive at speed on wet pavement is an art unto itself, but also very valuable skill for real world situations on any road. Back to the day though, this event was another success with the event ending with smiles, laughs and warm farewells throughout the paddock. I hope that I don't have to wait until next season to see some of these fellow track junkies again. The winter can seem far too long around these parts, waiting for events like this to begin again.

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- Andreas Fuchs and James Gardner in Pit Lane.
- 2. With temperatures hitting 40 degrees with the wind chill, everyone was dressed to stay warm as Chief Instructor Marc Molzon, goes over flags in the morning Driver's Meeting.

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Reflecting on this past season brings me to some deeply sincere 'Thank Yous'. First, I would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors, Autocore Performance Group, Munk's Motors and Nicholas Motorsports. Not only for their financial support, but for coming through in so many ways to make these events the best experience possible for our participants. Getting ready for these events and pitching in at a last moment's notice is all taken in stride by all of them. Please consider these sponsors and their expertise for all of your car's needs. Their engagement in our club and DE events allows us to make them that much better. Also, a big thanks to all those that have attended this and previous year's events and have spread the word. Our SEM/PCA DE Team goal is to put on the best track events possible. We strive to not only offer a great experience driving your car at speed while mingling with like-minded friends, but also offering the best value in education and exposure to the world of track driving. Meeting new people, who are signing up for these events based on the enthusiastic recommendations from previous students, lets us know we are doing good things and reaching our goal. And to be honest, the smiles tell a lot too :). You keep bringing the new players, and we will keep upping our game. ■

3. Present and Past Chief Instructors:
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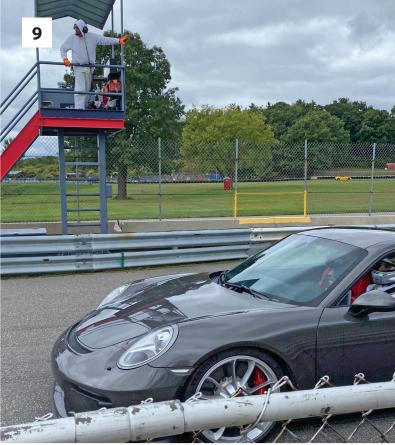


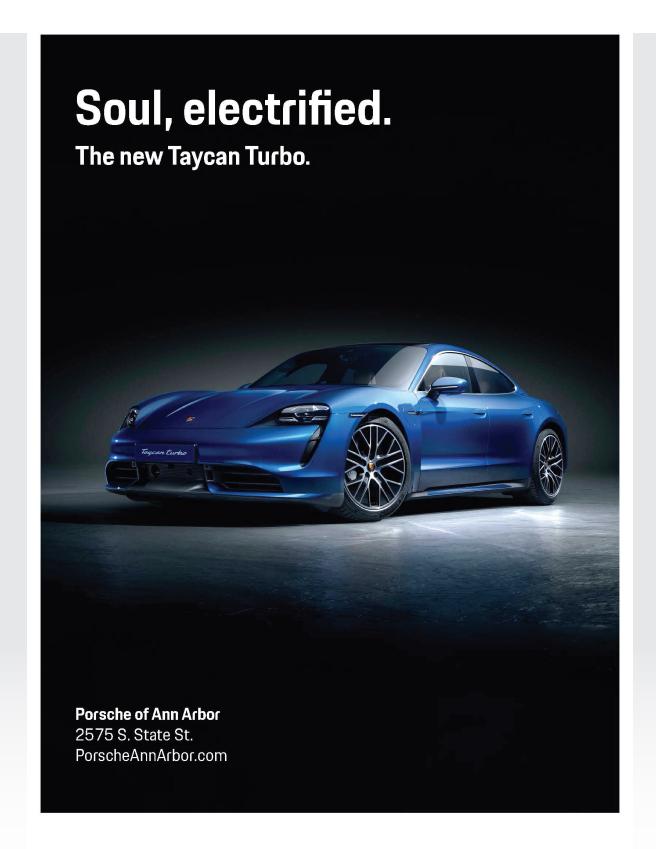


- 6. Victor Broccoli and Thomas Krautheim lining-up in Pit Lane at the start of their session.
- 7. Howard Gilson speeding out onto the track.
- 8. HPDE Chair, Steve Carbary.
- 9. Cedric Alexanian heading out on track.









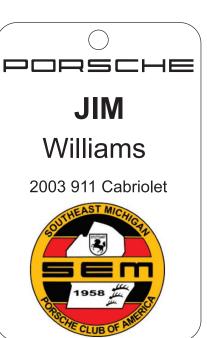




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## **SEM Business Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2024\*** by Fred Young



## SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

In attendance:

Board Members: Howard Gilson, Fred Young, Chris Bohr, Jim Williams, Marc Molzon, Lisa Molzon, Walter Crump and Steve Carbary. Officer: Mark VanderEyk. Absent with notice: Lucas Phan. Guests: Bobby Tarchinski, Michael Cohen, Rene VanderEyk and Gary Ambrus.

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m. by President Howard Gilson.

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

**Minutes:** Moved by C.B. and J.W. to approve the August minutes. Motion passed.

**Financial:** Jim Williams - Jim went over the August financials. There was nothing outstanding. Moved by J.W. and W.C. to approve the financials. Motion passed.

**Membership:** Lisa Molzon - Membership is at 845 primary members. 15 name badges are to be ordered.

**Insurance:** Steve Carbary - Needed for the Ladies Drive and Drive your Porsche Day.

**P-4:** Mark VanderEyk - He went over the upcoming October P4 content.

**Webmaster:** Howard Gilson - Everything is up to date.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**August 9: DE #3:** Steve Carbary - Good weather resulted in a good turnout. No incidents.

**August 11: Motor City Auto Spa:** Howard Gilson - They covered detailing cars along with a dry ice demonstration.

**August 18: Picnic and Concours:** Fred Young - The threat of rain lowered numbers. In spite of that there was a good turnout with everyone having a good time.

**August 24: Triple Nickel Overnight Tour:** Chris Bohr - 19 cars showed up. The drive and dinners went well with a lot of positive feedback.

**September 7: DE #4:** Steve Carbary - It is light on sign-ups so far.

September 14: Ladies Drive: Route is set.

**September 22: Drive your Porsche Day:** Gary Ambrus - Several members are already signed up.

October 3-6: American Speed Festival: Lisa Molzon - M1 Concourse has no available plan for car clubs at this time.

**October 4-6: Fall Up North Tour:** Chris Bohr - The hotel and tour are in place. It should coincide with peak fall colors.

October 19: Fall Color Tour: Chris Bohr - The start and finish are confirmed. It will possibly be a one segment drive. Limited to 50 for dinner. It was moved by C.B. and M.M. to approve a deposit for dinner. Motion passed.

November 9: Street Survival School: Marc Molzon - 15 students are already signed up. Instructors and volunteers are needed.

November 15: Membership Dinner: Lisa Molzon - Lisa went over the menu and agenda. There will be a guest speaker. On August 22, it was moved by L.M. and C.B. to pay a deposit and speaker fee for the membership dinner. Motion passed.

**December 6: Holiday Lights Tour:** Howard Gilson - Will reserve a restaurant.

December 13: Holiday Party: Mark VanderEyk - Mark went over the evening's agenda and plans. It was moved by M.V. and M.M. to subsidize the event for members. Motion passed. It was also moved by M.V. and L.M. to comp the charity chair and guest. Motion passed.

## **Nominating Committee: Howard Gilson -**

4 members are tentatively running for the board.

## Vice-president resignation and appointment:

Howard Gilson - Lucas Phan has resigned as vice-president. W.C. and S.C. moved to appoint Lisa Molzon as vice-president. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary Ambrus suggested numerous possible events for January or February including four different car museums.

Event Reports: Fred Young -

Needed for the Picnic and Triple Nickel Tour

## Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 p.m. -

Moved to adjourn by W.C. and S.C. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Location:** Howard Gilson's - Thursday, October 3, 2024

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - Rev. 9-14-24 \*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting.

## Welcome New Members:

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Wesley Krumel (Transfer)

Taras Lewytshy Bruce Markwardt Naitik Parekh (Transfer) Clay Thomas

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