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# 2026 SEM/PCA CALENDAR

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

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

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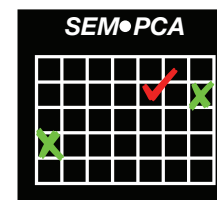
- 7 Business Meeting
- 9 DE #1 at M-1
- 16 Spring Tour
- 30-1 \*Detroit Grad Prix

### JUNE

- 4 Business Meeting
- 5 DE #2 at Waterford Hills
- 14-20 \*Porsche Parade
- 21 \*Eyes on Design Car Show at the Ford Estate
- 27 Solstice Tour
- 28 Waterford Hills Family Day

**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.

**\*Not an SEMPCA event**  
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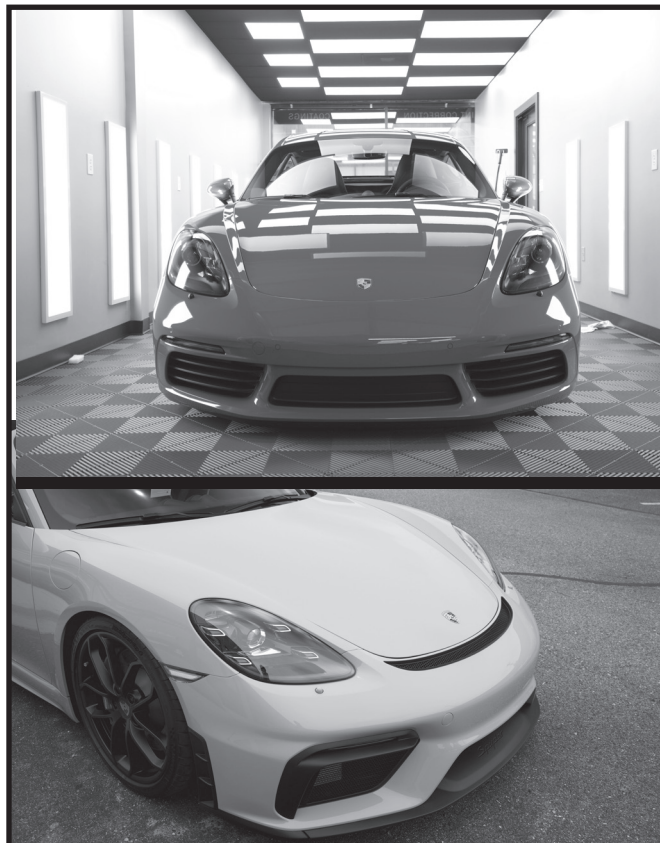
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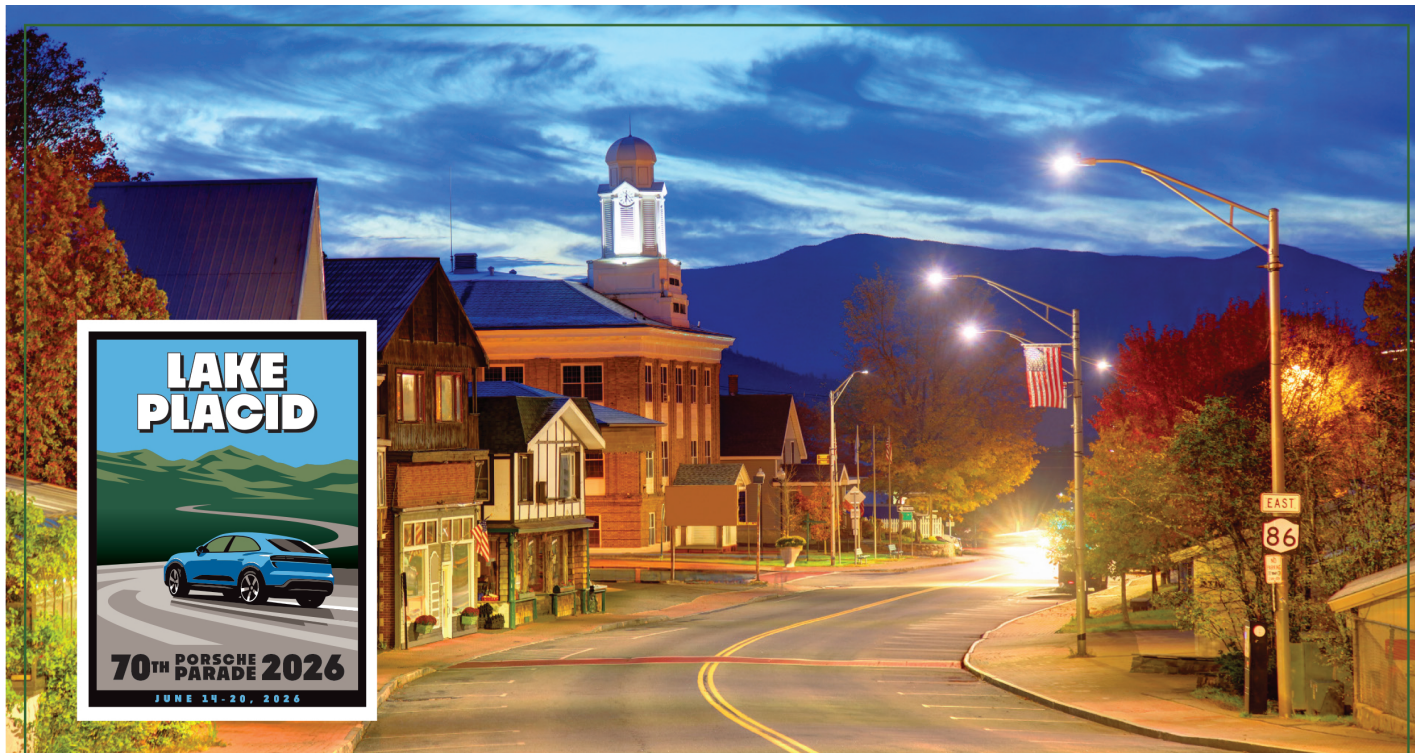
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### Looking Ahead in March

On March 21st, we continue the SIM Racing/Training Series at SUPERLAP in Berkley. Organized by Chris Bohr, this event is open to all skill levels and offers a great opportunity to experience state-of-the-art racing simulators. See the advertisement in this issue and/or our online calendar for details on the remaining March and April sessions. Keep your reflexes sharp through the cold weather by driving some hot tracks.

On March 28th, we will hold our annual Swap Meet/Car Show/Tech Quiz at Nikolas Motorsport in Pontiac, located at 45108 Woodward Avenue across from M1 Concourse. This is one of our larger events early in the year and a great opportunity to reconnect with friends after a long winter break. Our host location, Nikolas Motorsport, is a veritable candy store of automotive delights—from swap meet items brought in for sale to cars, cars, and more cars. The spacious service bay never fails to have several stunning vehicles to check-out, and the front showroom always features unique and noteworthy cars. Weather permitting, the parking lot will be packed with a fine selection of Porsches. Be sure to stop by, take the Tech Quiz, immerse yourself in automobiles, and visit with friends. ■

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

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# Cars and Coffee 239\*

Cars and Coffee \*239 (continued)

The third Sunday morning of every month Paradise Region Gruppe, a Naples Florida Porsche Club, hosts a cars and coffee event at Mercato Shops, an upscale shopping area in North Naples that is open to all makes and models of vehicles. The event is free and draws hundreds of diverse vehicles and thousands of spectators. It is purported to be

southwest Florida's premier cars and coffee event. Vehicles line both sides of the shopping district's main street for three blocks, at the end of the street there is a traffic circle where the event's featured vehicles are displayed and a curated VIP lawn parking area that requires a charity donation. This is also a great place to witness that Florida oddity, small white dogs in strollers.

For January the featured vehicle was Racing Livery Porsches and for February it was Ford GT-40s. Besides the designated display areas, there are many interesting vehicles that populate the shopping area's surrounding parking lots, so you need to allocate some time to walk through them also. Part way down the main street there is an open commons area with live music and many of the Mercato Shop's restaurants are open for brunch. Some of vehicles entering and leaving the parking areas pass through the traffic circle, so that can also be an interesting place to hang out if you are interested in seeing a more mobile display.

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Event Advertisement



Paradise Region Gruppe booth



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Porsches on display on Main Street

A large variety of vehicles are on display, but Porsche is probably the dominate brand



Overlooking th lawn display as an XKE passes through the traffic circle



Beautiful 911 Turbo parked on the lawn



Ford GT-40's on display at the traffic circle



Ford GT-40



One of the curated display vehicles



Always a large number of spectators including that Florida oddity of small dogs in strollers

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

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

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

For details, visit: [sem.pca.org](http://sem.pca.org)  
Look for the Driver's Education section for more information.  
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# 2026 SEM/PCA SIM Racing Events for January and February

ARTICLE BY CHRIS BOHR - VICE PRESIDENT / DRIVING TOUR CHAIR

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If you didn't catch my article last year: Superlap was created to promote a driving culture around Motorsport, Community and Education. Prominently located on historic Woodward Ave., Superlap features 8 high-end racing simulators complete with 4-point motion systems. First-timers, as well as aspiring professionals, are all welcome.

The Sim rigs are well built and consist of a two frame build. One frame supports the gaming computer and three curved monitors to give a near 180 degree view. The second consists of a 4 piston motion activated frame holding the racing bucket seat, a two pedal box and racing wheel with switches and dials. The pedals and wheel provide force feedback and resistance to emulate a real world car. The physical resistance in the inputs can give you quite a workout if you are not used to performance driving. Superlap uses iRacing as their simulator of choice. iRacing is the most realistic simulation on the market today and offers a large list of tracks and race cars to choose from. It's

a very professional setup that can be used for training and practice before taking a real car to the track. This idea of the Sim and Training event was to get our members out after a very long and cold winter to build some excitement for the soon to be driving season. The Superlap venue is in a central location to our region and presents with a pleasant modern atmosphere. The sim rigs are as close to real as you can get for the general public and is a good warmup before taking our Porsches out for their first spring drive.

This year we created a 4 session series after the great enthusiasm for last year's event. We structured the event to group participants into 3 groups. This allows for 3 rotating 20 min stints on the sims. A 20 min stint is ideal as it gives you enough time to get in the groove of the session without over tiring you out. Each group was given 1 stint for practice and 2 stints for actual races.

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## SIM Racing Events for January and February (continued)



2026 SIM Racing Rig



Chris Bohr briefing the group



Group 2 Practice

25 people attended the first session of the series on January 17th. We started check in at 8:45AM and completed an overview of the morning's activities before the stated start time. The event started at 9:00AM while participants sampling a light breakfast with coffee and water. To make the event enjoyable for all skill levels we configured iRacing to be using 718 GT4 ClubSports at Road America.

Our first hour of the event was dedicated to practice and getting used to the sim rigs. The next two hours was a set of 6 races with 8 cars on track at the same time. The grouping for races are set by practice lap times and allow for similar skill and pace (for the most part) during the race

session. It doesn't matter which group you find yourself in as each group has an abundance of thrilling excitement and enjoyable moments. There are often shouts of excitement from both drivers and observers alike.

At the time of writing this, 17 people have signed up for our second event on February 21st. The plan is to visit Road Atlanta. Our third session is on March 21st with the fourth session set for April 11th. ■

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Members watching Group 2 practice

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**New Member Welcome & Membership Dinner**

Saturday, April 25, 2026

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The Southeast Michigan Region of PCA invites all members especially our newest, to an evening of great food, community, and Porsche enthusiasm. Whether this is your first SEM event or your fiftieth, join us to celebrate the spirit of the club, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy a lineup of beautiful Porsches in the parking lot before dinner!

**Event Schedule**

- **New Member Event: 4:00–5:00 p.m.**
  - For those who have joined SEM in the past year!
- **New Member Informational Presentations (4:15–5:00 p.m.)**
  - Learn about all SEM has to offer!
- **Cocktail Hour: 5:00–5:30 p.m.**
  - SEM veteran members join the fun!
  - Appetizers and Cash Bar
- **Dinner: 5:30–7:00 p.m.**
  - Family style Pizza and Salad

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ARTICLE BY TOM FIELITZ - SEM MEMBER

# Over My Head

If it is true that with age comes wisdom, then I must be finding more and more things that are over my head to attempt. I see some activity now and accept the fact that I have no business attempting it. The experience may be tempting, but it would also be tempting disaster if I tried. No good thing could come from it. It would be far better left to someone with more talent than I have. I would be spared the disaster that might follow. The days of being naïve enough to try are long behind me. But at least there would be no regret from failure.

Of course, that wasn't always the case. Just as I am sure you have a much shorter list than I do of things that are over your head. That is the excitement of youth and enthusiasm. We look at challenges with wide-open eyes and see possibilities as opportunities for new experiences and successes. As it is said, we just didn't know what we didn't know. But with experience comes wisdom—if we are open-minded enough to see it. I prefer to think of myself as pragmatic rather than pessimistic. If anything, I can fully admire those people with the abilities to succeed where I admit I can't. And I am very OK with that. So where does all this feeling come from?

Part of it comes from the latest supercars I see—low and swoopy, with impossibly huge horsepower and doors that require the flexibility of an Olympic gymnast to contort into the driver's seat. Once seated, visibility in any direction is ridiculously challenging. The driving skill required to extract anything close to the performance offered would mock my driving talent and present an impossible risk to the environment and everyone in it. I realistically must admit that I would be way over my head attempting to drive such a car. I might as well picture myself stepping into a Formula One race car on a city street in heavy traffic.

But here is where the situation becomes a little foggy. I do technically know how to drive most anything, given enough training and practice. I've proven that from the wide range of cars, race cars (and karts) that I have driven. At the time,

it never occurred to me that I would be over my head. I simply stepped up and tried, with varied levels of success but nothing like abject failure. Would I do it again? I might, if I were physically able. And that is now the limiting factor—the new definition of being over my head.

The same goes for other skill challenges. I look at many tasks now and realize I would be over my head attempting them, at least based on my background knowledge and skills. I have rudimentary mechanical knowledge when it comes to mechanical or electrical projects. Rather than wade into a project and learn as I go, I am more inclined to seek out someone more skilled and experienced. I know the satisfaction of accomplishment, but I must weigh that against accepting a less-than-professional outcome. There is also the realization that complex jobs require complex skills and specialized tools. Doing a task for the first—and probably last—time is likely to result in an outcome that reflects that inexperience. At worst, it can lead to a series of mistakes before the job is finished.

I respect and admire the skills of professionals, whether in car repair or home repair. That was not always my perspective. Many car and house projects were accomplished in earlier years that I would not attempt today. Even woodworking and assembly projects were completed, provided the instructions were clear and the tools simple. Although I have handled some relatively complex automotive tasks, I usually limited myself to routine work. I admire people who can build an engine from scratch, but I will never be that person. In fact, I must admit that many professionals do not charge nearly as much as their work is worth to me. And I am grateful there are people willing to make those skills their career.

The bottom line is that it is all right to recognize when something is over your head. But any opportunity you learn from—whether success or failure—is still a worthwhile experience. ■



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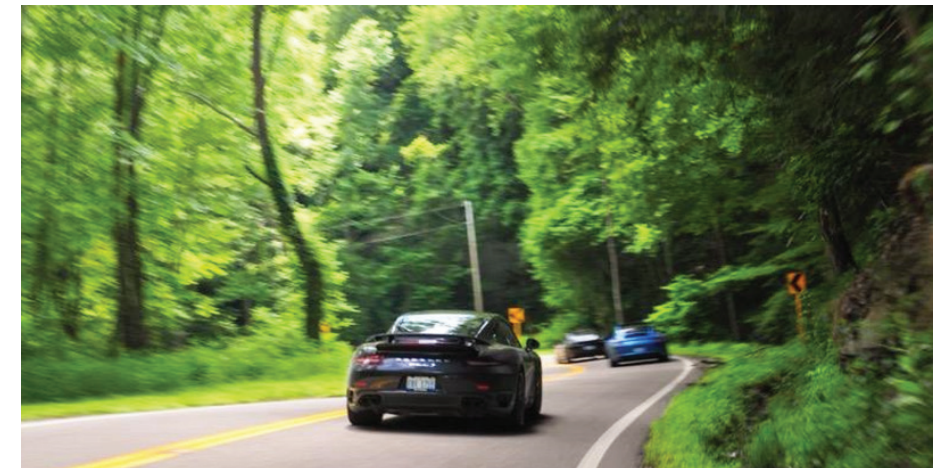


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## Around the Zone



BY DAVE STETSON - ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE

Our snow is melting, Amelia Island Werks Reunion is just a few weeks away, and registrations are coming in for this year's HPDE events. It's time to think about getting the treasures out of winter storage and taking the snow tires off the Cayennes and Macans—or whatever you use as your winter daily drivers. It's nearly time for us to get back together in the sunshine!

Stephanie and I have attended a few annual banquets over the last few months, and at each stop I have mentioned that all PCA members are part of the same family and can attend events anywhere Porsches are driven, especially in neighboring regions. We all have busy schedules, and we often have conflicts with events in our home regions, so to avoid Porsche starvation, I suggest you look at the schedules of your neighboring regions for fun and slightly different opportunities. Some generous volunteers and I will be rethinking and rebuilding a Zone 4 website with easy links to Zone 4 regions and their events, so stay tuned for that.

Stephanie is the Art Show Coordinator for Porsche Parade again this year, and she has been encouraging members to attend Parade in Lake Placid and to share some of the creative works they have produced for the Hans-Peter Porsche Art Show. I guess her message has been received because this year's Parade will be the biggest ever, with over 2,400 registered attendees, including more than 130 from Zone 4. That's got to be a record for the most Zone 4 folks at Parade since Traverse City in 2013.

Steph and I will be trying to take in as many events as we can schedule this season, and we hope you will too. See you soon! ■



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ARTICLE BY ROBERT TARCHINSKI - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

# 3 Pedals on the Daily

Prevailing wisdom has long held that sales of manual-transmission cars have been in continuous decline for several years, with a spark ignited by the GM Hydramatic of the 1940s and 1950s, which touted, “No gears to shift, no clutch to press.” This trend was further fueled by the hottest supercars transitioning to paddle-shift, F1-style transmissions in the 2000s, followed by the emergence of Porsche’s double-clutch transmission (PDK) for the 2009 model year. As a result, the notion of a proper sports car having three pedals has never been more in question.

Each year, it seems automakers kill off models featuring manual transmissions and axe three pedals from option sheets. Porsche is one of the few sports car manufacturers that appears to have made a commitment to #savethemanuals. On the 718 platform, take rates for the manual were a healthy 46%. On the 911, 15% of buyers across the range opted for the manual. Considering that the manual is only offered on the 911T and the GT3 with the Touring Package, these are rather strong numbers. Motor1 reports that among variants offering a manual, the take rate exceeds 80%—more good news.

My fervent hope is that those who can purchase new Porsches continue to drive demand for manuals, leading to a continued supply of three-pedal cars on the pre-owned market, which is often the domain of the enthusiast buyer.

The joys of three-pedal driving are undeniable: a direct physical connection between the driver and the mechanical aspects of the car, and a genuine feeling of engagement—truly operating a machine as an integral part of the driving process rather than simply being a button pusher or appliance operator. It also appears that younger enthusiasts are craving this engagement, perhaps even more than their older counterparts. Sales of manual cars among Millennial and Gen Z enthusiasts have been outpacing manual sales to older buyers.

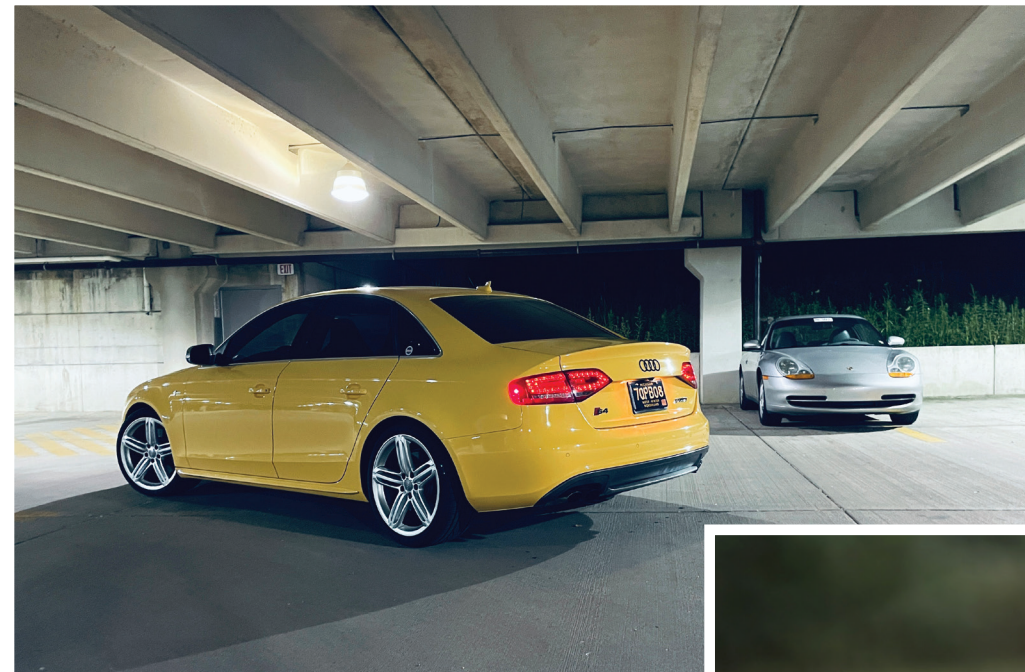
Personally, I made the decision to move to a three-pedal car as my daily driver about 18 months ago with the purchase of a 2010 Audi S4, finished in the striking color Imola Yellow. This car has the best shifter feel of any manual I have ever driven, and while the dual-clutch automatic gearbox offered on the S4 would doubtless make the car faster, it certainly would not be nearly as engaging to drive. Daily driving a stick shift has also noticeably improved my manual driving skills, leading to even more enjoyable drives in my 996.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Tom Fielitz’s column in the April 2025 issue of P4, though I vehemently disagree with the assertion that “we are beyond the point of saving the manuals.” As the world trends toward automation and increasingly soulless technology—think AI and ever more automated cars—demand for manual transmissions remains strong among younger enthusiasts who crave genuine engagement. Every time I execute a perfect shift, it puts a smile on my face, and that satisfaction more than makes up for the lost tenths in a 0–60 run or the few seconds sacrificed on a lap time. I know there are many others who feel the same way.

The effort to #savethemanuals will be accomplished by passionate enthusiasts who commit to preserving daily driving and spreading enthusiasm for cars with that “extra” pedal on the floor. ■

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## 3 Pedals on the Daily (continued)



6 pedals between 2 cars:  
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The 996 with manual shift



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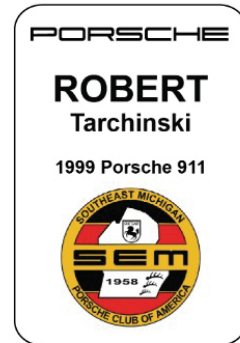
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47	Peter Heydon	11	Gani Bardha	3	William Frykman
41	David Nikolas	11	Timothy & David Kopec	3	Erica Lupiloff
30	Joel Miller	10	Mitchell & Molly Early	3	Lonnie Pukoff
28	Jodi & Alan Klein	10	Cedric Alexanian	3	Aaron Stadler
28	Ernest & Anthony Mac	10	John Darwak	3	Maxwell Victor
28	Eric & Martha Manting	9	Peter Bezjak	3	Michael Ofiara
27	Geoff & Greg Rouke	9	John Lominack	3	Michael Lebow
27	Brian Chiara	9	John Roby	2	Martin Rouillard
23	Marc & Bryce Molzon	9	David Courter	2	Noah Hudson-Peralta
23	Stephen Shugg	9	Lars Theunissen	2	Claudia Oberhaus
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		4	Jeff Meyers		

# SEM Business Meeting Minutes\* for January 8, 2026 by Fred Young

**JANUARY 8, 2026**

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

**Call to Order:** 7:07 p.m. by President Lisa Molzon.  
**Minutes:** Moved by H.G. and M.M. to approve the December minutes. Motion passed.  
**Financial:** Jim Williams introduced David Sculati as the new treasurer and went over his duties and responsibilities. It was moved by H.G. and C.B. to upgrade the Quickbooks subscription to 3-person access while Treasurer duties are in-transition. Motion passed. After discussion it was moved by M.M. and B.T. to approve the November and December financials. Motion passed.

**Membership:** Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 1358 with 885 primary and 473 associate members. We are doing well in terms of adding new members. There was a net increase of 50 new members over 2024. He also showed a variety of name badges available through Club Registration as we have been seeking a new vendor.

**Insurance:** Steve Carbary -  
In place for future events.  
**P-4:** John Grabowski -  
The upcoming issue is in production.  
**Webmaster:** Jason Nixon -  
Everything is going according to plan.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**New Member Dinner:** By email on December 30th it was moved by H.G. and M.M. to approve a deposit for the Alibi Restaurant in Troy for the dinner. Motion passed.

**December 5: Holiday Light Festival:** Chris Bohr -  
A snowy background added a holiday touch.

**December 13: Holiday Party:** It was festive and enjoyable with a great venue and good food. It was moved by H.G. and C.B. to match the proceeds from the silent auction and donate it to the MI Cookie Project. Motion passed.

**January 10: PCA Parade 101:** Fred Young -  
Went over the content for the event.

**January 17: SIM Racing/Training Event:** Chris Bohr -  
Almost sold out. It was moved by C.B. and M.M. to pay for the event beforehand as a sign of goodwill. Motion passed.

**February 28: Ypsilanti Auto Museum:** Gary Ambrus -  
All set.

**March 28: Swap Meet:** Michael Acho - The date is confirmed. Lunch and tables will be provided by Nicolas Motorsport. He will reach out to various other clubs for advertising.

**April 18: Munk's Tech Session:** Will focus on 4 cylinder cars, transaxles and Macans.

**April 19: DE-101 at M-1:** Marc Molzon -  
Will be in an M-1 garage.

**April 25: New Member Gathering and Membership Diner:** Bobby Tarchinski -  
It will be at the Alibi Inn in Troy. New members will be charged one-half price.

**May 9: DE #1 at M-1:** Marc Molzon -  
The track is reserved. It was moved by M.M. and C.B. to approve a deposit for M-1. Motion passed.

**May 16: Spring Tour:** Chris Bohr -  
Still working on it.

**May ??: Detailing Session:** Howard Gilson -  
It will be an end of month Cars and Coffee at 3D Detailing.

**June 19-20: DE #2 at Waterford** - Steve Carbary -  
Date still has to be confirmed.

**June ??: Waterford Family Day:** Fred Young -  
No date yet.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Bohr stated that the contracts for the Overnight Tour are signed.

**Street Survival School:** It was moved by M.M. and H.G. to donate half of the proceeds from Street Survival School back to the organization. Motion passed.

**Event Reports:** Needed Holiday Lights Tour and Holiday Party.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.** -  
Moved to adjourn by H.G. and B.T. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Location:** Gilson Motorsports -  
Thursday, February 5, 2026

**\*Not an SEMPCA event.**  
Respectfully Submitted: Fred Young - Rev. 1-12-26  
\*Subject to ratification at the next Board Meeting.



# SEM Business Meeting Minutes\* for February 5, 2026 by Fred Young

**FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

In attendance: Board Members: Fred Young, Marc Molzon, Lisa Molzon, Howard Gilson, Steve Carbary and Bobby Tarchinski.  
Officers: John Grabowski and David Sculati.  
Absent with notice: Cedric Alexanaian, Jason Nixon and Chris Bohr.  
Guests: Pat and Gary Ambrus

**Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m. by President Lisa Molzon.  
**Minutes:** Moved by M.M. and H.G. to approve the January minutes. Motion passed.  
**Financial:** David Sculati - He went over in detail the January financials. It was moved by B.T. and S.C. to approve the January financials. Motion passed.  
**Membership:** Bobby Tarchinski - Membership is at 1359 with 889 primary and 472 associate members. Membership is trending up.  
**Insurance:** Steve Carbary - Everything is covered.  
**P-4:** John Grabowski - He went over the future content.  
**Webmaster:** Jason Nixon - Social media viewings are up.  
**President Items:** Lisa Molzon - She went over SEM appointments and Panorama region focus submission guidelines. Also to be aware of unsolicited emails.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**January 10: PCA Parade 101:** Fred Young - The event was well received by the attendees.

**January 17: SIM Racing/Training Event:** Howard Gilson -  
It was well attended with a lot of enthusiasm.

**February 28: Ypsilanti Auto Museum:** Gary Ambrus -  
All set.

**March 28: Swap Meet:** Michael Acho - All set.

**April 15: Parade Advance Registration:** Howard Gilson -  
That is the day to register for events. 2100 members are signed up. They are working on shuttle transportation.

**April 18: Munk's Tech Session:**  
Will focus on 4 cylinder cars, transaxles and Macans.

**April 19: DE-101 at M-1:** Marc Molzon -  
Will be in an M-1 garage.

**April 25: New Member Gathering and Membership Diner:** Bobby Tarchinski -  
On Club Registration.

**May 9: DE #1 at M-1:** Marc Molzon -  
The contract is signed.

**May 16: Spring Tour:** Chris Bohr -  
Still looking for a restaurant..

**May ??: Detailing Session:** Howard Gilson -  
It will be an end of month Cars and Coffee at 3D Detailing later in the summer..

**June 5: DE #2 at Waterford** - Steve Carbary -  
The date is confirmed.

**June 27: Solstice Tour:** Lisa Molzon -  
She is working on a northeast tour.  
**June 28: Waterford Family Day:** Fred Young -  
Will reserve the 28th.  
**July 18-25: Progressive Dinner:** Lisa Molzon -  
There is one volunteer house so far.  
**July 30-2: Overnight Tour - Back of the Dragon:**  
Howard Gilson - It is on Club Registration and hotels are available.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Holiday Party:** Lisa Molzon is exploring new venues and requested board input and ideas.

**Screen Projector:** It was moved by S.C. and M.M. to purchase a new screen projector as the old one is not working. Motion passed.

**Event Reports:** None needed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.** - Moved to adjourn by H.G. and B.T. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Location:** Gilson Motorsports -  
Thursday, March 5, 2026

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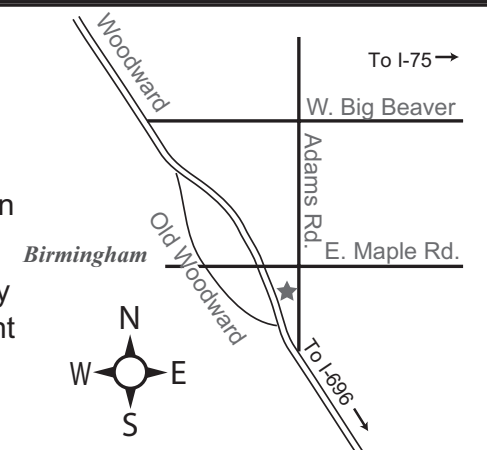
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