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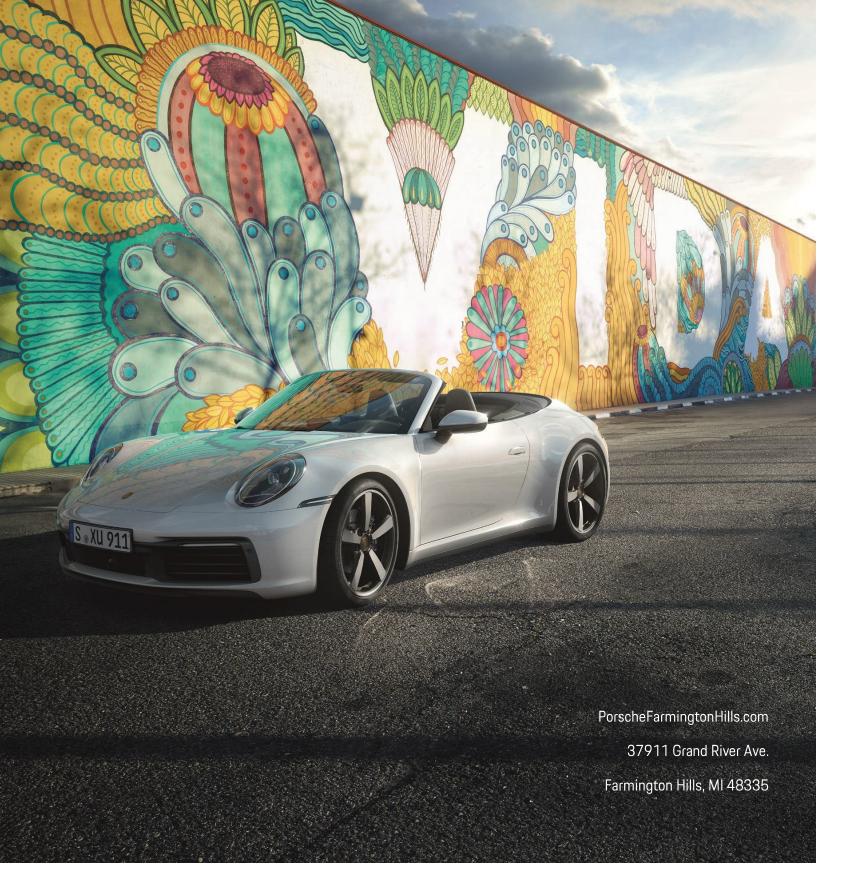
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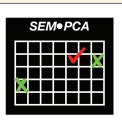
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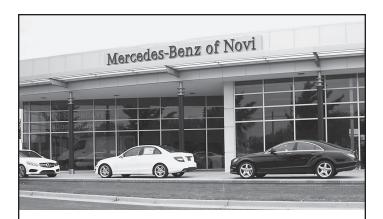
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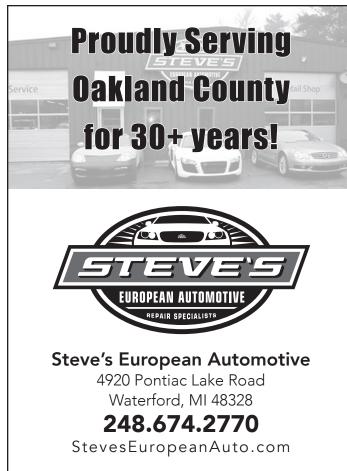
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President's Column

ARTICLE BY LISA MOLZON - SEM PRESIDENT

PHOTOS BY LISA MOLZON AND MICHAEL COHEN

After several sunny and warm days in March, perhaps Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of a long winter was incorrect (fingers crossed). I'm hopeful that all the hibernating Porsches are able to come roaring back to life a bit earlier than usual this year!

For those members that remained in Michigan throughout the winter, we had a couple of events available. On February 22nd, we enjoyed a day at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation with a special guided tour of the Automotive and Racing Exhibits by the Curator of Transportation, Matt Anderson. It had been quite a while since I was last in The Henry Ford so this was a great opportunity to explore all of the exhibits (none of which I remember from my elementary school field trip). And much like a car race is more exciting when you have a favorite to cheer on and you see a race car on display that someone you know drove, it makes your visit that much more personal and moving. It was especially nice to catchup with long-time members Bob and Marilyn Amano, Tom Fielitz, Dave Renner plus Alan and Jodi Klein and newer members Jayson Field and Wally and Kathy Abdal as well

as the Beckmans and McClungs. Check out the article this month from Gary Ambrus, the Event Chair. Many thanks to Gary for arranging such a fabulous tour!

And then for those members that have a "need for speed," the **SIM Racing at SUPERLAP Drive Studio** in Berkley on March 15th fit the bill. Registrants for the event chose to either drive or spectate, providing an option to attendees regarding the level of interaction they wanted with the SIM race machines. Kudos to Chris Bohr, Vice-President, for organizing this new opportunity for our members. A different type of event than we have offered in the past and a perfect way to kick-start the upcoming driving season. Learn more about and see photos of this event in this P4 issue.

In April, we have a couple events in the first half of the month. The first event is the annual **Munk's Tech Session** on April 5th. Long-time service center and SEM supporter, Munk's Motors in Waterford will be discussing track tech inspections and fielding questions regarding items of concern during an inspection. The session is for

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- 1. Gary Ambrus presenting Matt Anderson with a hand-crafted SEM appreciation plaque (thanks to the craftmanship of Fred Young, Secretary).
- 2. The Corvette on display was driven by friend and legend Johnny O'Connell, one of many he has driven to 1st place finishes.

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participants to understand the purpose of all items on the May is right around the corner when we have many driving tech form. Chris Braden, proprietor of Munk's Motors, can be counted upon to host this important event each year, as well as provide lunch at no-charge to attending members. this is an event you don't want to miss. Bobby Tarchinski, Collins, to bring this annual event to SEM Members.

Next up in April is the annual Multi-Region Swap Meet, give their time. Car Show and Tech Quiz on April 12th. David Nikolas, another long-time service center and SEM supporter, is Also, kicking-off our May calendar of events is the annual providing us with the venue and complimentary lunch at Nikolas Motorsport on Woodward in Pontiac. Come join us as you look for (or offer up) that elusive part, there is no charge to attend/participate. All cars are welcome in the car show, no need to labor over detailing your vehicle as there will not be concours-level judging. Michael Acho is the organizer of this annual event and is your contact person if you have any questions or would like to reserve a table to display your offerings. Please reference the ad in this issue for more details.

Registration is now open for our fall Tire Rack® Street Survival School for teen drivers. This is one of the most important and rewarding events we offer. I personally advocate that every teen should attend this life-skills event. M1 Concourse in Pontiac will again be our venue on November 8th. Two of our teen attendees shared their viewpoint of the school in our January/February 2025 P4 issue. If you haven't read this article, you can access past P4 issues online from our homepage (www.sem.pca.org), it's worthwhile to check out their perspective. To register a teen We have a great year ahead! you know and love, visit: https://streetsurvival.org

events kicking-off for the year. Steve Carbary (DE Chair), Marc Molzon (Chief Driving Instructor), and Chris Bohr (Vice-President/Driving Tour Chair) are beginning their And for those of you interested in 996 turbo coolant pipes, efforts to organize and run our four High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) events and our major driving Membership Chair, has dutifully worked closely with Merritt tours. It takes more than a village to run the HPDE events and we are fortunate to have the support of numerous qualified Instructors, as well as the many other members that

> **New Member Gathering** on May 3rd. All new members and those members intending to become more active with the club are encouraged to come by to meet your Board Members, learn more about the events we organize, and get to know other members. Check-out the ad in this issue and register today to attend.

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> Hope to see you at an upcoming event and always feel free to connect with any Board Member if you would like to be part of the efforts in running one of our events!





A fun hands-on experience at the SUPERLAP Drive Studio



SPONSORED EVENT -

PCA MULTI-REGION SWAP MEET, **CAR SHOW & TECH QUIZ!!**



Saturday, April 12, 2025 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Presented by the SEM, RSR and Motorstadt Regions Featuring the 356 Motor Cities Group Western Michigan, Michiana & Maumee Valley Regions are also invited

> Hosted by Nikolas Motorsports 45108 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48341 (Across from M1 Concourse)

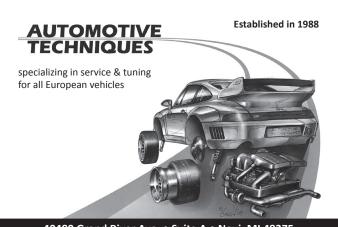
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All New Members Welcome!

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As a new Southeast Michigan Region Porsche Club of America (SEMPCA) Member, you are invited to join us at one of our newest Sponsors: Auto Medics of Shelby.

Come meet other new Members, SEMPCA board members, event chairs, and the Auto Medics of Shelby team - and enjoy some coffee & donuts.

Learn more about the various events we organize for SEMPCA Members throughout the year. From Driving Tours (both local and overnight) to the High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) Events as well as our Social Events and all the other events we offerthis is your chance to hear more about these activities.

We look forward to seeing you!

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ARTICLE BY GARY AMBRUS - SEM MEMBER

PHOTOS BY GARY AMBRUS AND LISA MOLZON

With Michigan's long winters getting out to a great car venue and museum makes the suffering a bit more palatable. On Saturday February 22nd a group of Southeast Michigan PCA members ventured out of their warm homes and headed to The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn for a visit and special tour of the automotive and racing exhibits.

The day started with a meet and greet. The group gathered near the main entrance area of museum which replicates Independence Hall in Philadelphia where the Continental Congress met in 1776. Gary Ambrus, the Event Chair, greeted everyone and gave a brief presentation about a historic event that occurred in the entrance location. On the evening of October 21, 1929 a banquet was held there to honor Thomas Alva Edison on the 50th Anniversary of him perfecting the incandescent light bulb. Three hundred of the "who's who" of 1929 were in attendance, including President Herbert Hoover, to not only honor Edison but to also dedicate the museum and village in his honor. Most

visitors walking through this famous entrance do not know its historical significance.

Upon entering the museum the group was met by Matt Anderson, Curator of Transportation, for both the museum and village. Mr. Anderson is not only the curator of The Henry Ford, but is also a nationally known TV celebrity based on his numerous guest presenter appearances over ten years with Mo Rocca on CBS-TV's program Innovation Nation.

For the next 90 minutes Mr. Anderson provided an in depth walking tour of the museum's world renowned "Driving America" and "Driven to Win: Racing in America" exhibits. Each of us reveled in Mr. Anderson's vast knowledge of the many historical vehicles in both collections, from the history of Henry Ford's Quadricycle to the 1967 Le Man's winning Ford GT.



It was an interesting and fascinating tour. At the end of tour, Mr. Anderson was presented with a token of appreciation from SEMPCA. A special thanks and shout out to Fred Young for providing one of his well-known hand crafted awards. FYI, I can attest that Mr. Anderson has it on display in his office.

Following the tour, the group dispersed and spent the rest of the day touring the other exhibits at the museum. It takes more than a single visit to see the entire collection.

Upcoming 2025 car events at The Henry Ford Museum/ Greenfield Village:

Cars and Coffee, sponsored by Hagerty Insurance, are 9am-11am on Saturdays in the museum parking lot. Bring your Porsche's and enjoy.

May 17th June 21st July 19th August 16th September 13th

The Motor Muster is June 14th and 15th. 1978 and older Porsches can be displayed. Registration is open now and closes in early May.

The Old Car Festival is September 6th and 7th.

Michigan and the Detroit area are truly blessed to have this world class museum in our backyard. ■

- 1. Start of the tour hosted by Matt Anderson.
- 2. Gary Abrus, Event Lead, with our guide Matt Anderson, The Henry Ford Curator of Transportation.
- 3. The tour covered a collection of some of the very first automobile models.
- 4. Then we segued through years of other vintage vehicles.
- 5. A special collection of historic presidential vehicles was on display.

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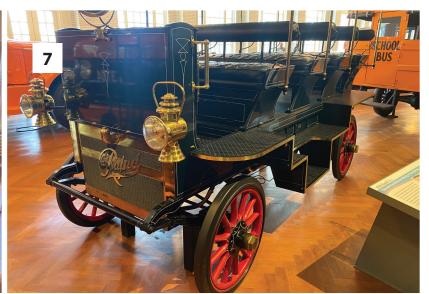






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- 6. A Stunning pair of early 1900 luxury cars.
- 7. An early Rapid Motors vehicle produced here in Pontiac, MI.
- 8. The 1967 LeMans winning Ford GT40 #1.
- 9. The 2016 LeMans winning Ford GT #68.
- 10. Display of famous racing mechanics.





SPONSORED EVENT



High Performance Driver's Education - 101

Saturday - May 17th - Waterford Hills

Classroom Session start time 10:00 am



This is a Introduction / 'How to begin' into HPDE events for first timers. So, if you have ever been curious about DE and are thinking about trying these events, this will help put you on the right path.

Trying any new experience can be intimidating. Especially one that involves a prized sports car combined with a race course. The amount of unknowns in that combination can seem overwhelming to just about anyone. Those of us on the D.E. Team completely understand this feeling as we have all been there ourselves. This is the reason for our annual DE-101 event. To open the first door and offer a look inside at all that a High Performance Driver Education event has to offer.

We will cover how to register, prepping your car, prepping yourself, and what to expect. You will get a chance to meet some of our instructors, tour the facility, and get a look around the track!

So, if you have ever been curious about D.E. events and are thinking about trying this event, this will put you on the right path and answer all your questions.

For details, vist: sem.pca.org
Look for the Driver's Education section for more information.
Register online at: clubregistration.net

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SPONSORED EVENT -

SEMPCA 2025 Spring Tour

Saturday, May 10, 2025



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This is our first driving tour of the Season!

Celebrate the end of winter and arrival of spring with your fellow Porsche Enthusiasts.

Enjoy your car, interesting roads and good friends.

We will meet in the Novi area. Registration opens at 1PM with first car out at 3:00PM.

Dinner will be held at 5th Tavern Bloomfield

Dinner selections:

- 1. Pina Colada Chicken
- 2. Tuscan Chicken
- 3. Gorgonzola Ribeye
- Cedar Plank Salmon
 Vegetarian Alfredo Pasta
- 6. Vegan Coconut Jasmine Rice



Registration: https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/15287



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Save the Manuals



ARTICLE BY TOM FIELITZ - SEM MEMBER

"It just may be too late to bring back the manual transmission car." This is a very popular saying with auto enthusiasts wanting to preserve the tradition of the manual transmission. Sadly, there are very few choices left for even buying a new car with a so called stick shift. Automatic transmissions replaced them in popularity long ago, swiftly followed by the paddle shift or dual clutch transmission. Even more insidious in my opinion is the CVT or belt and cone automatic transmission. As long as we had internal combustion or ICE engines there was still a chance that gears were an option, but even that has given way to the electrics.

One of the other hindrances to the old tradition of shifting gears is that the skill is not even offered in driver education courses. Back in my day, which my grandson describes as Pleistocene era, driver education was a high school rite of passage. My school, Denby High, had its own dedicated training course. It was a fenced in area that resembled a layout of narrow streets complete with stop signs and even stop lights

plus a hill complete with parking spots. But, oddly I don't believe there were any street names. The cars were all Chrysler products provided by a local dealer and there was a long building with garage spaces. The cars were mostly small four door Plymouths and one four door Satellite which had a three speed shift lever on the steering column. The queen of the fleet was a two door gray Fury resplendent in gold with white sides and acres of chrome. Two older gentlemen instructed the class. They were strict, but extremely patient as they led us through all the routine steps of negotiating the streets complete with traffic consisting of several of our classmates. After enduring hours of classroom work, we were assigned to our cars for a too short driving exercise. Not everyone wanted to learn to drive the stick shift car and in fact you needed to bring a note from home saying that you needed to learn that skill. My father had not owned a stick in decades, but I did talk him into writing a note on the chance I might need to drive one in an emergency. The big risk would be that I might screw up in a panic and go off the road like my older sister had. Following my big sister through school was my particular burden. Being a series of very short streets meant all you could accomplish was a shift from first to second gear, which you held until the car came to a stop. It wasn't exactly sporting, but it was quite thrilling for me. After

that training my older brother bought a VW Beetle. My older sister actually took me out on Saturdays to learn how to drive a proper stick shift. That was when I was introduced to a Porsche dealer and the rest was history as they say. Since Porsches only came as stick shift models there was no option but to perfect stick shift driving. Today high school driving instruction is a bit of history and also so is the opportunity to be taught how to drive a stick shift car. Unless you have a relative that will volunteer there likely prized antique car, you would be hard pressed to find any source of instruction.



I still cherish ownership of two stick shift cars, a Porsche and a Corvette. They are special occasion cars and my regular transportation is a VW Jetta automatic. I have taught both my wife and my daughter how to drive the Corvette for emergency purposes, but I seriously doubt that they retained any skill. I have to admit that with the infrequency that I drive either car, it is always a minor challenge to drive either one smoothly and with any degree of skill. Luckily,

it always comes back to me after a few moments and always gives me a sense of great pride and accomplishment. Will I ever pass on my skills to someone else? Possibly it will be my grandson, Weston who is only just five years old. But, he has already claimed the Porsche as his inheritance and he is already a Porsche Club Junior member. His father has the skill, so maybe instruction will fall to him.

Do any new driving enthusiasts owe any debt to carry on the skills of driving a stick shift or even owning a manual shift car? It would be quite an accomplishment considering the choices of cars are almost all sporting models with limited practicality. For fun some time you should stop at a new car dealership and inquire about a stick shift model. Don't be shocked if no alternatives are offered and the salesperson strongly suggests what a mistake it would be. I have read all of the arguments for buying a stick shift and honestly they are mostly bunk. The idea that a stick offers better fuel economy only depends on your right foot. Having more control and less maintenance also is totally driver dependent.

Just accept the fact that we are beyond the point of saving the manuals. If you are among the few that have preserved one, just count yourself as one of those very special enthusiasts.



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30 Detroit, Sterling Heights is hosting a Detailing Session for Southeast Michigan PCA members.

Sunday, May 25th. 2025 Starts at 10:00am

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Sim and Social at Superlap



ARTICLE BY CHRIS BOHR - VICE PRESIDENT / DRIVING TOUR CHAIR

PHOTOS BY CHRIS BOHR AND MICHAEL COHEN

Superlap was created to promote a driving culture around motorsport, community and education. Prominently located on historic Woodward Avenue, Superlap features 8 high-end racing simulators complete with 4-point motion systems. First-timers, as well as aspiring professionals, are all welcome to benefit from the club and community. Superlap was founded by sim consultant and engineer Dan Cycholl and professional racer, James Hayosh. Like most professionals, Jim regularly uses sim racing for preparation, and together they put their passion for motorsport and technology together to create Superlap.

The sim rigs are well built and consist of a two frame build. One frame supports the gaming computer and three curved monitors to give a near 180 degree view. The second consists of a 4 piston motion activated frame holding the racing bucket seat, a two pedal box and racing wheel with switches and dials. The pedals and wheel provide force feedback and resistance to emulate a real world car. The physical resistance in the inputs can give you quite a workout if you are not used to performance driving. It's a very professional setup that can be used for training and practice before taking a real car to the track.

This idea of the Sim and Social event was to get our members out after a long winter and build some excitement for the soon to be driving season. The Superlap venue is in a central location to our region and presents with a pleasant modern atmosphere. The sim rigs are as close to real as you can get for the general public and is a good warmup before taking our Porsches out for a spring drive. The helpful staff were onsite to help coach and train anyone at that event.

Nineteen people attended the inaugural event which started at 5 PM on a rainy Saturday evening. The first hour of the event was dedicated to check-in and an overview of the night's activities, then Jets Pizza was served for dinner at 6 PM. We split the participants into two groups to facilitate rotating through three 20 minute stints on the simulators. A 20 minute stint is ideal as it gives you enough time to get in the groove of the session without overly tiring you out. The car we drove was the 718 GT4 RS Clubsport with three tracks visited including MidOhio, Road Atlanta and

Sebring. Each group was given a stint to get use to the sim rigs, a stint for practice and a stint for an actual race. Group 1 made it through three sessions before tapping out. Group 2 was able to get in five sessions before the allotted time was up.

The feedback from the event was very positive. Not everyone was prepared for what driving on a professional sim rig entailed, but in the end everyone had fun. I look forward to having another Sim and Social event in the future at Superlap. Thank you to Superlap for hosting us and to those who participated in the first SEM PCA Sim and Social event!

A note from Superlap about the benefits of training on a simulator:

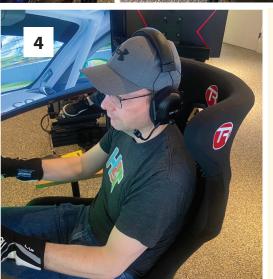
Racing simulation, particularly on professional-grade equipment like Superlap's Asetek Forte wheelbase and Heusinkveld Ultimate pedal setup, develops crucial driving skills that translate directly to real-world performance. In a controlled, consequence-free environment, drivers can perfect their understanding of weight transfer, brake modulation, and racing lines – fundamental techniques that enhance everyday driving awareness and safety. The precise force feedback through our professional-grade wheel base and pedals creates muscle memory that carries over to real vehicle control, while our triple-screen setup provides the peripheral vision training essential for spatial awareness on actual roads.

What truly sets simulator training apart is the ability to compress years of driving experience into months of focused practice. Under the guidance of Superlap's experienced coaching staff, with over 20 years of real-world racing and coaching expertise, drivers can repeatedly practice challenging scenarios and perfect their techniques without the costs and risks associated with track time. Whether you're mastering the nuances of trail braking through our Time Attack competitions or learning the basics of vehicle control in our First Drive sessions, each hour in the simulator builds confidence and competence that translates to safer, more skilled real-world driving.













- 1. & 2. Participants were able to test their skills on the MidOhio, Road Atlanta and Sebring tracks.
- 3. 5. Kyle Bohr, Chris Bohr and Howard Gilson take their turn behind the wheel of the 718 GT4 RS Clubsport on the sim rig.

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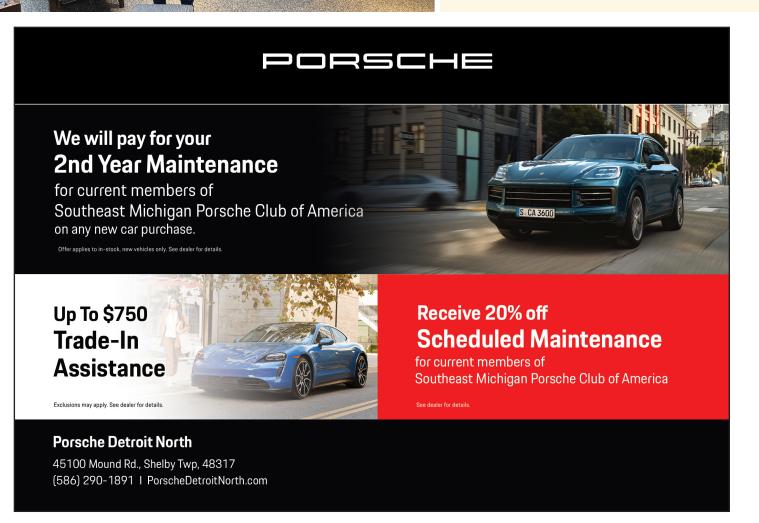


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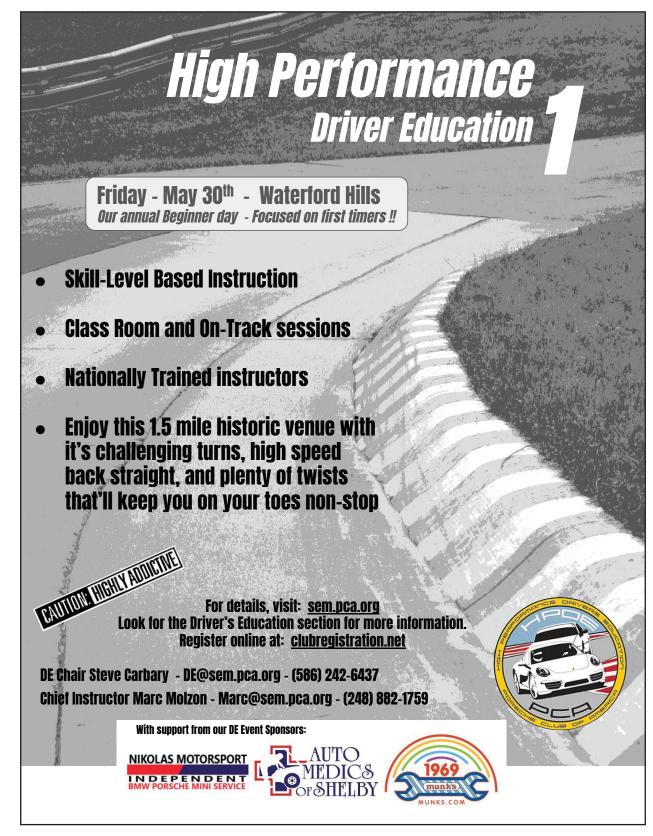
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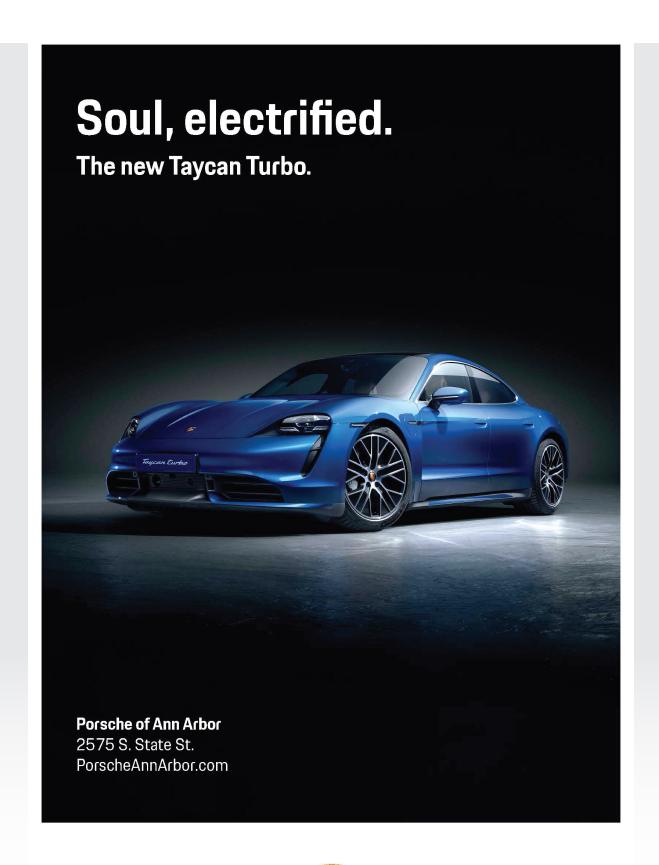




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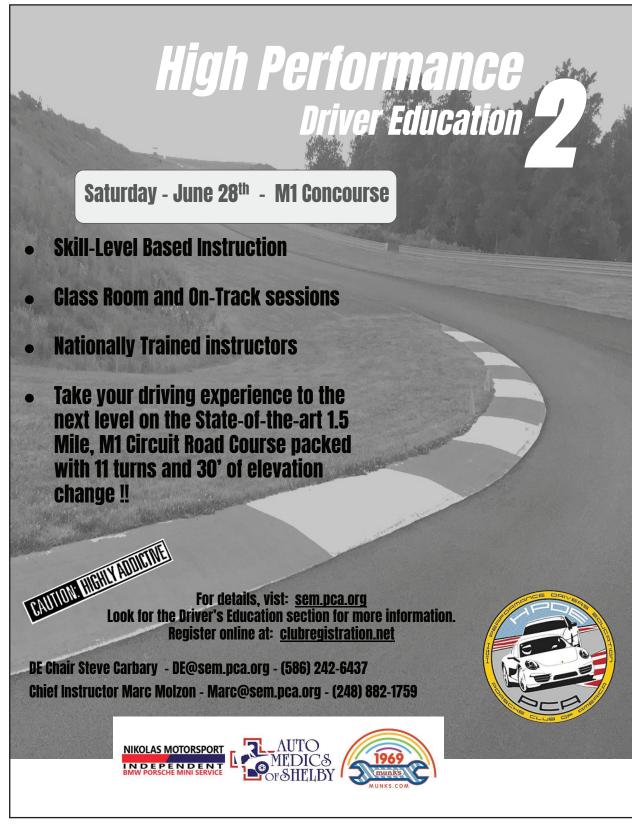


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Porsche Experience Center



ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BOBBY TARCHINSKI - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

PECATL: The Porsche Playground of the South

"So, how often do you have cars in for an engine replacement"? I asked. "Oh, about once a month a car pops an engine out on the track and needs a warranty replacement," came the reply. I found myself in one of the bays at the Porsche Service Center in South Atlanta speaking with the parts manager who was giving me an impromptu tour. This journey south started several hours earlier that Saturday morning in Detroit. My wife, Nita, and I had intended to tour the Porsche Experience Center that day, in advance of our booked track experience the following Tuesday; however, due to some recent policy changes, they were no longer allowing same-day reservations or access. My only view of the Experience Center on that day was from the back lot of the service center. Despite this setback, we looked forward to a great Atlanta trip.

In the cold darkness of the Michigan winter, it can be easy for the joys of enthusiast driving to be lost to memories. Fortunately, a two-hour flight from DTW brings you south to the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL). On the Northeast Corner of the Airport, just off I-75, is the Porsche Experience Center Atlanta. This year for Christmas, my wife, Nita, gifted me a trip to PEC! Be sure you make a reservation, they only let you visit the museum on the day of your track experience or by making a separate booking. The museum does not accept same-day reservations or allow walk-up admissions.

We journeyed south in mid-January and spent the weekend touring around the metro Atlanta area. We also headed north to the Miles Through Time Automotive Museum. On the following Tuesday morning, we arrived at PECATL at 9 am for our scheduled track experience. We were greeted at check-in with name badges and encouraged to explore the static exhibits in the facility. In addition to a half dozen current cars (911 Dakar, 963, Taycan Turbo) the facility has a museum with rotating exhibits telling different stories of the Porsche brand. At the time of our trip, this exhibit highlighted the different human stories that connected enthusiasts and their cars.

The experience center is also a popular destination for those interested in ordering or taking delivery of a new Porsche. One of the main floor displays was an immersive experience in exterior color and interior materials. The display contained many drawers 1with hundreds of model 911 cars, each painted in a different Porsche color 12 from the famous (Guards Red) to the obscure (Rubystar). Also on display was an area where you could see different interior materials and colors of leather, combining materials under various lighting.

Our main event was the drive! I selected a 90-minute experience in a Cayman S on the East Track. I met my instructor at the front desk and proceeded out to the paddock. I was concerned that the 90 minutes would be too short, but it ended up being a perfect amount of time. Over the 90 minutes, we worked in 3 main areas: the track, the handling/dynamics pad and the kick plate.

The Cayman's cornering ability was unbelievable and incredibly flat. As a 911 owner, I appreciated the different dynamics of a mid-engine platform. We did several laps of the track to learn the appropriate line and get the feel of the car. Given that it was a cold day in January, there weren't too many other cars out on the track. Passing was handled by hand signals from the instructor and from a driver's perspective, I never had to worry about holding up someone else or being held up by another driver. My instructor gave a clear overview of the driving line and suggestions for improvement along the way. We interspersed the other driving activities (dynamics pad and kick plate) in between sessions on the track.

The handling and dynamics section (slalom course) highlighted the excellent balance of the Cayman. My confidence grew immensely from run to run and I found it easy to go fast in such a well-balanced car. The launch control area (standing start acceleration) was the one I found least interesting. While the car certainly felt capable, after one or two demonstrations, I felt I understood the car's capabilities. I also found that the car was mostly controlling itself. As a driver, I was only pointing the wheel straight and keeping the gas pedal pinned to the floor.

Porsche Experience Center (continued)

The kick plate was my favorite exercise of the day. As the car passes over a sensor embedded in the concrete, a metal plate kicks the rear wheels of the car to the left or to the right. The effect is heightened as the car is driving on a surface of wet, polished concrete, which lowers the surface friction. This simulates a loss of control/skid situation, such as could happen on an icy road in the winter. With a quick reaction at the wheel, one could keep the car from becoming completely sideways. Get it wrong, and the car would make a full rotation or more. Though in the large area that was provided, getting it wrong wouldn't have any disastrous consequences. Mastering this handling challenge was supremely satisfying as we increased our speed entering the kick plate with each successful run.

Before I knew it, my 90 minutes of track time were up and we debriefed the day over lunch at the on-property Restaurant 356. The day was a whirlwind of Porsche activity filled with everything we love about the brand: superb driving dynamics, iconic cars and plenty of human stories of passionate owners. After all, it's not just the cars, it's the people. If you are looking for a fun getaway at any time of the year, I recommend an experience at PECATL. With its proximity to ATL, you can even make it a day trip from Metro Detroit.



- 1. Nita and me after the driving experience in the Cayman S.
- 2. The rotating exhibit hall: at the time highlighting Porsches and the human connection with their owners.
- 3. Bobby in the color palate selection area (note the model cars on the wall behind).
- 4. The new West Track viewed from Restaurant 356.







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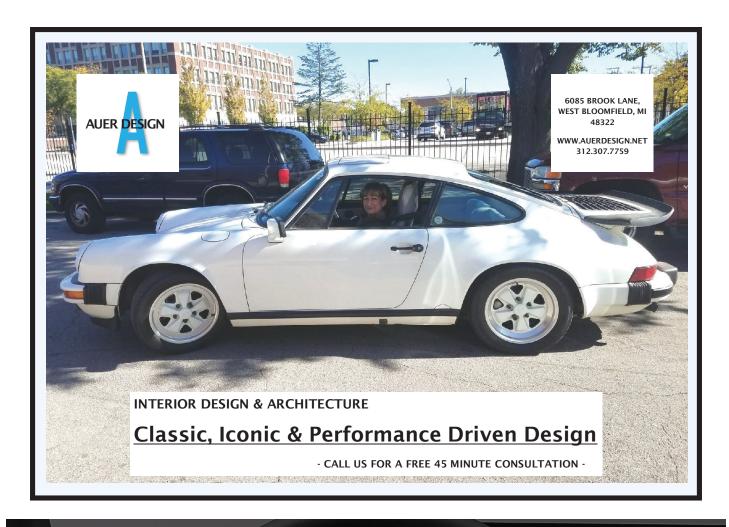
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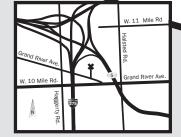
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Around the Zone



BY DAVE STETSON - ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

My friends and Porschephiles of Zone 4, another season of fun and gathering is upon us. The weather is growing a bit milder, but we still do have the cruelest month of March to get through. Keep the snow tires on for a few more weeks. Many of us have suffered through various viruses over the last few months and we are still recovering from the massive disruption that COVID-19 brought. It appears to me that PCA Regions across the country are bringing new energy and new ideas to their activities, rekindling the relationships that were on hiatus for some time. That new energy certainly applies to the 12 regions in Zone 4 and I applaud and will support all of that work. I have been able to get out to the year-end celebrations of

several of the regions, but I regret that my plans to attend Motor Stadt Region's annual banquet were interrupted by winter weather. I strongly encourage all of us to make the effort to get to more of these great events put on by the regions' volunteers. Given that this is the 70th year of PCA, there will be celebrations across the country, particularly at Parade. I urge you to consider attending Parade and I suggest you also look to the calendars of your neighboring regions for other opportunities to exercise your feet on the pedals in your Porsche. Let's get together as much as possible in this 70th year. Stephanie and I look forward to traveling to your events in 2025.



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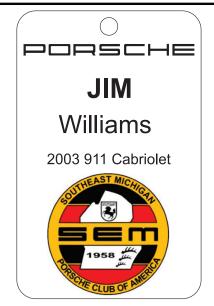
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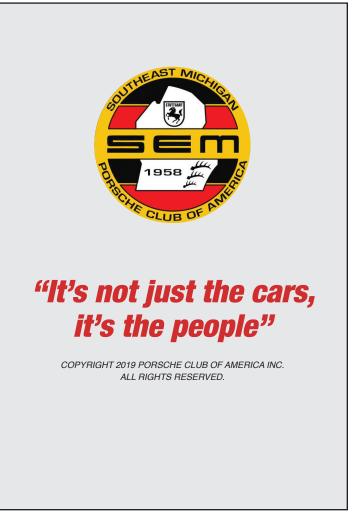
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Johnnie Ray

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SEM Business Meeting Minutes* for March 6, 2025 * by Fred Young

MARCH 6, 2025

In attendance: Board Members: Howard Gilson, Fred Young, Chris Bohr, Lisa Molzon, Jim Williams and Steve Carbary. Absent with notice: Marc Molzon, Bobby Tarchinski, Cedric Alexanian and Mark VanderEyk. Guests: Gary Ambrus, Michael Acho, Jim Garner, Michael Cohen and Walter Crump.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Lisa Molzon

Minutes: Moved by H.G. and C.B. to approve the February minutes. Motion passed.

Financial: Jim Williams - No report. Jim Garner explained several tax ramifications for the club. It was moved by J.W. and H.G. to approve an expenditure for a tax act program. Motion passed.

Membership: Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 859 primary and 457 associates for a total of 1316 members. 11 new members were added this month.

Insurance: Steve Carbary - Needed for Munk's Tech Session and the Swap Meet.

P-4: Mark VanderEyk - He sent out an email regarding April P4 content and P4 distribution..

Webmaster: Howard Gilson - An ad will be in the P4 for a new webmaster to enhance the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

donuts.

February 22: Henry Ford Museum Tour: Gary Ambrus - Matt Anderson, curator, gave a fascinating tour for the 19 people attending.

March 15: SIM Racing at Superlap Drive Studio:

Chris Bohr - The preview event went great. 19 members are signed up so far.

April 5: Munk's Tech Session: Bobby Tarchinski - Track inspections will be covered along with other items of concern.

April 26: Swap Meet at Nikolas Motorsport: Michael Acho Looking for more participants. Lunch will be provided.

May 3: New Member Gathering at Automedic:
Lisa Molzon - It will be a morning event with coffee and

May 10: Spring Tour: Chris Bohr - In the planning stage.

May 17: DE-101 at Waterford: Steve Carabry - The date and location have changed to the 17th at Waterford.

May 25: 3D Detailing Session: Howard Gilson - An ad is in the P4.

May 30: DE #1 at Waterford: Steve Carbary - PCA National has announced new parameters for tech inspections. Rates will have to be adjusted due to rising costs.

June 6-12: *Porsche Parade: Howard Gilson -

Most events will be indoors.

June 21: Solstice Tour: Lisa Molzon - The tour will go in a northern direction.

June 28: DE #2 at M-1: Steve Carbary - The deposit will be sent in.

June 29: Waterford Family Day: Fred Young The date is confirmed. The concession stand will not be open for attendees.

July 13: *Northville Concours d'Elegance - No report.

July 12: *Rally Sport Region "Porsches in the Park" No report.

August 1-2: Indiana Nurburgring Overnight Tour: Chris Bohr - Registration is open.

October 3-5: Up North Tour: Howard Gilson - The hotel is booked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walter Crump advised the board to certify board officers for the 2025 year. It was moved by H.G. and C.B. to ratify club officers and duties for 2025. Motion passed

Gary Ambrus suggested the Porsche Club exhibit their cars at the Motor Muster at the Henry Ford Museum on June 15th to coincide with their 70th anniversary. But they have to be built before 1978.

Event Reports: Fred Young - None needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by S.C. and H.G. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Location: Porsche Detroit North - Thursday, April 3, 2025

*Not an SEMPCA event.
Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young -3-10-25
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