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On the cover:
*Ready for Takeoff
into the 2016
Driving Season.*

Photo by Amber Door

RING IN THE NEW

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Anno 2015 ended with two really nice WMR events, Randy and Lin Portoluri's dinner drive to the Main Street Pub in Allendale, which drew a big crowd, followed by the annual Appetizer Party held again in our West Olive home. Regrettably, fog, clouds, and misty rain obscured the beautiful sunset over Lake Michigan that we were treated to last year,

but it was warm and cozy inside. Many old friends and several new friends joined us, including our newest members, Gary and Tricia Chapman.

I believe Jeff and Missy Diffenderfer from scenic Midland get the nod for travelling the farthest. Everyone had a great time and I continue to be amazed at the diversity of interests that our members have beyond things Porsche. Jerry Arens celebrated his birthday and was the lucky winner of the 5-pound chocolate Santa that was raffled in support of the Children's Food Bank charity. Lynne Olenyk bravely left the party bearing the mantle of Social Secretary.

We look forward to her contributions during the next year. The first event of the New Year is Rick Riley's dinner drive on Thursday, January 14. Just to make sure everybody is on their toes, the drive has not only shifted from Wednesday to Thursday night, it is moving to a new venue, River House Ada, located just off Fulton Street (MI-21) in Ada, across the street from the Amway facility.

Rick has reserved a private room with fireplace on the lower level. A full menu, individual checks, and free parking are available.

I always think of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's "In Memoriam A.H.H." as the New Year approaches. The stanza with which I'm most familiar in this epic poem published in 1850 include:

**RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW,
RING, HAPPY BELLS, ACROSS THE SNOW:
THE YEAR IS GOING, LET HIM GO;
RING OUT THE FALSE, RING IN THE TRUE.**

Several stanzas later, he continues:

**RING OUT THE WANT, THE CARE, THE SIN,
THE FAITHLESS COLDNESS OF THE TIMES;
RING OUT, RING OUT MY MOURNFUL RHYMES,
BUT RING THE FULLER MINSTREL IN.**

**RING OUT FALSE PRIDE IN PLACE AND BLOOD,
THE CIVIC SLANDER AND THE SPITE;
RING IN THE LOVE OF TRUTH AND RIGHT,
RING IN THE COMMON LOVE OF GOOD."**

Interesting how this resonates for me 166 years later. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous with your time on behalf of our charities and club and have a great New Year! — *Mike*

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JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RICK RILEY

The Christmas tree is down, the ornaments are put away and we will be 14 days into a brand new year. What's happening? The January Dinner Drive of course! This year we are trying a new location, The River House In Ada. We have our own private room down stairs with a fire place! You can check out the restaurant and the menu on their website at: <http://riverhouseada.com> It is a beautiful fresh setting. Another plus of this location is free parking and no ramp to deal with. We can order off the menu and separate checks as always. So mark your calendar, put the address in your GPS and let's all get together. We can tell stories about the holidays and talk about our plans for the up coming driving season! **To RSVP call Kristine at Grand X-Ray (616) 459-0145 or E-Mail: Rick.Riley@grandxray.com**



When: Thursday, 01/14/2016, 6:30 Cocktails, 7:30 Dinner
Where: The River House In Ada · 445 Ada Drive Southeast, Ada, MI 49301, Phone: (616) 432-3345

WINTERFEST 2016

HOST: BRENDA HILDON-KAEMPF AND THE WMR PCA BOARD

Mark your calendar for your Porsche club's annual gala event, WinterFest 2016! This year we will return to Bar Divani in Grand Rapids. Situated in the historic Blodgett Building, Bar Divani has established itself as one of Grand Rapids' hidden gems, offering a modern but simple menu, punctuated with seasonal, fresh ingredients and bold flavors. Enjoy fellowship and Porsche enthusiasm over cocktails, followed by dinner and a brief presentation. Formal invitation cards have been mailed out. **Please RSVP with payment by 2/20/16.**

Where:

Bar Divani, 15 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 774-9463, Valet parking available.



When:

Saturday, 02/27/2016
6:00 pm Social Hour / 7:30 pm Dinner



MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOST: AMBER DOOR

The annual “Morning After” Winterfest Brunch returns to Six One Six. Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest please plan to join us on Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot Grand Rapids. Six.One.Six is the signature restaurant within the JW offering highly inspired cuisine in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting.

It promises to deliver us a wonderfully fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor. Mark your calendars for what will prove to be, yet again, a fabulous dining experience. No worries about downtown parking or weather – complimentary valet parking is available.

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AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano
*Zone 4 Representative,
Porsche Club of America*

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and is ready for another thrilling year in PCA.

In December, I was notified that I have been appointed to another term as your Zone 4 Representative and am excited to continue the work I started during my first term.

It's the beginning of a new year, and as event calendars are being put together, why not reach out to the region leadership and offer to assist with an event. As is true with any organization, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Although most of us have our cars tucked away for winter, during the next few months, several regions host social events and tech sessions to help members continue to be able to enjoy the PCA camaraderie.

The first Zone 4 event of the year is the always popular Porsche Preview Event at the North American International Auto Show, where this year the 2017 911 Turbo and 911 Turbo S will make their world debut.

The event will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2016. PCNA graciously opens the entire display to us, allowing us exclusive access before the show opens to the public. For those travelling from out of town, we have secured a Room Block at The Henry Autograph Hotel in Dearborn, MI. In addition, there will be a Welcome Dinner on Friday evening as well as a dinner on Saturday evening for those staying a second night. Last year the Welcome Dinner sold out as did the Room Block. Please make sure to RSVP for the dinner and book your room as soon as possible.

Registration is required and this event sells out quickly. The 200 tickets for this event will be sold on MotorsportReg.com beginning at Noon on Jan. 4, 2016.



December
Appetizer Party
 Photos by
 Amber Door



What better way to spend a dark and foggy December evening, than with fellow Porsche enthusiasts swapping stories and laughs.



Dan & Ren Phillips and Rick Riley celebrating the season at the annual December Appetizer Party. Thanks to our hosts Mike & Barb Karluk.



Jerry Arens also won the 5 lbs. Chocolate Santa in this year's charity raffle.



From sweet to savory. The Bring-An-Appetizer-To-Share buffet offered many tasty treats. Couldn't make it? There's always next year.



It so happened that this year's Appetizer Party coincided with Jerry's birthday. Notice the homemade cake from hosts Mike & Barb Karluk.

2016 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	01-14	January Dinner Drive	The River House Ada, Ada, MI	Rick Riley
	01-30 through 01-31	Rolex 24 at DAYTONA	1801 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Non-PCA Event
FEB	02-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-17	February Dinner Drive	The Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
	02-27	WinterFest 2016	Bar Divani, 15 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	WMR PCA Club, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
MAR	03-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	03-13	March Dinner Drive	Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-16 through 03-19	64th Annual 12 Hours of Sebring	Sebring International Raceway 113 Midway Dr, Sebring, FL 33870	Non-PCA Event
APR	04-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	04-16	Annual Cookoff	The Schieble Residence, Portage, MI	Terry & Dorilee Schieble
MAY	05-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-14	May Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	John & Marshall Walters
	05-21	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
JUN	06-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-11	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher and Euro Autowerks
	06-19 through 06-26	Porsche Parade 2015 PCA National Event	Jay Peak, VT	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	06-25	Parade Orphans Lunch Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
JUL	07-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-23	Pool Party	Destination TBD	TBD
AUG	08-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-06	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-11	German Auto Service Open House	1014 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	Non-PCA Event Ben Zeeuw
	08-21	IROC I – Autocross	Destination TBD	TBD
	08-26 through 08-27	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
	08-28	IROC II – Autocross	Destination TBD	TBD
SEP	09-10 through 09-11	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-12	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-24	September Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
OCT	10-02	Teen Street Survival	Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids	WMR PCA / BMW CCA
	10-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	TBD
NOV	11-07	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
DEC	12-05-16	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-10-16	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit: <https://www.pca.org/events>
For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit: <https://www.pca.org/club-racing>



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WET OIL SUMP UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 1997–2008 BOXSTER, 986, 987 AND THE 1998–2008 911, 996 AND 997.

Whether you are having fun on the course or driving hard on the road, you can be assured that your car's oil system isn't enjoying it like you are.

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G-FORCES TRY THEIR HARDEST TO UNCOVER THE OIL PUMP PICKUP.

Last month we compared the Wet (Oil) Sump System (WSS) and the Dry (Oil) Sump System (DSS) highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of each. As you remember, the DSS was the preferred system for high performance cars but can only be found on 1% of production cars.

This month we are going to review upgrades and improvements for the WSS that are easily done at oil service time. These upgrades will allow you to build in a margin of safety for when you track your car or drive very "sportingly" on the street.

UPGRADE 1 - MAGNETIC DRAIN PLUG.

Though very basic, the magnetic plug picks up any metallic debris and alerts you to potential failures such as failure of the IMS bearing. Approximate cost: \$35.00 No charge to install at time of oil service.



UPGRADE 2 - OIL FILTER ADAPTER.

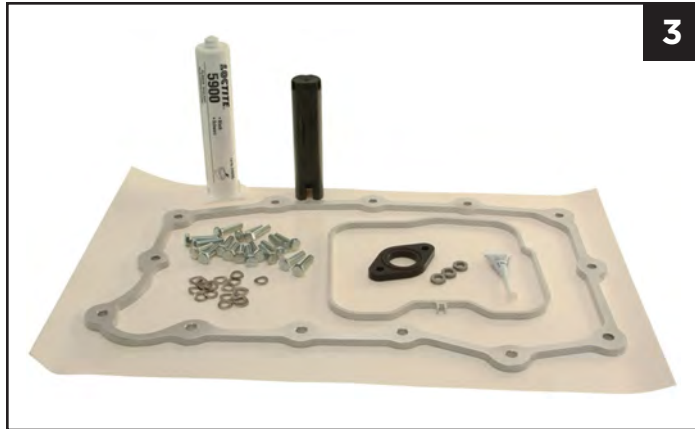
We recommend this upgrade for two reasons. First, the stock oil filter has a by-pass system which on startup allows oil to by-pass the filter. Second, should the filter become plugged, the oil will be allowed to by-pass the filter. Allowing oil to by-pass the oil filter is never a good thing. The adapter will allow the installation of a "spin on" filter which will not allow oil to by-pass the filter on startup. Another benefit is the increased ease of replacing filters. Approximate cost: \$149.00 No charge to install at time of oil service.



UPGRADE 3 - DEEP SUMP SYSTEM #1.

The deep sump system modification allows for an additional ½ quart of oil in the engine. The deeper sump is created by the installation of a spacer between the oil pan and engine block and includes a modification to the existing baffle and extension of the oil pickup tube. This modification helps prevent a drop in oil pressure during hard cornering due to oil being forced away from the pickup and toward the side of the pan.

Good ground clearance is maintained since the pan is only dropped about a quarter of an inch. Approximate cost: \$349.00 for parts only. The cost of installation varies.



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UPGRADE 4 -DEEP SUMP SYSTEM #2.

This modification is for those of you who participate in numerous track days and drive your cars hard on the streets.

The system drops the oil pan 1" which allows for an additional 2 quarts of oil in the engine. It includes X51 style baffles, new oil return tubes with extensions and all necessary gaskets. While this system gives you the best protection from oil moving away from the pickup tube during hard cornering, be aware that the stock skid pans will not work without modifications. Approximate cost: \$849.00 for parts only. The cost of installation varies.



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If you've been thinking about sending us a picture of your car for our 2016 club calendar, you still have a few days to get it to us. Work on the calendar is in progress and it's going to be a great one! Make sure your car is featured in this sure to be collector's edition calendar. Send your picture to admin@euroautowerks.com. See you at WinterFest! — *Tim*

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BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

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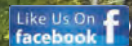
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