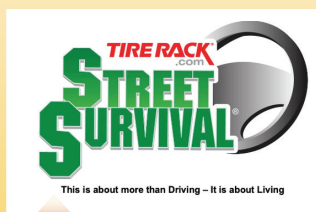




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JANUARY

- 8 Business Meeting
- 10 PCA Parade 101
- 17 SIM Racing / Training Series
- 17-25 *2026 Detroit Auto Show
- 28 Parade Registration opens

FEBRUARY

- 5 Business Meeting
- 21 SIM Racing / Training Series
- 27-1 *Detroit Autorama
- 28 Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

MARCH

- 5 Business Meeting
- 21 SIM Racing / Training Series
- 28 Swap Meet

Future Event Possibilities:
This is a starting point of events for the 2026 Calendar Year.
Events may be added, deleted or dates changed as desired.

APRIL

- 2 Business Meeting
- 11 SIM Racing / Training Series
- 18 Munk's Tech Session
- 19 DE-101 at M-1
- 25 New Member Gathering
and Membership Dinner

MAY

- 7 Business Meeting
- 16 Spring Tour
- 30?? DE #1 at M-1 Concourse
- 30-1 *Detroit Grad Prix
- ?? 3D Detailing Session

***Not an SEMPCA event**
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President's Column

Happy New Year!

Hoping your holidays were filled with many joyous moments and that the year ahead brings you many fun times with your friends, family and favorite vehicles.

Near the end of 2025, the Southeast Michigan Region Porsche Club of America (SEM/PCA) membership stood at 1,354 total members: 886 Primary Members and 468 Affiliate Members (aka: Family or Co-Members.) Year over year, we continue to grow our Club membership. With all of the choices we make every day/week/month/year, thank you for choosing to be part of SEM/PCA.

Welcome to all of our new members – we, on the Board of Directors, look forward to meeting you and spending time with you at events we are planning throughout the year. And welcome and congratulations to our re-elected Board Members: Chris Bohr, Steve Carbary, Marc Molzon, Fred Young and our newly-elected Board Member: Jason Nixon.

As we wrapped-up 2025, we hosted the Annual **Tire Rack® Teen Street Survival School** at M1 Concourse in November, and then in December we had the **Holiday Lights Tour & Holiday Party**. Please take a moment to enjoy the articles recapping each of these events in this issue. A heartfelt thank you to every one of the volunteers at the Teen Street Survival School – we would not be able to run this significant annual program without the help and dedication of the numerous SEM members each year. Likewise, many thanks for the holiday event planning done by Howard Gilson for the Holiday Lights Tour, Mark & Rene Vander Eyk for the Holiday Party, and Gary & Pat Ambrus for the Silent Auction at the Holiday Party benefitting Mi Cookie Project (I encourage you to take a moment to learn more about this wonderful and empowering organization at: micookieproject.com.) And a warm thank you to everyone that contributed to and participated in the Silent Auction!

I am very pleased to share with the club that we honored Enthusiast of the Year award dedicated to the memory of club member, Jack Kaminska, at the Holiday Party. We are fortunate to have Bobby on the Board of Directors – his passion and enthusiasm of all things Porsche, his willingness to always help while introducing new ideas, and his friendly approach are greatly appreciated. Thanks to both Bobby and his wife, Nita, for all you do for SEM!

For those that attended the Holiday Party, you learned that our Treasurer, Jim Williams, is undertaking a new and exciting chapter with his wife and moving to Greenville, SC. When Jim came on as Treasurer, he immediately brought additional organization and instituted new accounting programs. We have been fortunate that he has managed our accounts, invoiced our advertisers, collected and processed funds and kept our treasury in working order. We wish him all the best – and hope to see him when he visits Michigan!

Jim's departure necessitated that we install a new Treasurer. Easier said than done. However, we have been fortunate to have member David Sculati open to taking on this role. And more than just take on the role: enthusiastically take on this role. We couldn't be more thrilled and we welcome him as our new Treasurer as we usher in 2026.

As we head into the new year, we have several events planned to provide you with some group activities during the long winter months. To start the year, Fred Young, SEMPCA Secretary, and Howard Gilson, Past President, organized a **Parade 101** event on Saturday, January 10th. With this year's Porsche Parade located relatively close in Lake Placid, NY, some members that have never been to Parade may decide to attend. Fred and Howard shared what to expect and how to prepare for this exciting annual PCA event. Watch for a recap article in the next P4.

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Then, on Saturday, January 17th, we started the **SIM Racing/Training** series at SUPERLAP in Berkley. Organized by Chris Bohr, it doesn't matter what your SIM driving experience is – this series is a great opportunity to experience state-of-the-art racing simulators. See the ad in this issue and/or our online calendar for details regarding the remaining series sessions. Keep your reflexes quick through the cold weather by driving some hot tracks. The series spans four dates from January through April – BUT it's limited to 24 participants each month, so don't delay in registering!

And looking ahead to February – once again, Gary Ambrus has organized a museum tour for our members, this time at the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum Tour on Saturday, February 28th. Starting with lunch across the street in Depot Town, the museum tour will then start at 1pm. See the ad in this issue and contact Gary directly to register or if you have questions. We'll be back on our monthly P4 mailing schedule for March through October (as a reminder, we combine November & December into a single P4 edition, and we do the same thing with the January & February issue.)

Although our cars may be in storage for the winter, we hope to see you out and about!

Talk with you again in March! ■



The newly-named Enthusiast of the Year: Bobby Tarchinski receives the traveling trophy.



A Perfect winter evening for the SEM Holiday Lights event on December 5, 2025.



Fred Young, along with Howard Gilson and input from Bobby Tarchinski, presented informational tips during the Parade 101 on 1/10.



The Teen Street Survival School Class of '25 with our volunteers.

From Our Members: What I Enjoy as a SEM Member

- "The Tech Sessions."
- "The activities and the people – a great group!"
- "Meeting the people and enjoying the group events."
- "The Picnic and the Drives. And we need more Rallies."
- "Always fun – great people – always helpful – full of passion!"
- "It's definitely the people in addition to the colorful activities."
- "The friendliness of all the members at every activity is absolutely incredible. No matter where I meet members, we always have something to talk about."
- "We treasure the friendships we have made through the club membership"
— The "P 6er's"
- "SEMPCA has the most welcoming members and anyone coming into the club is met with open arms. Every event is well planned out and fun"
— Paula & Kris/The "P 6er's"
- "Life is a journey, so blessed to enjoy the ride in a Porsche. This club embraces friendship, great trips near and far, lots of good eats, and laughter. So glad to be a part of it!"
— Nora Grabowski

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA 2025 Board of Director Election Results

Congratulations to the members who have been newly elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors for the two year term (2026-2027)

Re-Elected

Chris Bohr
Steve Carbary
Marc Molzon
Fred Young

Newly Elected

Jason Nixon



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Sat Feb 21st, Mar 21st, Apr 11th 2026



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Event is 9AM-12PM with light breakfast provided.

Limited to 24 Driving Participants.

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Street Survival School

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Educating New Drivers Through the Tire Rack® Teen Street Survival School

For those of us with a few decades of driving experience, we may have memories of harrowing near-miss maneuvers, driving in slick winter conditions learning to pump the brakes, and then over time, driving in slick winter conditions with new ABS technology. My Dad tried to prepared me for driving in many ways: taking me out driving the empty streets of pre-growth Troy on Sundays at age 14 and 15; backing up a slightly curved hill into the 2-car garage without getting too close to mom's mile-long shiny Cougar; and finding the longest steepest hill in a stately neighborhood only to make me stop $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up and then have me practice moving uphill without rolling backwards in a "3 on the tree" F150. I hated that exercise then (a sentiment likely shared by every family on that hill) – but the life skill of learning how to master driving a manual transmission as a teen has served me well over the years. In short, he was a Teen Street Survival School instructor before his time.

Between my early-driving prep experiences and my husband's passion to help shape new drivers into vehicle-appreciating knowledgeable drivers, we jumped at the chance to become involved and help bring the Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School for teen drivers to Southeast Michigan in 2013. With Don Kleist taking the lead and handling the classroom and organizing the materials, Marc Molzon managing the in-car exercises and gathering instructors, and me handling check-in, waivers, and lunchtime sandwiches, we embarked upon an annual event to save lives.

Gathering volunteers, organizing and ordering the Street Survival School materials, managing registrant requests/cancellations/questions leading up to the event and arranging for the food/beverages for the day is a large task – but the largest hurdle is finding a site that meets the criteria of an indoor classroom, the outdoor in-car training, and provides

Street Survival School (continued)

excellent viewing for parents eager to see what exercises the teens are experiencing. For the past two years, we have been fortunate to secure the exciting M1 Concourse in Pontiac: The Preeminent Motorsports Experience and Events Destination. The location, the property layout, the M1 Circuit, the Event Center indoor accommodations – it has been the perfect venue for this annual event.

Over the past couple years, we landed upon setting a late fall date for this event because the worse natural weather we have, the better it will be for the in-car exercises and overall student experience. In theory, this makes so much sense. In practice.... well, we give a resounding cheer and many thanks to every volunteer instructor! The cold, often rainy, blowy conditions may be ideal for learning car control – but the conditions are draining for those hopping from car to car coaching the teens. The importance of the lessons and the rewarding teaching experiences fuel each instructor. Driver's Ed sets the basic ground rules of driving – but what we do in a day in a safe closed-circuit area, that provides the next-level driving experience for teens.

Here is a chance for a teen that has never likely felt what a car will do when the ABS kicks-in, to feel and experience it for the first time – without it being in an emergency situation and having the additional distraction of grasping what is happening with the car pedal. Here is a chance to start the muscle memory of how to swerve in a controlled manner around a car, an object, or a person without losing control. And here is a chance for teens to collectively hear about the realities and repercussions of distracted driving.

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Teens and parents arriving at early morning registration.



Getting ready to start the classroom session.



Student's cars lined-up on Pit Lane at M1 Concourse and waiting until after the first classroom session.



2nd floor viewing of teens doing in-car exercises.



CLASS OF 2025

This year’s event was sold-out with 24 students registered almost a month before the day-long training. (Please keep this in mind should you want to register your teen in our 2026 event which we are again planning for November.) With 22 volunteers assisting with everything from course set-up, classroom instruction, in-car coaching, directing traffic flow, and acquiring/setting up meals added to the 27 parents that stayed for the school, we had a substantial group participating in the day.

Jeff O’Neal led the classroom sessions with the unenviable task of initially engaging the teens first thing early Saturday morning, November 8th. The start of the day is traditionally the toughest part of the event. What teen have you known who enthusiastically embraces any sort of classroom session on an early Saturday morning – especially if they have already completed Driver’s Education? While Jeff was working hard inside connecting with students and presenting information about safe driving, the army of volunteers was outside in the cold blustery weather setting-up courses and getting the stage set for the driving exercises. Once the students headed out to their cars, parents found positions around the windows facing the M1 Circuit and M1 Arena to watch their teens navigate their way through the courses. Some parents braved the chill conditions and opted for outside viewing, which also provided the added audible engine roars and tire screeches.



The emergency brake and swerve course.

And then the magic happened. After the first driving session, the teens brought back so much energy and enthusiasm into the classroom. What started as perhaps one of the worst mornings of the fall for them transformed into an engaging and exciting learning exercise. It almost seemed incomprehensible to each teen that they were being told – encouraged, even – to accelerate quickly and then slam on the brakes as hard as they could. Yet, they caught on that if they followed their coach’s instructions, they would feel the ABS kick-in when they broke hard. It was only for a brief few seconds – but now they had experience with ABS. Not exactly something a Driver’s Ed instructor would teach in a traditional driver’s training program. And what?! Now the in-car coach is saying to drive FASTER on the cracked corn through the circular course. The car-handling efforts in this exercise would not sit well with a standard Driver’s Ed instructor. But here? Well, here it is encouraged to get a sense of what happens when you lose grip. It’s about forcing your “daily driver” into “emergency” situations and learning what to expect and how to counter it, becoming a safer, more experienced driver.



Students drive their own vehicles during the school, ensuring they have a good feel for how their personal vehicle reacts in each drill.



Dillon Gumbinger (former Street Survival School student) now pitches-in and volunteers as an instructor at our annual event.

After a mix of classroom and in-car sessions, each student shared their impressions of the day, what they enjoyed most, and received a certificate of completion of the day’s course. And as a final experience, the instructors put together an autocross course that students navigated using their experiences of the day – in a controlled environment.

After a few runs through the course, the teens and their parents headed out of M1 Concourse onto the roads that they will be driving armed with far more knowledge and experience on handling their vehicle.



Driving exercise volunteer pedestrian Otto Mobeal!



The Father-Son duo of Chris and Kyle Bohr spent the day helping teens learn safe driving techniques.



Volunteer Instructors Thom Christen, Tom Bloom and David Bates



Robert Kalmanir provides additional words of encouragement to students.



With 3 different courses set up, there are students driving in various areas needing direction on which course to go into.



Volunteer Instructors Kyle Bohr, Michael Blake

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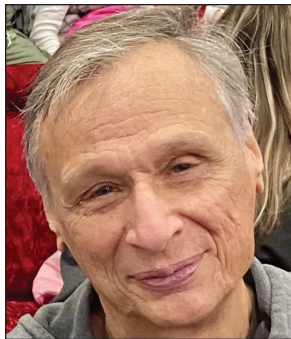
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SEM Holiday Lightfest

ARTICLE BY JOHN GRABOWSKI - P4 EDITOR

PHOTOS BY CHRIS BOHR AND JOHN GRABOWSKI

The third annual Southeast Michigan PCA Holiday Light Festival Tour was held on December 5. The event featured a scenic drive along a five-mile stretch of Hines Park, showcasing nearly 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights.

The evening began with dinner at Buddy’s Pizza in Livonia, where 24 members, along with family and friends, gathered to enjoy good food and conversation. Following dinner, Chris Bohr organized the driving portion of the event, and eleven cars assembled in the parking lot to begin the tour. Recognizing that many members store their Porsches during the winter months due to road salt, participants were encouraged to bring their daily drivers. The event also provided a great opportunity to get more Cayennes, Macans, and Panameras out on the road.

The group proceeded together to the entrance of the Wayne County Lightfest, where the nominal \$5 entrance fee granted access to the display. The leisurely drive along Edward Hines Drive allowed everyone to fully enjoy the festive light show from the comfort and warmth of their vehicles.

Although the event was initially created to encourage participation from PCA Juniors, there were no Juniors in attendance this year. Nevertheless, the tour was a success in bringing together the families of SEM/PCA members and fostering a strong sense of community.

We look forward to sponsoring this event again next year, as it provides a wonderful opportunity for members to socialize with friends and family while celebrating the holiday season. Special thanks go to Chris Bohr and Howard Gilson for organizing and supporting this enjoyable event.



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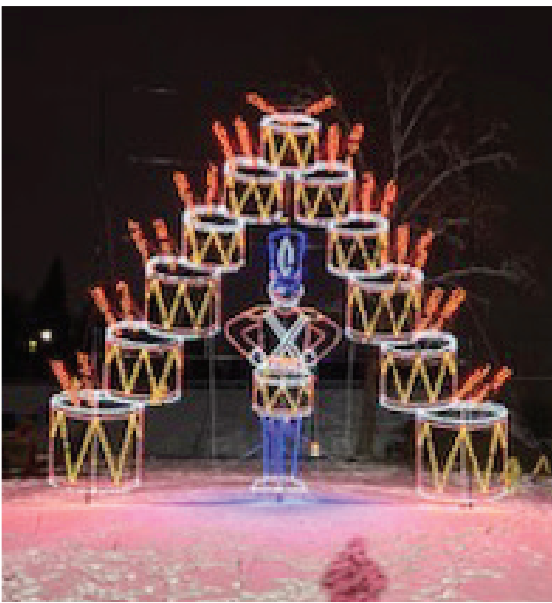


The evening began with dinner at Buddy’s Pizza in Livonia

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The Wayne County Lightfest



The Wayne County Lightfest



ARTICLE BY MARK VANDEREYK - HOLIDAY PARTY CHAIR

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SEM 2025 Holiday Party and Silent Auction

This year's annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction was held at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak on Saturday December 13. In attendance were fifty nine SEM club members and their friends, plus from our charity and a guest of the club, Maggie Gibson, CEO of the Mi Cookie Project. We were sponsored at Red Run by Addie and Dominic Mirabella, daughter and son-in-law of Rene and Mark Vander Eyk.

The Red Run facility was beautifully decorated for the holidays and there was a generous amount of space allocated for the silent auction display, bar area and dining room. The festivities began at 6 PM with a social hour and the silent auction. The silent auction was organized this year by Pat and Gary Ambrus, who are taking over the event from Patti Door. Some of the other SEM members assisted them with the set-up. Assorted appetizers were served by the Red Run staff and guests sipped their favorite holiday cheer while perusing and bidding on the sixty three silent auction Porsche related and other items that

were donated. The silent auction raised \$1445 for our club charity, the Mi Cookie Project Special Athletes. Thank you to those members that donated items for the silent auction and also to the people that purchased items to benefit the club's charity.

Dinner began with a freshly tossed salad followed by delicious entrée selections of chicken piccata, filet of salmon, filet of beef or vegetarian fare. An ice cream sundae with brownie was served for dessert. The food and service were excellent.

During the social hour and dinner, a photo montage of this year's SEM events was shown on a screen. After dinner, there was a brief program led by SEM President Lisa Molzon. She thanked the Vander Eyks and the Ambruss, plus the contributors to the silent auction for helping making the evening a success. She also recognized the SEM Past Presidents that were in attendance.



Over sixty three silent auction items were available.



Pat Ambrus trying to close a deal with Donna Lober and Kathy Young.

SEM 2025 Holiday Party and Silent Auction (continued)



The dining room was nicely set in the holiday spirit.

Results of the Board of Directors election were announced. All of the incumbents were reelected and will continue with their current responsibilities. Jason Nixon, a young, active and enthusiastic newer member of SEM, was elected to the Board member and will serve as the Webmaster.

Lisa announced some additional changes to the Board of Directors/Officers and thanked the individuals for their dedication to SEM. Jim Williams, Treasurer, did not run for reelection to the Board of Directors because he and Laurie are moving to Greenville, SC within the next few months. Mark Vander Eyk, longtime P4 Editor, is retiring from the position and being replaced by John Grabowski. This is the 12th year we have supported the Mi Cookie Project as our club charity. Maggie Gibson, CEO of charity, spoke briefly after dinner about their mission and thanked SEM for their continuing support.

Next, Lisa recognized the past recipients of the Jack Kaminska Enthusiast of the Year Award that were in attendance and revealed the SEM Past President's selection

for 2025. This year's recipient of the award is Bobby Tarchinski. Bobby is a member of the Board of Directors and Membership Chair. He always offers refreshing new ideas for the club and can be counted on to lend a hand or lead an effort.

Lastly on a sad note, Lisa mentioned the passing of a few past or current SEM members-John Keilly, Dan Conrad and Lucy Rivera.

Overall it was a very elegant and enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Pat and Gary Ambrus, Lisa Molzon, Chris Bohr plus Jim and Laurie Williams for their assistance making this another great SEMPCA event. Red Run Golf Club has been an excellent host for our Holiday Party five times between 2018-2025, plus a couple of cancellations for Covid during that period. For the sake of variety we will holding the event at a new location for 2026, watch for the event notice later this year. ■

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Easter Eggs



An unexpected find is sometimes known as an Easter Egg as though you have found something special when you don't expect it. Such an Easter Egg for me is when I spot a Porsche in a show or movie in an unexpected plot twist. Porsches are often found in movies and on TV shows when you least expect to find them. I often wonder how a producer chooses to include a Porsche as part of the story line. I also often wonder if the Porsche that is used is borrowed or leased or perhaps supplied by Porsche. What is even more fun is to imagine that the Porsche being driven by the actor is their own car. Certainly, including a Porsche is making a statement that is relevant to the story line. It may convey how the character is sophisticated or cool. Of course, I also must occasionally cringe in chase scenes where battered old Ford Crown Vic cop cars can chase Porsches with impunity. But mostly it is fun to match up a character with the particular Porsche that they drove. Most often the Porsche being used is not a current model which must be a little cringe worthy for Porsche to not receive product placement credit as it doesn't promote customer sales. When you are that successful you just don't have to give away your product I suppose. Certain types of cars get woven into a story line almost as support character. Miami Vice had a Ferrari Daytona which was a replica based on a Corvette chassis until Ferrari stepped in and provided a Testa Rosa. Magnum PI had its infamous Ferrari 308 driven on beautiful Hawaiian roads. Oddly Tom Selleck admitted that he rarely got to drive the actual car during action scenes.

When I started to research material for this piece, I was amazed at how many references I found. Many of them were well know movies but mostly pre-2000. Later appearance has been in recent popular TV shows. Steve McQueen obviously heads the list of personalities in Porsches. Top of everybody's list must be the classic movie Lemans with lots of 917 scenes. But my Easter Egg must be the 914-6 race cars and 911 race cars that act as rolling chicanes to the 512 and 917s dicing in traffic. Even the opening scenes of Michal Delany driving to the track through French countryside in his 1970 green 911S coupe are iconic. In this case the car belonged to Steve McQueen as a gift from Porsche. When the movie ended, he shipped it back to California to join his 1969 911S. The Lemans car sold recently for \$1.375 million, not bad for an ordinary car with owner pedigree. Steve's other classic movie, Bullitt has an unusual back up car to the famous Mustang. As the Mustang is being repaired, he

borrowed his Girlfriend Cathy's yellow 356 C Cabrio. After filming the car was sold to one of the film crew for a measly \$3,500.

The next most popular Porsche actor must be Tom Cruise. His Porsche credits started with the movie Risky Business where he borrowed his father's 928 to impress his friends until he manages to sink it in the ocean. He does get it repaired in time without his father's knowledge. That 928 sold for \$19 million which will probably forever be a record price especially as it was repainted from its original delivered white to the movie version gold. A little-known movie called Top Gun had a bit part of a Porsche Speedster in a brief driving scene.

There is a long list of obscure movies with cameo Porsche appearances. In most cases they serve just as back drops with no part of the plot or character support. In 1984 Jeff Bridges drove a red 911SC Cabrio in Against All Odds. Scarface used a 1983 928. Gone in 60 Seconds featured a 996 that crashes out of a showroom window except it was a fiberglass shell on a 1970 911 because the production team decided they could not afford to destroy a new 996. Very often these obscure movies use modified older model 911s. Atomic Blonde used a 1989 964 Carrera 4. Anne Hall used a 1972 911E Targa and Office Space a 1999 SC coupe.

Lately I have been Easter Egg surprised by some popular TV shows. Better Call Saul incorporated a 2004 Cayenne Turbo in one episode. In the tv series Chuck the heroine, Sarah Walter, drives a 997 Carrera 4S Cabrio while only on a waitress salary. In the series Billions it is almost appropriate that they used a 959 although the lease and insurance had to be quite steep. In Californication the lead drives a 1990 964 Carrera 2 Cabrio on most episodes. On Will Trent the lead actor drives a 1974 911S Targa rather than a department issue cop car. But the most recent surprise was a very recent episode of the comedy Ghosts. One of the ghosts comes into money and in a moment of guilt he buys his non ghost daughter a new Carrera Turbo Cabrio. His daughter refuses the car as being too showy so he decided to keep it as a sitting Porsche since he is a ghost who can't drive. They end up selling it to payoff restaurant debts.

So now you too can join the game of looking for Porsches to show up in unexpected places. If cars could earn Oscars in supporting roles, I am sure Porsche would be at the top. ■



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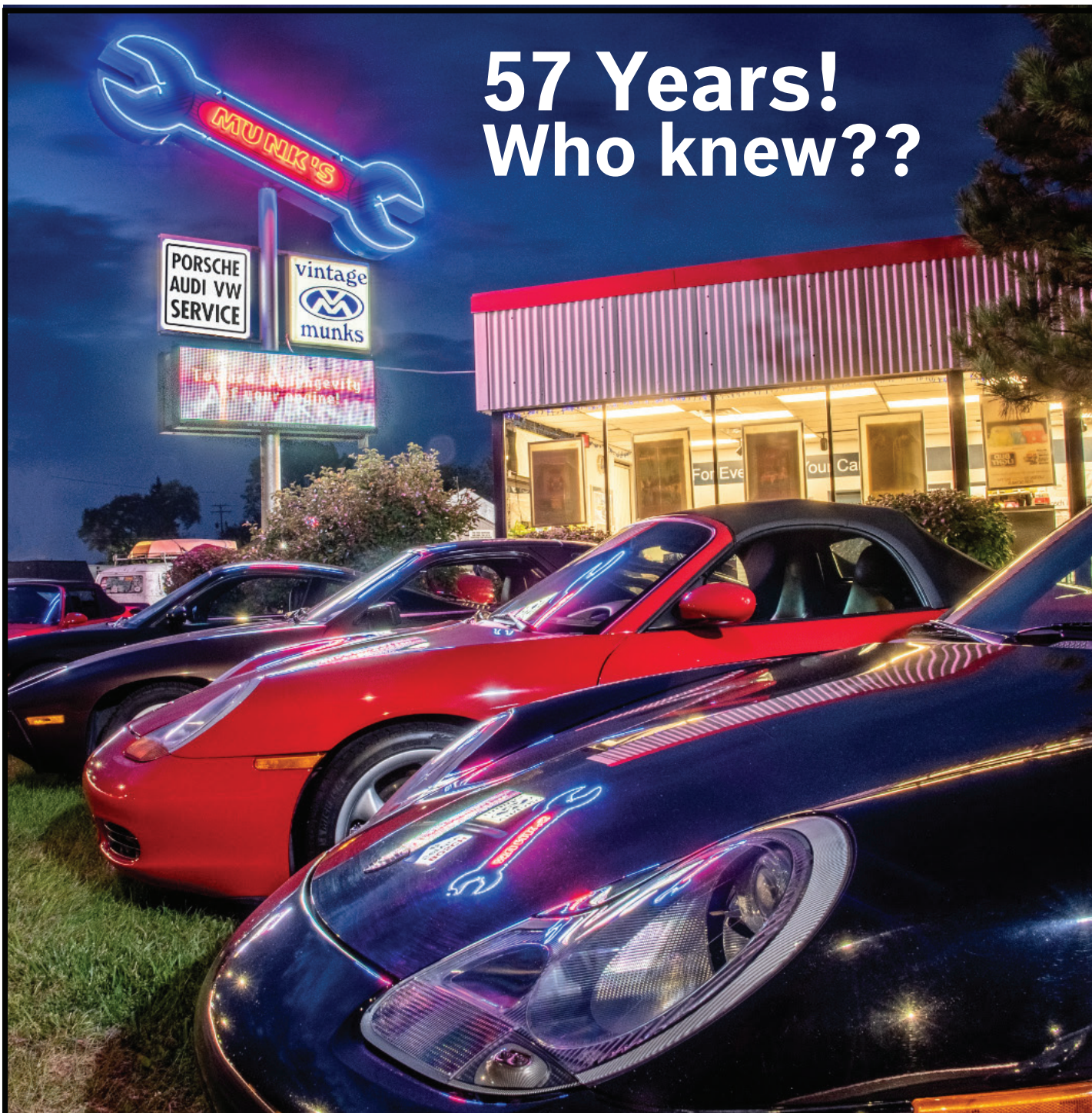
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Vic Skirmants Inducted into the 2025 Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame

By Dennis Denyer

Earlier this past fall, Vic Skirmants—a nearly 60-year member of the Southeast Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America—was inducted into the Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame. This honor recognizes more than six decades of racing a Porsche 356 in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) competition as well as in Vintage Sports Car Racing.

Vic is a two-time SCCA National Champion and a multiple-time winner in vintage racing events throughout the United States, most recently at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. In addition to these accomplishments, Vic was twice invited to Stuttgart to accept Porsche Cup honors—an award established by Porsche in 1970 to recognize top privateer Porsche racers worldwide.

Beyond his personal racing achievements, Vic’s influence on the Porsche 356 community is felt globally. Racers and enthusiasts around the world—including the author—use Vic’s engines, transmissions, gear sets, and suspension components. Those who follow Bring a Trailer (B.A.T.) will also regularly see Vic’s knowledgeable commentary on Porsche 356 listings. Even members of the Porsche family have 356s running with Vic’s components.

Vic’s accomplishments are a source of great pride for his many friends in SEM/PCA. In addition to all that has been mentioned, he was also one of the founders of the 356 Registry, a worldwide organization dedicated to Porsche 356 owners. ■



Vic Skirmants accepting the award.

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Vic’s well-used and well-raced 356 Roadster.

Vic Skirmants 2025 Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame (continued)

The following biography, submitted by Mr. Rand Thompson in support of Vic’s nomination, is reprinted from the Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame website, with permission from Mr. Dave DeHem, President of the Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Vic Skirmants 2025

By Rand Thompson

Vic Skirmants was conceived in Latvia and born in Germany in 1945 in the midst of WWII. After the end of the war, he spent time in a few refugee camps before relocating to Chicago in 1950. As a teenager, he developed a love for sports cars after reading car magazines.

After graduating from High School, Vic and his mother moved to Michigan in 1962 when he enrolled in college. In what would turn into a life changing moment, Vic sold his 1957 MG-Asports car and bought a 1958 Porsche 356 from one of his instructors. From that moment on, he was hooked on the 356. A fellow classmate told him about the sports car races at Waterford Hills, and after first volunteering to be a turn marshal for a couple years, Vic eventually earned his racing license in 1965 running his first race with his Porsche at Waterford Hills. At that time, he was driving his car to the track, racing it, and then driving home.

In 1977, self-employed in his Porsche repair business, Vic stepped up his racing game by starting to compete in SCCA National Races. For amateur sports car racing, the annual invitational SCCA Runoffs is the ultimate goal. Qualifying is based on earning points throughout the season as SCCA National races with the top 3 in each region/class earning the chance to converge in one place to race against the ‘best of the best’ for a national championship.

Just making the Runoffs once is an accomplishment, yet Vic qualified for the Runoffs in 18 of 19 consecutive years, running a pair of Porsche 356 in both E Production and G production classes. He earned 8 podiums, 13 top 5 finishes, and the coveted G Production National Championship in 1994. In those 18 Runoff appearances, he only had two DNF to his credit.

During this same timeframe Vic competed in the North American Porsche Cup from 1985-1989. It was a Porsche season championship pitting drivers in all types of Porsche race cars against each other by earning season points for

races and finishes. Included were professional drivers in IMSA driving the latest Porsche 962 in races like the 24 Hours at Daytona and the 12 Hours at Sebring. Vic finished in the top 15 every year with a best result of 2nd to John Andretti in 1989. He was the only driver to finish in the Top 15 every year.

After leaving the SCCA in 1997, Vic then turned his attention towards Vintage Racing competing regularly at places like Watkins Glen, Road America, Sebring and most of the major road courses, as well as his home track at Waterford Hills. His last race was in 2023 at the Waterford Hills Vintage event when he crashed his 356, decided he really wasn’t motivated to fix it, and finally hung up his helmet.

In 2010 Vic was inducted in the prestigious US based Road Racing Drivers Club (RRDC). Members are voted in by their peers and the list includes many famous Formula One, Indianapolis 500, and accomplished road racing drivers. In his illustrious 58 year driving career, Vic started a total of 867 races, with a SCCA GProd. National Championship, a Canadian EProd. championship, 4 SCCA Divisional Championships, and a total of 346 1st place finishes, either overall or class wins. Noteworthy that his very first race was in 1965 at Waterford Hills, and then his last race was also at Waterford Hills in 2023, with a remarkable 58 years in between the bookends.

Vic and his wife Barbara, who is a fellow racer and gearhead, have 2 adult children, Erik, and Mara. Vic and Barbara still work daily at his shop in North Branch, Michigan with his 356 Enterprises business, primarily rebuilding engines and transaxles. He is much revered as the premier Porsche 356 expert in the entire US and to date has rebuilt over 1000 transaxles and nearly as many engines for both street and race cars. ■

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Vic Skirmants pictured with his wife Barbara at the award ceremony.

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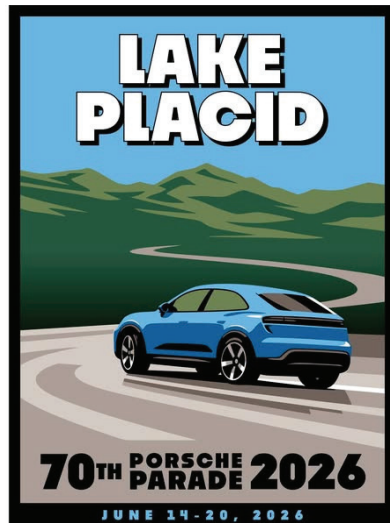


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Porsche Parade

Porsche Parade (continued)

When someone asked me at the 2023 Parade in Palm Springs, California, why I chose to come all the way across the country to attend, my answer was fairly simple: the signup date. Registration for Parade happens in February. In Michigan, we know February as 28 cold and dark days largely devoid of enthusiast car events or fun driving, and with the magic of the winter long since past. In other words, a week in sunny desert California filled with fun cars sounded amazing!



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But perhaps you are wondering, what is Parade? When I first joined PCA I understood that the organization was larger than my region; however, I had no idea of the scale and scope of the national events. Parade is the premier PCA national event.

Every year, the host venue and destination move around the country. In 2026 Parade will be hosted in Lake Placid, New York, within a (long) day's drive of Southeast Michigan. Each year, over 2,000 PCA members gather from around the country for a week of competitions, tours and social activities. In this piece, I will provide a brief overview of the main activities at Porsche Parade.

Concours: Always the first event of Parade, the concours is fundamentally a car show, one in which your car is judged in its class, competing against similar cars with similar levels of preparation. The goal is to present your Porsche in its cleanest and most perfect form. Cars that are regularly driven (like my 996) often compete in the street preparation class, where only the exterior and interior are judged. Other cars compete in full concours where the engine and undercarriage are judged. The competition sounds intimidating, but I didn't receive anything but positive feedback on my car; other entrants and members even offered suggestions and noted areas of improvement, pointing out issues before they might be found by the judges.

For more information on concours classes: <http://tinyurl.com/mr3754da>

Tours: Tours are my personal favorite parade activity. These are very similar to the tours we have in SEM however you get to meet enthusiasts from all over the country. Routes are curated to provide the ultimate Porsche driving experience. Typically, these cover roads which may be overlooked if you were not driving a route planned by someone local to the area. The tour destinations are generally a scenic or automotive themed location and often culminate with a shared meal.

Autocross: The chosen performance driving activity of parade, autocross is a timed event in which car and driver negotiate a cone course as fast as possible. The competition is fierce! Cars and drivers are classified such that similar cars compete against each other. Different classes run on different days, so make sure that you check the parade schedule so that you know where to be and when.

Time Speed Distance (TSD) Rally: The TSD rally is an event where a driver and a navigator drive a segmented route at a prescribed average speed. The winning team comes as close as possible to the prescribed average speed. Attention to detail is what is needed in this competition!

For a preview of some of the 2026 rally roads near Lake Placid, NY, visit: <https://www.porscheparade.org/drivingtours>

Volunteering at Parade: I also enjoy working as a volunteer. My favorite assignment is working on staging cars for tours. In 2023, I worked with a number of members from Arizona and they were nice enough to share some recommendations on fun driving roads for my road trip home. I also enjoy working at the Carwash, which allows me to meet lots of different owners and hear the stories behind their cars. There are an overwhelming number of possible volunteer jobs and chances are high that you will find one that you really enjoy.

Technical & Historical Quiz: If you enjoy testing your knowledge of the Porsche marque, this event is for you! The quiz includes both model-specific questions for a model of your choice, it also includes general questions about Porsche history and trivia.

If you are looking for a week of enjoyable car experiences and meeting friends new and old, Porsche Parade is a great event for you to consider! Registration happens in two phases. This year Phase 1 opens January 28. During this phase, you register for your entrance to parade as well as for reservations for the host hotel. Phase 2 registration generally opens in early to mid April. During this phase, you select all of your activities for the week. My recommendation is that you review the schedule in advance and preselect your preferred activities and alternates. When the registration opens at noon Eastern time, be ready to log in, select your activities and check out quickly for the best chance of getting your preferred schedule at Parade!

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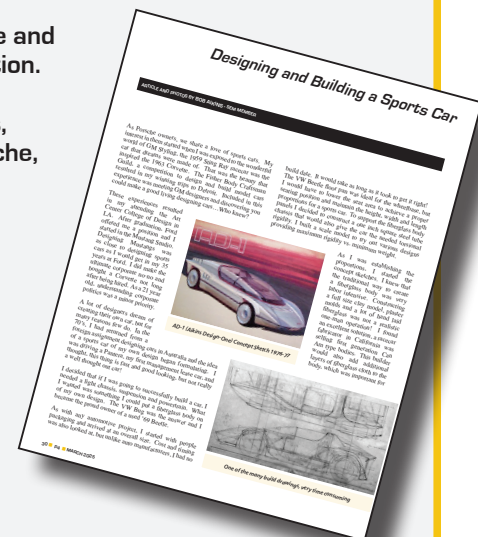


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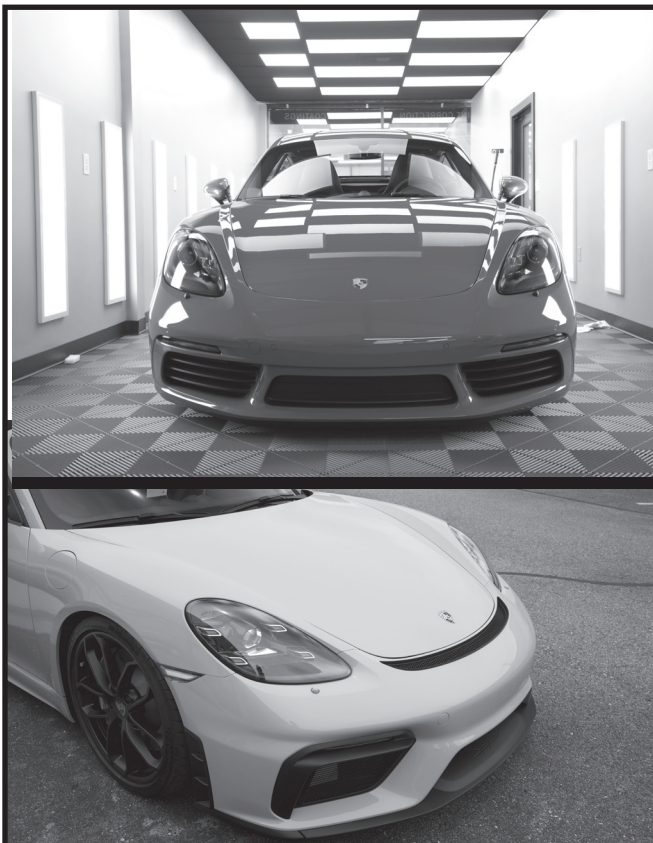
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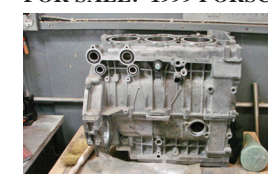
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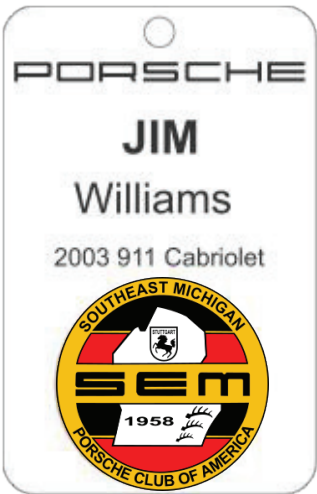
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Contact Bobby Tarchinski with questions: Robert@sem.pca.org

Welcome New Members:

Eric C. Douse
Craig Erlich
Samuel David Johnson

Youssef Nazzal
James G Skrocki

SEM/PCA Member Anniversaries

YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)	YR	Name(s)
JANUARY 2026				FEBRUARY 2026			
57	Ronald & Karen Roland	10	Gianluigi & Christina Gennari	2	Michael Day	10	Roy Kethe
43	Tom Gasser	10	Gary Kogowski	2	Daniel Flaggman	9	Patrick Allen
42	Douglas Marston	10	James & JT Mestdagh	2	Maria Wolff	9	William Wolff
36	John & Rebecca Denyer	9	Russell & Tammy Lynn Polena	2	Tiberio Frisoli	9	Dan Chandler
33	Leo Wanstreet	9	George Shade	2	Kenneth Gray	9	Charles & Carolynn Etterman
33	Dawn Martindale	8	Ronald & Edward Guerrieri	2	Robert Korwin	8	Francesco Maria Fenici
29	Robert & Peggy Bogart	8	Christopher & Anne Hager	2	Ryan Renne	8	Keith & Sharon Koerber
29	Brian & Patricia Sedik	8	Chip & Lindsay Lydy	2	Derek & Suzanne Thomas	7	Charles Bracken
28	Merritt Collins	7	Kenneth & Tiffany Bassey			7	Yves Hart
28	Vaughan Scott	7	Lance & Catherine Liden			7	Kelly & John Shoemake
26	Terrence & Anne Gallagher	7	Aaron Link	49	Mark & Jeff Langren	7	Robert & Nita Tarchinski
26	David Salisbury	7	Chris Loewe	39	Scott & Kim Elliott	6	Jack Beckman
25	Joseph & Veronica Jakubus	7	David Yanez	36	Raymond & Jo Ann G. Johnson	6	Marsha Beckman
24	Edward & Debbie Reiss	6	Christopher & Kyle Bohr	35	Tibor & Edith Szabo	6	Mike Swanson
24	Fred & Patricia Tarver	6	Andrea Di Buduo	34	David & Debra Miller	5	John Chalifoux
23	G. Michael & Christina Kabot	6	Martin & Susan Ender	29	Ben Salvador	5	Mark Fox
22	James & Gail Seeling	6	Peter & Claudia Oberhaus	28	Myrna Mendez	5	Pam Skandalaris
21	Michael & Diana Eblenkamp	6	Stephen Petryna	27	Patrick Coleman	4	Ben Bator
19	Todd & Cathleen Candey	5	Ronald Leix	26	Tony & Christina Amalio	4	John Below
18	Robert Doyle	5	Dietrich & Marianna Sneideraitis	26	Clifton & Marti Patton	4	Charlie & Denise Cook
18	Garen & Lilana Nicoghosian	4	Neil & Mark Alperin	26	Mark & Marti Peters	4	Therese David Livermore
18	Francesca Zonca	4	Jack Barbat	24	Frank & Elizabeth Tilli	4	Aris Polymeneas
18	Crippa Paolo	4	Krassimir Denchev	23	Christian & Lisa Thiele	3	James Babcock
17	Nathan & Douglas Richeson	4	Brian Ellison	21	Mack & Marilyn Gaut	3	David Clark
16	Steven & Diane Ault	4	John & Nora Grabowski	19	Chris & Elaine Braden	3	Michael Coburn
16	William Pankratz	4	David Klauzenberg	18	William & Laurie Blessed	3	Nawaf Kalasho
15	Carlos & Veronica Carmona	4	Matthew & Catherine Renner	18	Alan & Aaron Wagner	3	Frank Klose
15	Richard McClelland	4	Graham Williams	17	Ahmet Ongun	3	Donald & Helen Munoz
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13	Chris Young	3	Tsuyoshi Kurosawa	15	John Crusse	2	Adam Einck
12	Eliseo Carrillo	3	Jeffrey Scott	15	Lucas Phan	2	Joel & Kim Robbins
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SEM Business Meeting Minutes* for 11/06/25 & 12/04/25 by Fred Young

The meeting was preceded by a planning session of the tentative SEM Events for the 2026 calendar year along with events of interest from other sources.

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

In attendance: Board Members: Howard Gilson, Jim Williams, Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Lisa Molzon, Steve Carbary, Chris Bohr and Bobby Tarchinski. Officers: Jason Nixon and John Grabowski. Absent with notice: Cedric Alexanaian. Guests: Dennis Denyer, Michael Cohen and Michael Acho.

Call to Order: 7:50 p.m. by President Lisa Molzon.
Minutes: Moved by B.T. and C.B. to approve the October minutes. Motion passed.
Financial: Jim Williams – The numbers look good. Moved by J.W. and H.G. to approve the October financials. Motion passed.
Membership: Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 1354 with 886 primary and 468 associate members.
Insurance: Steve Carbary - In place for the Street Survival School and needed for the Holiday Light Festival.
P-4: John Grabowski went over upcoming articles needed for the upcoming Jan/Feb issue.
Webmaster: Jason Nixon - Feedback is good.

OLD BUSINESS:
October 3-5: Up North Tour: Howard Gilson - It was well attended and several cars caravanned up to the event. For the back road tours it was top down weather.
October 3-5: *American Speed Festival at M1: Lisa Molzon - 14 Porsches were on display. Our own Marc Molzon won an award and participated in parade laps.
October 19: Fall Color Tour: Chris Bohr - There was a good turnout of 47 cars in spite of the rain. The fall colors were spectacular.
November 8: Street Survival School: Marc Molzon - 26 instructors and 25 students are looking forward to the event.
December 5: Holiday Light Festival: Howard Gilson - Restaurant reservations are made.
December 13: Holiday Party: Pat Ambrus is looking for donations for the silent auction.
January 10: PCA Parade 101: Howard Gilson - An eblast will be needed to advertise the event.
January 17: SIM Racing/Training Event: Chris Bohr - A 4 event package is available.
Board Election: James Garner reported in a letter that Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Chris Bohr, Steve Carbary and Jason Nixon were elected to the board of directors.

NEW BUSINESS:
Long time SEM member, Vic Skirmants, was inducted into the Motor Sports Hall of Fame.
Event Reports: None needed.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by H.G. and M.M. Motion passed.
Next Meeting Location: Gilson Motorsports - Thursday, December 4, 2025

***Not an SEMPCA event.**
Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - 11-8-25
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting.

DECEMBER 4, 2025

In attendance: Board Members: Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Lisa Molzon, Steve Carbary, Chris Bohr and Bobby Tarchinski. Officers: Jason Nixon, John Grabowski and Mark VanderEyk. Absent with notice: Cedric Alexanaian, Howard Gilson and Jim Williams.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by President Lisa Molzon.
Minutes: Moved by M.M. and B.T. to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.
Financial: Jim Williams – No report.
Membership: Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 1357 with 888 primary and 469 associate members. Up 36 from a year ago.
Insurance: Steve Carbary - In place for the Holiday Light Tour.
P-4: John Grabowski went over content needed for the upcoming issues.
Webmaster: Jason Nixon - Events are on the calendar.
OLD BUSINESS:
Stamp Purchase: On November 12th by email, It was moved by J.W. to purchase two rolls of stamps. Seconded by M.M. The motion passed.
November 8: Street Survival School: Marc Molzon - It went really well. They were short a few instructors.
December 5: Holiday Light Festival: Chris Bohr - 16 cars and 33 people are signed up.
December 13: Holiday Party: 59 members are signed up.
January 10: PCA Parade 101: Fred Young - An eblast will be needed to advertise the event.
January 17: SIM Racing/Training Event: Chris Bohr - 9 already registered.
February 28: Ypsilanti Auto Museum: Gary Ambrus - No report.
March 28: Swap Meet: Marc Molzon - Various suggestions were discussed. An ad is needed.
April 18: Munk’s Tech Session: No information as of yet.
April 19: DE-101 at M-1: Steve Carbary - No report.
April 25: New Member Gathering: Bobby Tarchinski - In the works.

May 16: Spring Tour: Chris Bohr - Route is being planned along with details.
May 30: DE #1 at M-1: Steve Carbary - Confirming date.
NEW BUSINESS:
By signing a contract, Chris Bohr managed to secure cheaper hotel rates for the Up North Tour and Tail of the Dragon events.
Event Reports: Needed for Street Survival School.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. - Moved to adjourn by M.M. and B.T. Motion passed.
Next Meeting Location: Gilson Motorsports - Thursday, January 8, 2026

***Not an SEMPCA event.**
Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - 12-6-25
*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting.



Editor’s Note



ARTICLE BY JOHN GRABOWSKI - P4 EDITOR

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am the new editor of the P4 publication, taking over for Mark Vander Eyk. I am the proud owner of a 2008 Porsche 911 Carrera S. While this is my first Porsche, it is not my first sports car. Over the years, I’ve enjoyed a Nissan Z and an Audi TT, and I fondly remember driving the Simca 1000 I owned during college. I have also been an avid motorcycle enthusiast, beginning with the Norton Commando I purchased my senior year of high school. I have been a member of SEM PCA for the past three years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mark for his dedication and service to the P4 newsletter. Mark served as Associate Editor from 2017 to 2018 while Michael Cohen was Editor, and then assumed the role of Editor from 2019 through 2025. I recently spoke with Mark about his experience during those seven years. Although he did not have an official Associate Editor during that time, he was quick to credit his wife, Rene, for her invaluable contributions as an unofficial Associate Editor. Mark also very much appreciates the help and support Copyrite Printing provided during his tenure, especially from Karen Randolph who does the layout and printing of the P4.

Mark expressed pride in consistently publishing each issue on schedule, sometimes just in the nick time, and in the many improvements he made to the publication, which were well received by both the board and club members. These enhancements included standardizing the page layout and the addition of four-color pages, building on an earlier format expansion made by John Keilly (Editor) and Michael Cohen (Associate Editor) from a small 356 glove box size to the current 8 ½” x 11” size as well as further refinements under Michael Cohen’s editorship. Additional improvements included cover callouts and a more comprehensive table of contents. Mark also actively encouraged member participation and article submissions, resulting in a steady flow of contributions over the years.

His one disappointment involved the Porsche Club of America Newsletter Awards, which are presented annually to PCA regions demonstrating excellence in their regional publications. Despite submitting strong entries in collaboration with the board, the P4 never placed in the contest. Mark noted that the winning newsletters were usually costly glossy paper, full-color, professional level publications which seemed to be judged by different criteria every year. While this was personally disappointing, the newsletter consistently received positive feedback from SEM members and the board. ■

I believe Mark deserves a round of applause
for his dedication and selfless service to SEM.
If you see him at any of our events or activities,
please take a moment to thank him for his many years of service.

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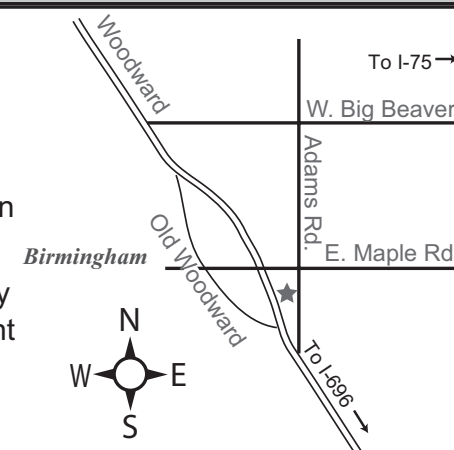
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