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2025 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Business Meeting
- 5 DE #4 at Waterford
- 13 Drive Your Porsche Day
- 14 3D Detailing Session
- 14 * Cars R' Stars at Packard Proving Grounds
- 19-20 * Cars at the Station - Detroit, MI
- 20 * Rally Sport Region - "Porsches in the Park"
- 27 * Maumee Valley Autocross - Toledo, OH
- 27 Ladies Drive

NOVEMBER

- 6 Business Meeting and Planning Session
- 8 Street Survival School

DECEMBER

- 4 Business Meeting
- 5 Holiday Light Festival
- 13 Holiday Party

OCTOBER

- 2 Business Meeting
- 3-5 * American Speed Festival at M1 Concourse
- 3-5 Up North Tour
- 19 Fall Color Tour

Future Event Possibilities:
This is a starting point of events for the 2025 Calendar Year.
Events may be added, deleted or dates changed as desired.

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All Dates and Events are subject to confirmation
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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Business meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations.
Please note: for anyone interested in attending future Business meetings, please contact any board member.

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President's Column



ARTICLE BY LISA MOLZON - SEM PRESIDENT

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August started with the **Indiana-Nurburgring Over Night Tour** on 8/1-8/2. Chris Bohr and Howard Gilson did a wonderful job of securing excellent weather for the weekend! And, although there seemed to be an abundance of wildlife in the area that the Lead Car encountered, I was assured that all animals, humans, and Porsches made it through the weekend intact. Well done guys!

For the annual **Picnic & Concours** on Sunday, 8/17, the day dawned sunny and pleasantly warm: perfect conditions for cars and food. It's a day in which many are bonding over cars and an opportunity for short-time and long-time members to meet and socialize. Dave Stetson, our Zone 4 Rep, and his wife, Stephanie Bahr, joined us from Ohio and dedicated their day to the event. Upon formally meeting Phil Hurst and his wife, Rose, who were accompanied by their grandson, we realized we had been seeing each other for years at the local market he runs. You never know when you will cross paths with someone from the club. As I looked around throughout the day, it was heartening to see so many people enjoying themselves and connecting, whether meeting for the first time or catching-up from their last conversations. It never ceases to amaze me how cars, especially our Porsches, truly bring people together. A huge thanks to Patti Door, Fred Young, Tom Grabowski, Chris and Kyle Bohr plus Bobby Tarchinski for all of the "heavy lifting" that day. Check-out Fred Young's article about the full event in this P4.

Our **HPDE #3** was Saturday, 8/23. It was cloudy much of the day, which made for perfect driving without the intense heat of this summer. With over a dozen newer drivers, our instructors were ready to coach them into becoming confident drivers. Steve Carbary and Marc Molzon did an excellent job as usual in securing attendees and knowledgeable instructors for the event. And, personally, I enjoyed improving my lap times throughout the day. Ladies: it's not just an event for the guys!

We aren't slowing down yet for the year, there are several more events lined-up for September!

Our **final HPDE** for the year is on Friday, 9/5, at Waterford Hills. If you haven't driven your Porsche on the track to experience its power and performance, this is your chance. For many, this is a stepping-stone into motorsports: other Region's DEs, open track days, racing, etc. For some, it's about mastering the handling of their car and becoming a highly-skilled driver. I invite you to come out and see what it's all about and learn from our in-car Instructors. Steve Carbary (DE Chair) and Marc Molzon (Chief Instructor) are your go-to guys on anything HPDE-related.

The weekend of 9/13-9/14, we will keep you busy with your Porsche. Our annual **Drive Your Porsche Day** on Saturday, 9/13, is both a celebration of Ferry Porsche's birthday and the 70th Anniversary of PCA. Join us for a fun gathering, a scenic drive and a delicious dinner. Howard Gilson and Chris Bohr are your contacts for this event should you have any questions.

The next day Sunday, 9/14, attend the **3D Detroit Detailing Session** and hear about the best ways to clean all of Saturday's road dust and bugs from your car, as well as how to clean it prior to winter storage (which won't happen for a few months yet, hopefully.) This event never disappoints, from the products to the knowledgeable advice and the "day of" deals, hope you will be able to make it. Contact Howard Gilson with questions.

Saturday, 9/27, is the **Ladies-Only Drive**. Come join me for a driving route through western Oakland County followed by lunch. Bring a friend to be co-pilot and any model Porsche, they all look great! Reach-out to me with any questions.

And keep in mind that our **Up North Tour** is 10/3-5. See the ad in this issue for details and don't delay in signing-up. Suzanne Gilson, Howard Gilson and Chris Bohr have organized a special event around the Traverse City area.

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Also, see the ad for **Porsches in the Park** on Saturday, 9/20, in this issue for details about this gathering of 100+ Porsches and all the activities you can participate in that day in Ann Arbor.

As a reminder, please take a couple minutes and email me at Lisa SEMPCA@gmail.com or text me at 248-318-1570 and share with me what events we offer that you find enjoyable and let me know if there are other types of events you would be interested in seeing offered. We want to ensure we are offering events that YOU find interesting and engaging to attend.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event! ■



From Our Members

In talking with our Club Members, here is some feedback shared with me regarding the Annual Picnic & Concours:

"I really like all the cars coming together."
-Jeff Boes, 5-year Member

"It was great! I think this was the largest group that I can ever recall."
-Dennis Denyer, 49-year Member

"This is a great event!"
-Dr. Daniel Haddad, 4-year Member

"This is our first Picnic & Concours and it's really fun to meet the members."
-Joel & Kim Robbins, 1.5-year Members

1. Chris Bohr had some close-up views of wildlife on the Indiana Tour (no harm came to anyone/anything.)
2. John Khami (new grandfather of Jack), Howard Gilson, Alan Klein, Dave Stetson, and Stephanie Bahr at the Concours & Picnic.
3. Greg Clark, Tyler Clark, Elaine McLain, and Wally Abdal were kind enough to pause as they were headed to fill a plate at the Picnic.



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**Porsche Club of America's 70th Anniversary
Drive Your Porsche Day
Saturday, September 13th, 2025**



We will be meet at a local Porsche Dealer to gather before heading out for a scenic drive to the Rochester Mills Brewery for dinner.

This year we will be celebrating the PCA's 70th Anniversary along with Ferry Porsche's Birthday.

Rochester Mills Brewery:
Includes: Buffet Dinner w/ selections of
Chicken Picatta, Roast Beef w/ Bordelaise Sauce
Fettuccini Alfredo, Herb Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Mixed Steamed Vegetables
Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread & Cake.
Cash Bar.



Registration: <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/15291>

Event is Rain or Shine.
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Why I Love A Silver Porsche Turbo

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY TOM MCDONALD

Some fifty years ago, I was fortunate to be the head of Porsche and Audi Public Relations at Volkswagen of America. As the PR Chief, I had to plan and execute the annual launch of the new model year cars from both manufacturers. Quite a juggling act.

On a trip to Stuttgart in 1974, I was briefed on the global plans to launch the 1975 Porsche Turbo and I had the chance to drive a prototype on the track at Weissach. What a thrilling opportunity! During that trip, I had to order two Porsche Turbos for the press launch in the U.S. So, I ordered silver with red leather and dark green with tan leather versions. These Turbos were the first production cars to arrive in the country.

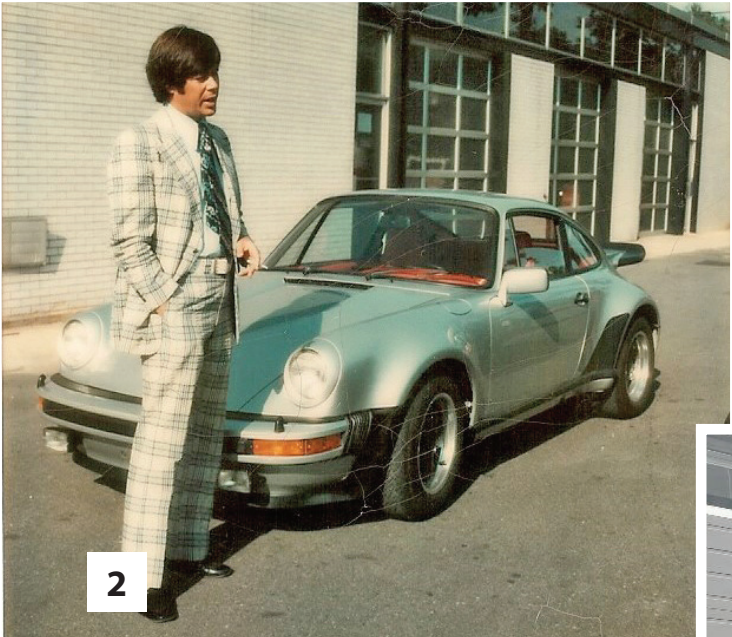
For the North American press launch, I chose the Ohio Transportation Research Center, now the Honda Test Center, for our initial press introduction. TRC had a seven-

mile-high speed oval which we used to test the top speed of the Turbos. Our guest drivers for the event were Al Holbert and Peter Greg who demonstrated the capabilities of the cars on the track. We were very conscious of the car's potential severe oversteer, so we initially limited the media drive to the high-speed oval and to a short autocross set up on the massive skid pad at TRC. Of course, later on the media took the cars on various road courses for testing and some dubbed the Porsche Turbo "The Widow Maker", a moniker our attorneys despised.

Fifty years later my passion for Porsche continues. I always loved the first silver Porsche Turbo with red leather and today I own a silver Porsche 991.2 Turbo S with red leather and a silver Porsche 356 Speedster Tribute in Silver with red leather interior.

Still my favorite color combination. ■

Why I Love A Silver Porsche Turbo (continued)



1. Tom McDonald's Porsche fleet, of course all silver with red leather interior.
2. Young PR guy Tom McDonald with the first production 1975 Porsche Turbo in the U.S.
3. Porsche 911 991.2 Turbo S
4. 1957 Porsche 356 Speedster Tribute.



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Idea starters-Track days, collectibles, road tours, my first sports car or Porsche, races, museum visits, car shows, Porsche repairs or restoration, etc.

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3D Detroit, Sterling Heights is hosting a Detailing Session for Southeast Michigan PCA members.

Sunday, September 14th. 2025
Starts at 10:00am

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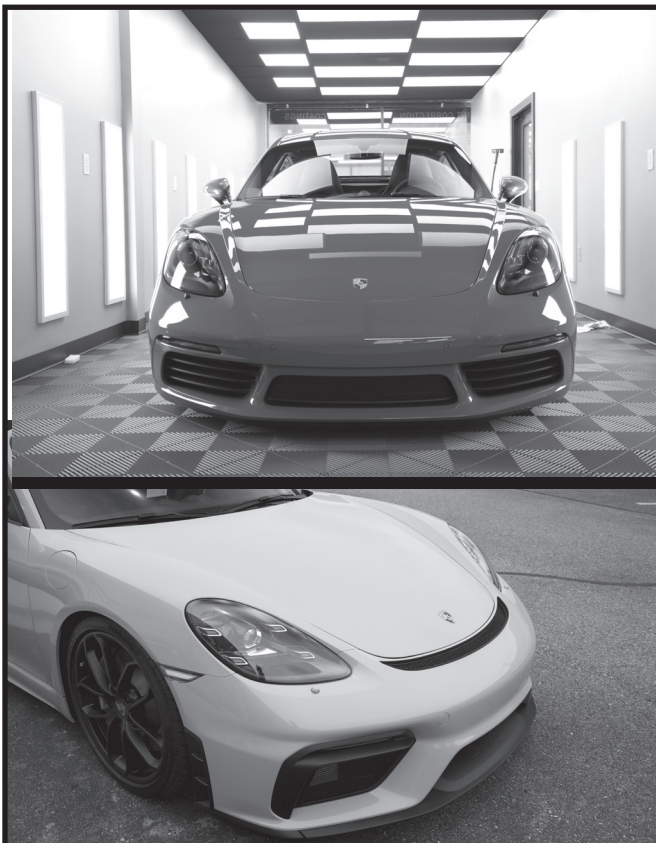
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Gathering of 100+ Porsches – Time Speed Distance Rally
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Saturday, September 20th | German Park, Ann Arbor, MI
Main event is from 3 - 7:30 pm (Concours, Dinner, Social, Dancing)
Arrive early for driving tours (1:30 - 3:00)

Porsches In the Park Agenda

- **Concourse People's Choice Awards** - voting from 4:00 - 5:00
- **Evening Festivities** - 5:00 - 7:30-ish
 - Catered dinner from **Satchel's BBQ / Michigama Brewery**
 - Music, Dancing, socializing, and fun



Event Info
Register

Arrive early for Driving Tours and Rally

- **Time, Speed, Distance Rally w/prizes** - 1:00 (depart at 1:30)
- **Staggered driving tours** - departing @ 2:15, 2:30, 2:45

All Porsches are welcome from classic to the latest, cars to SUVs to tractors, water - air - electric, rear - mid - front engine.



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ARTICLE BY TOM FIELITZ - SEM MEMBER

Helmets



If you are going to get hooked on driving school events like I did, you are going to want to invest in your own helmet. If you are just getting started, our club does offer loaner helmets to students. This makes it very easy to participate without making the investment. You have to reserve the helmet before the event and it comes with a head balaclava so that you don't get the helmet sweaty. A selection of sizes is offered so it is most likely you will find one that fits. If you are a repeat student, even just a few times per year, owning your own helmet is a great investment. Not only are you guaranteed to have a helmet available, but finding the right fit will be guaranteed. It is also an opportunity to express your personality with just the right style of helmet and even a personalized decoration.

There are safety standards that apply to helmets, so be aware that you old motorcycle helmet will not be allowed. There is a safety standard put out by the SNELL Foundation that regulates which helmets are permitted for driving activities whether it is automobile, motorcycle or even karting. Part of technical inspection for our driving events is to verify that the helmet you intend to wear meets current safety or SNELL standards which is a year rating spelled out on an official SNELL year sticker affixed to the helmet.

William "Pete" Snell was an armature SCCA racer who died in a sports car race in 1956 due to an unsafe helmet. In 1957 his friends formed the nonprofit SNELL Foundation based in California to test and certify helmets. They test and certify some 3,000 helmets annually with new standards getting published every five years. The current rating is SA2020 which indicates it is for special applications (SA) including fire retardation interior padding. The motorcycle equivalent would be a M2020 rating which meets the same shell durability, but without the fire safety standard. Testing of the helmet shell involves dropping a steel weight from 9.8 feet without damaging the dummy head, assuring that the helmet remains secure to the dummy head without rolling off and if applicable that the interior fabric doesn't catch fire or melt. Current standards are SA2010, SA2015 and SA2020 with the SA2010 rating going to expire in 2024 and the SA2020 rating expiring in 2032. PCA and all race organizations require a SA2010 or SA2020 rating with some exceptions as approved by the organizer. Some exceptions have been made for M rated helmets based on the organizers discretion. Helmets come in both closed face, with an eye slot and face shield, and open face. Either is acceptable with the exception of closed face being required in an open cockpit application.

Helmets are secured by a fire proof nylon chin strap with a double "D" fastener or other secure clip. They also may

be fitted with HANS or head and neck restraint posts. PCA requires the use of HANS devices on vehicles equipped with roll cages. Interior padding must be fitted tight enough such that the helmet cannot be rocked side to side or front to back. Over a period of time this padding may compress or otherwise deteriorate, which would indicate time for replacement. Of course any accident that occurs would require replacement, but even a drop on to a hard surface could damage the shell and require replacement. The use of a helmet bag is strongly advised.

The shape of the helmet shell has specific design functions. One serious consideration is air flow venting at the nose and top of the shell for cooling as well as sweat reduction. Another less obvious feature is aero flaps on the nose and top of the shell. These aero shapes direct air flow and although it has no effect in a closed car, it is absolutely essential in an open formula car or racing kart to prevent the helmet lifting up and possibly restricting vision. I have experienced this effect and it is terrifying. The visor opening comes in many shapes and sizes and the visor itself is usually a 3mm thick polycarbonate, that can be clear or tinted, and it is fitted for removable tear off strips or treated for anti-fog condensation. They are also fitted with ratchet stops so that they can be held open at desired levels. In the closed position they should be dust proof.

Which brand of helmet you choose is entirely up to your taste and budget. My original helmet was a simple white closed face Bell made out of a relatively heavy fiberglass. A friend custom painted it in the colors of Emerson Fittipaldi, which happened to be German colors red and black. The next helmet was a carbon fiber Simpson with a large eye opening and a custom application of a striking flame and checkered flag design. I was sure it would be unique until I showed up at the first event of the season and my first student had an identical helmet! My next helmet was a black RaceQuip which I added red and gold stripes to. My last helmet was another black RaceQuip, but trimmed in gold and red pin striping. Stick on graphics kits are under \$10 for that customized look.

Some popular brands of helmets are the JLAN at \$227, Bell at \$157, Conquer at \$227 or Race Quip at \$203. Higher in the price range are the Arei starting around \$699, Simpson for \$699 and Shoei at \$599. If you want to go the full Formula One route there is the Stilo starting at around \$1,300 up to an eye watering \$4,100 all in unpainted carbon fiber just like their race cars. Choose wisely or as they say, pay what you think your head is worth. ■



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2025 SEM Ladies Drive



Saturday, September 27

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The Michigan Up North Overnight Tour & Winery

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This years Michigan Up North event will be a group drive to northern Michigan on Friday October 3rd. ending up at a winery for lunch before hotel checking.

After check in we will give time to relax and freshen up before we meet for dinner at one of many local restaurants. (Shuttle is available from host Hotel for dinners). On Saturday we will wake up early and enjoy a long morning drive to a winery for charcuterie boards and wine tasting. After we will provide a list of other wineries and local attractions or you will be welcome to shopping in Traverse City or a relaxing afternoon.

We will have options for dinner Saturday evening at some great local restaurant.

On Sunday will be traveling back to lower Michigan.



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Indiana Nurburgring Overnight Tour

Schweinefiletring, also known as the Indiana Nürburgring, is a 180 mile loop that is very similar in shape to the famous publicly accessible road in Germany called the Nürburgring. Schweinefiletring's most northern point is about an hour south of Indianapolis where the outstanding loop of Indiana roads starts. The Schweinefiletring gives you a bit of all of the greatest roads east of the Mississippi. If you've joined us on SEM PCA drives to the Triple Nickel or Tail of the Dragon you will quickly be harkened back to the driving pleasure you experienced there. The undulations feel reminiscent of the Triple Nickel and the tight and blind corners bring back part of the thrill of the Tail of the Dragon. The Schweinefiletring isn't just the greatest hits of those roads, it has its own thrill and beauty to explore.

The 2025 SEM PCA overnight trip to the Schweinefiletring started on Friday, August 1st in Ann Arbor. Twelve cars met at Zingerman's to caravan down to Columbus, IN. We also had Chris Randolph, a photographer from C.A.R. Visuals, traveling with us this year for the first time. The weather was great all weekend with sunshine and highs around 80°F. We stopped for lunch at a British Restaurant called Payne's in Gas City IN. The food was great and the large statue of Garfield was entertaining. We arrived at our hotel later in the afternoon. In what is now a tradition, we went to Texas Roadhouse for dinner as they seem to always be next to the Holiday Inns that we stay at.

On Saturday, August 2nd, eighteen cars gathered at 9 a.m. to start the Indiana Nürburgring. We divided into three groups to ensure a safe and fun event. The weather was

mostly cloudy in the morning that gave way to partly cloudy skies in the afternoon with a high of 80°F. After a very short drive through town, we were immediately out on the back roads. The first driving segment had us heading southwest on the east side of the ring.

The roads on the east side of the ring are like the 555/Hocking Hills. This year was the first time we were able to run IN-135 S without interruption. Elevation changes with tight and also sweeping turns greeted us with great forest views. We skipped the Shoals Overlook this year and instead stopped at a Marathon gas station in Bedford, IN with more space and better amenities. After leaving our first stop we again headed southwest. US-50 gave us a nice break from the tighter twisties with very long elevation changing sweepers alongside the Martin State Forest. Unfortunately, the road surface was recently stripped and covered with loose gravel and this slowed our progress down a bit. We headed back northeast on IN-450 towards our lunch stop. The route is similar to the backroads around the Tail of the Dragon. As we continued on, the next stop was at the William Covered Bridge. Unfortunately, this year we were not able to do the photoshoot at the bridge. A large truck had parked in front of the bridge so we turned the group around and completed a short hop to lunch.

Our lunch stop was at Smokin Jim's BBQ. The reason the Schweinefiletring is promoted by the locals is to get you to stop at one of these BBQ joints. The food was once again excellent. Leaving the BBQ joint we headed northwest to complete the west side of the ring. The IN-43 soon turned tight and twisty with steep inclines and declines. At this

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1. Drivers Meeting.
2. Lead and Follow - Group 1 shot on US HWY 50.
3. One of the many blind and elevation changing corners on IN-135 S.
4. Drive Start - Groups 1, 2 and 3 staging for the drive.
5. Twisty - Group 1 Driving State Rd 135.
6. Group 1 on US HWY 50 W.

Indiana Nurburgring Overnight Tour (continued)



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point we are driving through Bloomington with a stop at a Shell gas station before we head east back to the hotel. The roads after Bloomington continued to be curvy as we ascended to the next stop at Bean Blossom Overlook. Unfortunately, the road surface was also recently stripped and there was more loose gravel, but at least the gravel ended before the overlook. The overlook gave us a bird's-eye view of the area we had been driving all day. We continued on and descended down through a tourist trap town called Nashville. It was packed with people on the

sidewalks and had a bit of traffic. We beelined back to the hotel as soon as we cleared the traffic.

At the conclusion of the Schweinefiletring, every participant had a smile on their face. It was a great day of driving excellent roads with great scenery. Thank you to all who participated and made this a great event

A special thanks to Howard Gilson, Bobby Tarchinski, and Jim Williams for their support as leads during this event. ■



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7. Group shot at Bean Blossom Overlook Stop.



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8. Bean Blossom Overlook Stop.

9. Dinner at Texas Roadhouse.



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It was a pleasure to come along with the SEM / PCA on their Schweinefiletring/ Indiana Nurburgring Driving Tour. I met so many wonderful people and look forward to working with the club again. At C.A.R. Visuals I offer both event coverage and private shoots to capture not only the cars, but the connection that people have with these machines.

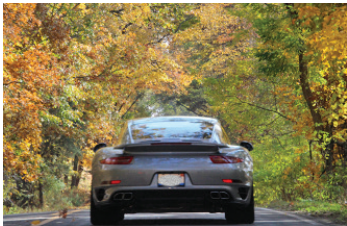
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SEM Picnic and Concours



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The third week of August in “Motown” was a great week for car lovers. Cruising Woodward spanned the entire week and activities culminated on Saturday with the 30th Annual “Dream Cruise”. Sunday was an entirely different story with Stuttgart coming to Detroit at Springdale Park. Just about every make and model of the beloved Porsche brand was represented at the SEM Annual Picnic and Concours. Over 60 cars showed up with 35 participating in the concours. Notable by their absence were any SUVs or EVs. Maybe there is a subtle message there for Porsche.

Activity started around 9:00 a.m. with concours contestants arriving to put the finishing touches on their gleaming rides. There is an unsubstantiated rumor circulating that one gentleman had a detailing crew arrive to put finishing touches on his car. The advance party was also unloading the trailer with all the needed supplies and cooking utensils to make the picnic luncheon complete. Tables were being prepared and everything put in place. Breakfast sandwiches, bacon, donuts, muffins and coffee were a welcome surprise for early arrivals.

Being greeted with a warm, sunny breeze helped set the tone for the day. Everyone had their cleaning supplies out and started the ritual of looking for dirt, dust and wax. Windows were also a priority. Of course there was time to converse with the fellow participants, as no doubt there was a plea to look over each other’s cars. Nothing was left to chance.

Fred Young, Concours Chair, could be found throughout the event registering concours participants, prepping judges, collecting ballots, overseeing the judging, organizing results and watching the clock to ensure all ran on-time. As promised, judging began at 11:30 a.m. sharp. The team of concours judges armed with their clipboards and sharp pencils began the process of separating the wheat from the chaff. Everyone did surprisingly well. The judges remarked that it was difficult judging the cars that were in and out of the bright sunlight, but they did their best.

For a short while it looked like the Canadian wildfires had headed south again, but it was only the cooks firing up the grill with their turbo chargers. Salmon, sausage and ribs had to be barbecued for the hungry masses. A variety of delicious salads, potatoes, asparagus and the like almost overwhelmed the tables. Reinforcements of fried chicken added to the already weighted-down tables. Desserts were also in abundance spread out on two additional tables. When the dinner bell rang, the line stretched the length of the pavilion and then some. The food was plentiful though and by no means did anyone go hungry.

After everyone enjoyed their delicious meals, it was time to make some announcements and award the trophies. Lisa Molzon, Club President, introduced former Club Presidents that were present along with the Board and Officers. Also recognized was long-time member and Club supporter, Chris Braden, owner of Munk’s Motors which was the much-appreciated sole sponsor of this year’s event. She then went over a list of upcoming events for the year. We were graced with the presence of the PCA Zone 4 representative, Dave Stetson and his wife, Stephanie Bahr. As the Parade Art Show Chair, Stephanie put in a plug for the art show and the 2026 Parade to be held in Lake Placid, New York.

It was then time for the highly anticipated Concours results to be revealed. Fred Young, assisted by Lisa Molzon, presented the trophies. This year they were an outline of the State of Michigan with the PCA 70th Anniversary logo and inscription. Over 26 trophies were awarded to 8 classes of contestants. For those that were awarded trophies it was a sign that their hard work and dedication paid off. For others, it was a learning experience to hopefully inspire a yearning to come back next year and secure an award. This could also serve as a stepping stone to enter the 2026 Parade Concours at Lake Placid.

After members started to filter out, all that was left was the cleanup. The same dedicated crew – now well-fed and tired – started to deconstruct the set-up, clean the grills,

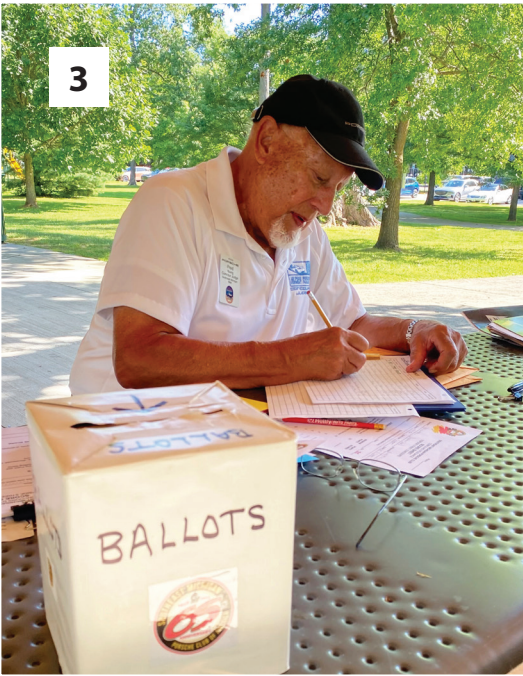
SEM Picnic and Concours (continued)

pack-up left-overs, load up the trailer and cars with all the cooking and serving items and last but not least, take-out all the garbage. Until next year!!!

Here is a salute to our invaluable volunteers including: Patti Door, Tom and Christine Grabowski, Chris and Kyle Bohr, Howard Gilson, Bobby Tarchinski, Joann and Jamie Coobatis, Laurie Williams, Joel (Chuck) and Kim Robbins, Pat Ambrus, Kathy Young plus Marc Molzon. It would have been an impossible task without them. Judges are listed with the score sheets. ■



1. On-site Check-in and payment collection started with Joann Coobatis - making sure Bobby Tarchinski is all set.
2. Check-in duties then later shifted to Laurie Williams
3. Fred Young devoted 98% of his day with us to the Concours, barely taking time for lunch.



- 4. Howard Gilson and Patti Door take a break from their Picnic duties.
- 5. As always, there was a great number of participants for the Concours.
- 6. John Khami's Metallic Blue 911T.
- 7. Gary Ambrus's Guards Red 911S.
- 8. Vic Rivera's Speedster.

Photos on page 32 by Mark Peters



2025 CONCOURS AWARDS*

People's Choice			
1965	Slate Grey	356C	Cabriolet Bill Block & Freda Giblin
1989	Guards Red	911 Speedster	Cabriolet Michael Gilson
Both cars also placed First in Class			
924 – 928 – 944 - 968 Class			
1987	Black	944S	Coupe Bruce Gearns +
1983	Kalahari Beige	944	Coupe Jamie Coobatis
1980	Black	928	Coupe Michael Heilman
Boxster – Cayman Class			
2016	Sapphire Blue	Cayman GTS	Coupe Jason Nixon
2008	Silver	Cayman S	Coupe Carlos & Veronica Carmona
2023	Arctic Grey	718 Spyder	Coupe Wally & Kathy Abdal
2008	Cobalt Blue	Cayman S	Coupe Don & Helen Munoz
911 – 912 – 914 before 1994 Class			
1972	Silver	914	Targa John Thurwachter
1977	Guards Red	911S	Coupe Gary & Pat Ambrus
1973	Metallic Blue	911T	Coupe John & Jason Khami
1977	Sienna Metallic	911 S	Coupe Andy Rosenberg
1995 - 2003 - 911 Class			
2002	Silver	996 C2	Coupe Chris Young +
2003	Silver	911 Turbo	Coupe Con Papa +
2002	Silver	996	Targa Tim & Kim Jarzembowski
1997	Arena Red	993	Cabriolet Roger Tayloe
1999	Arctic Silver	996	Coupe Robert Tarchinski
2004 – 2012 - 911 Class			
2004	Black	996 4S	Coupe Mark Vander Eyk
2012	Guards Red	91 C2S	Coupe Ryan Silvino
2012	GT Silver	911 S	Coupe Michael Johnson
2013 and Up – 911 Class			
2018	Black	911T	Coupe Michael Cohen
2023	Shark Blue	992	Coupe Bob & Peggy Bogart
2024	Gray	992	Coupe Kiro Trendov
Panamera & SUV's			
2020	Black	Panamera	Coupe Phil Hurst

*Entrants are ranked in the order of finish.
+ Had a perfect score of 70.

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Many thanks to our dedicated judges:
Bruce Gearns, John Khami, Michael Cohen, Roger Tayloe,
Bob Bogart, Dennis Denyer and Jim Williams along with guest judge,
Charles Hagen from the Motorstadt Region

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- 9. *Cooking up a storm: Kyle Bohr, Chris Bohr and Tom Grabowski.*
- 10. *Luckily, the plates were extra large to hold the plentiful bounty of delicious food!*
- 11. *Concours Judge Bob Bogart makes copious notes.*
- 12. *Tim Jarzembowski receives a trophy for his 2002 996 Targa from Lisa Molzon and Fred Young.*



The hand-crafted Concours trophies created by Fred Young boasted the PCA 70th Anniversary Logo.



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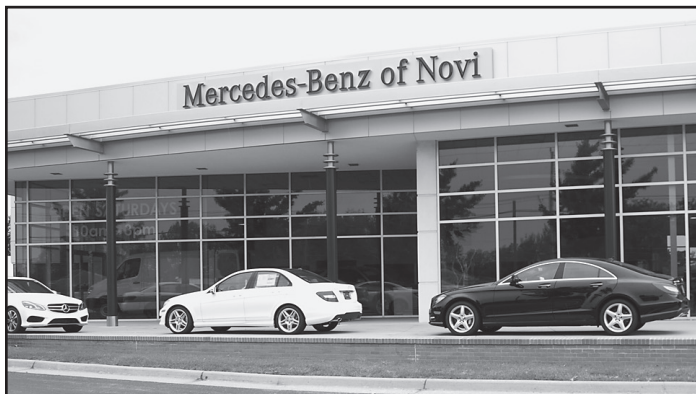
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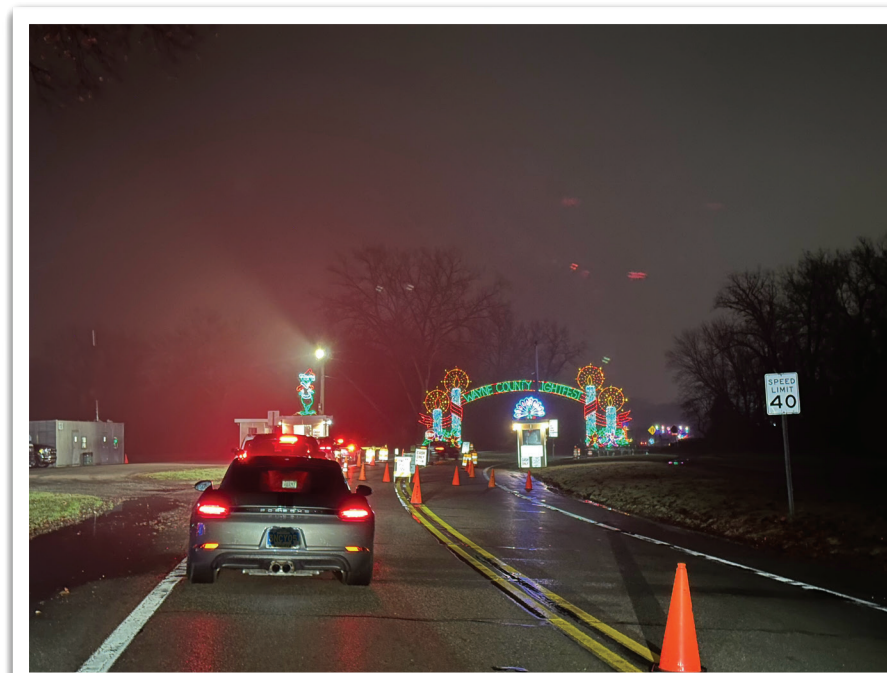
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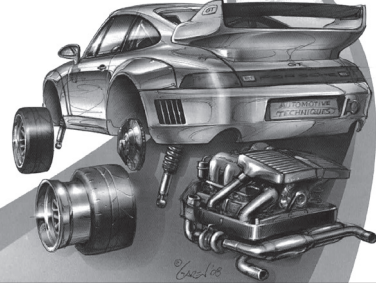
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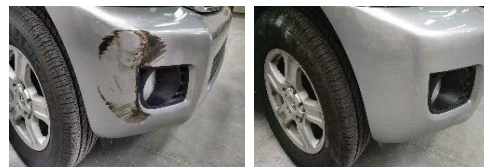


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SEPTEMBER 2025

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36	Bernie & Lisa Palo	10	Michael Brillati	4	Elizabeth Eads
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28	Ulrich & Christine Trispel	8	Saylo Lam & John Fagnou	4	Brandon Horrocks
27	Robert & Ro Aikins	8	Gerald Shohan	4	Dan Izydorek
27	Nick & Nelda Moskatow	7	James Holloway	3	James & Melissa Glasson
26	Phillip & Rita Belfiori	7	Casey & Monica Swanseger	3	Heinz & Petra Mattern
24	Michael & Maureen Heilmann	7	Kris Van den Brande	3	Zachary Palmer & Rachel Rubach
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22	Todd Krefeld	6	Paul & Nancy Brewer	3	Gary & Michele Ray
17	Mike & Jenn Studnicki	6	Michael Dybowski	3	Mike Sullivan
16	Don & Taffy Jones	6	Jonathan Jacobs	2	Wally Abdal
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13	Michael O'Connor	5	Jamie & Joann Coobatis	2	Robert Daniels & Jake McCarter
13	Andrew Olson	5	Scott Deming	1	Pete Dews
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AUGUST 7, 2025

In attendance:
Board Members: Chris Bohr, Howard Gilson, Jim Williams, Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Cedric Alexanian and Bobby Tarchinski.
Officers: Mark VanderEyck, Jason Nixon and John Grabowski.. Guests: Guilherme Costa, Rene VanderEyck and Michael Cohen.
Absent with notice: Lisa Molzon and Steve Carbary.

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m. by Vice President Chris Bohr
Minutes: Moved by H.G. and M.M. to approve the July minutes. Motion passed.
Financial: Jim Williams – Jim went over the last two months of the Treasurer’s reports. It was moved by J.W. and H.G. to approve the June financials. Motion passed. It was also moved by J.W. and B.T to approve the July financials. Motion passed.
Membership: Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 1351 with 833 primary and 468 associate members. This is up 46 members since last year. Business cards were passed out with information about joining the club.
Insurance: Steve Carbary - None needed.
P-4: Mark VanderEyck - Mark went over the September P4 content to be published. John Grabowski was proposed to be the new editor of the P4 along with Jason Nixon as associate editor.
Webmaster: Howard Gilson – Everything is in order. Jason Nixon is to be working with Howard as webmaster and social media chair.

OLD BUSINESS:
June 28: DE#2 at M1: Marc Molzon - It was hoped for a few more participants otherwise it was fine.
June 29: Waterford Hills Family Day: Fred Young - There was a good turnout with plenty of racing. Refreshments and snacks were furnished by Munk’s Motors in light of the refreshment stand being closed. Once again parade laps were a great hit.
July 6-12: *Porsche Parade: Howard Gilson - Parade went well, but light on attendance. Bobby Tarchinski won a first place in the concours. Lake Placid, New York will be the site of the 2026 Parade.
July 13: *Northville Concours d’Elegance: Bobby Tarchinski - They appreciated our support with the ad in P4.
July 19: Progressive Dinner: Cedric Alexanian - There was good feedback with 21 participants. Several new members attended.
August 1: Indiana Nürburgring: Chris Bohr – It was a fun time for all with a 200 mile driving loop for the 18 cars and drivers. He will look into T-shirts and photos for a subsequent event.

August 13-16: Dream Cruise Events: Marc Molzon - 9 club members are participating in the event.
August 17: Picnic and Concours: Howard Gilson - A trailer is rented to deliver supplies and menu items. Last minute details are being addressed.
August 23: DE #3 at Waterford: Marc Molzon - 26 are signed up. Good numbers at this time.
September 5: DE #4 at Waterford: Marc Molzon - On track.
September 13: Drive your Porsche Day: Howard Gilson - Registration is open.
September 14: 3D Detailing Session: Howard Gilson - On Club Reg.
September 27: Ladies Drive: Lisa Molzon - Route being planned.
October 3-5: Up North Tour: Howard Gilson - Everything is good. An eblast will be sent out.
October 19: Fall Color Tour: Chris Bohr - It will be a buffet style morning event.
November 8: Street Survival School: Marc Molzon - It was moved by M.M. and H.G. to send in a deposit for the event. Motion passed.
December 13: Holiday Party: Mark VanderEyck - It was moved by H.G. and M.M. to comp a meal for the Special Olympics chairs. Motion passed. It was moved by H.G. and B.T. to set the price for the event at \$100 and to subsidize club members with a discount. Motion passed.
Election Committee: Lisa Molzon had appointed herself, Howard Gilson, Bobby Tarchinski, Mark VanderEyck, and Cedric Alexanian to the election committee. Present board members Steve Carbary, Jim Williams, Marc Molzon, Chris Bohr and Fred Young are up for election with Jim Williams choosing not to run again.
NEW BUSINESS: Bobby Tarchinsky commented on possibly reviving “Porsches on the Mac” next fall.
Event Reports: None needed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by M.M. and B.T. Motion passed.
Next Meeting Location: Gilson Motorsports - Thursday, September 4, 2025
***Not an SEMPCA event.**
Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - Rev. 8-11-25
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting.

Around the Zone



BY DAVE STETSON - ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Zone 4 Folk, another Porsche Parade has come and gone and around 25 people from the zone made the trek to Oklahoma City for the fun times. Oklahoma City turned out to be a very pleasant venue with several excellent museums and parks, the memorial for the Oklahoma City Bombing and Native American influences all around. The driving tours all went to fascinating places. Steph and I did the tour to the impressive Chickasaw Cultural Center with its village and museum. Because Steph was the Chair of the newly renamed Hans-Peter Porsche Art Show she could only get away that one day, but the bonus was that she did meet Hans-Peter, his son Daniell and grandson Tamino. Other tours went to a Goodyear factory, Pawnee Bill Ranch, plus the Marland Mansion and Pioneer Woman Museum. I heard only good things about the tours. There were lots of activities for Porsche Club Juniors, including their own role in judging the Concours. As usual, attendees were entertained all week, culminating in the Parade of Porsches with about 150 cars traveling through parts of the city on Saturday morning and the Victory Banquet on Saturday evening. At the end of it all, Zone 4 was well represented on the score sheet, with results listed below. Full results will be reported in October’s Panorama. Zone 4 was also represented well on the Parade Staff and I thank all of those who volunteered during the week for their service to the club. Next year, Parade will be in Lake Placid, NY, so start making plans now!

Parade 2025 Zone 4 Awards

Concours d’Elegance
-Ohio Valley Region, Kenneth and Karla Brightman, First in Class, 2000 Boxster S
-Southeast Michigan Region, Robert and Nita Tarchinski, First in Class, 1999 911 Carrera
-Rally Sport Region, Francie and Phil Kish, Second in Class, 2024 718 Cayman
-Western Michigan Region, Greg and Karlene Currie, Fourth in Class, 2017 911 Targa 4S

Art Show
-Maumee Valley Region, Michael Soriano, “The (718) Spyder at Night,” First Place in Photography
-Ohio Valley Region, Ken Brightman, “Packing for Parade,” First Place in Mixed Media
5K Run/Walk
-Todd Griffey. Central Indiana Region, third in age group
-Dave Stetson, Mid-Ohio Region, second in age group
Autocross
-Rally Sport Region, John Thomson, Second Place
TSD Rally
-Rally Sport Region, John and Diane Thomson, Second Place in R03 (Unequipped 2016 to Current)
-Rally Sport Region, Phil and Francie Kish, Fourth Place in R03 (Unequipped 2016 to Current)
-Central Indiana Region, Todd and Bonnie Griffee, Fifth Place in R04 (Unequipped 2001-2015)
Gimmick Rally
-Rally Sport Region and Maumee Valley Region, John Thomson, Diane Thomson, Michael Soriano, and Lisa Soriano; First Place, Class 2 persons+
Golf Tournament
-Western Michigan Region, Caleb Kiebert in the First Place foursome.
Newsletter
-Maumee Valley Region, der Rückspiegel, Greg Armstrong and Sebastian Gaeta, Editors; Third Place, Class II
-Central Indiana Region, CIRcular, Larry Clarino, Editor, Third Place, Class V

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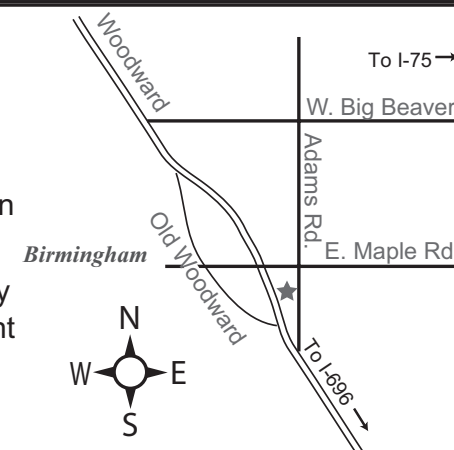
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