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On the cover:  
*Greetings from the  
North American International  
Auto Show.*

Photo by Amber Door

# RING IN THE NEW

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

The WMR calendar of activities got off to a great start for 2016 on January 14<sup>th</sup> with thirty-three taking advantage of mild weather to join host Rick Riley for dinner at River House Ada. The warm ambience, excellent food and service, and free parking combine to solidify this as a new tradition. Another tradition, Kurt Wirth's dinner event at the

Grattan Irish Pub, will be moving from mid-March to Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an event that shouldn't be missed for any fan of fish and chips or good burgers! Winterfest, WMR's annual gala hosted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, will be returning to the Bar Divani in downtown Grand Rapids on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The venue and food are excellent and valet parking is included in the price of the ticket. To complete the month, Amber Door and Jerry Arens are hosting Morning After brunch at noon at Six One Six at the JW Marriott on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

A number of WMR members travelled to Detroit on January 16<sup>th</sup> to attend the North American International Auto Show. I was unable to join some of our members at the PCA event put on at the Porsche pavilion, but attended the show with my brother-in-law and Dave Sedgwick, a writer/editor for Automotive News, who provided insightful commentary on many issues.

We were impressed by three new 911 variants wearing the new, eye-catching Graphite Blue Metallic paint and I was pleased by the presence of a Cayman GT4.



*Editor's Note: I have a feeling Mike was testing "the office" a few times.*

As a whole, I was impressed by how much more elaborate the staging and décor was this year than five years ago during the depth of the recession. Large video displays, strobes, and throbbing Techno soundtracks contributed to mild sensory overload for me. Driving home, we discussed our impressions of the show. Putting aside our beloved Porsches and unobtainium such as the Ford GT and Acura NSX, interesting cars included the new BMW M2, the Alfa Romeo Giulia, the Ford Focus RS, the Mazda MX-5 Cup car, and, surprisingly, a Buick concept coupe that I found stunningly beautiful. The Mazda Miata Cup car, a track-ready spec racecar for \$53,000, was my show-stopper, though climbing in through the roll cage would be a daunting proposition personally.

I hope the weather cooperates and many of you can join us for at least one of the February gatherings. Drive safely and stay warm! — Mike

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**[HTTP://WMT.PCA.ORG/MINUTES/MINUTES.HTM](http://wmt.pca.org/minutes/minutes.htm)**



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# FEBRUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: KURT WIRTH

Meeting on what is usually a chilly and often snowy night in February, for the warmth of friends at the Grattan Irish Pub, has become a very popular tradition with our group. So plan on meeting up with us there once again, on Wednesday, February the 17<sup>th</sup>! We'll enjoy the very decent menu of the Pub and of course our favorite Wednesday's all-you-can-eat fish and chips. The cozy atmosphere and good food keeps us coming back and our group keeps getting bigger and bigger every year! Make this year the one you choose to come out and join us! We promise there will be talk about Porsches. Please RSVP to Kurt at [kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net](mailto:kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net), or call (616) 956-0249. Hope to see you there!

**When:**

Wednesday, February 17, 2015

6:00 pm Social Hour, Drinks / 7:00 pm Dinner



Can't wait for Spring. Photo by Neil MacDonald, Chicago Region PCA

**Where:**

Grattan Irish Pub

11817 Old Belding Road NE · Grattan, MI 48809

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# 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

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**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.

**Where:**

Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot  
235 Louis Campau St. NW  
(at the NW corner of Louis Street and Campau Avenue)  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

**Why:** Food, Fun & Porsche friends

**When:** Sunday, 02/28/2016 – High Noon

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by Wednesday February 24, 2016



# REVIEW: JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

BY RICK RILEY

What a fun time we had to start out the new year! 33 Porsche friends gathered at the River House Restaurant in Ada for a wonderful evening of conversation, beverages and excellent food. We had our own room complete with a fire place to warm us from the cold. In attendance was everyone from our very newest members Gary & Tricia Chapman to a good sized group of long time Western Michigan Porsche Club members from years gone by. I was seated next to Kurt Wirth and Wolfgang Hofmann and I got to listen to a lively discussion in German! I want to thank everyone that attended.

I especially what to thank Christine and the River House staff, they made our evening very enjoyable! No muss, no fuss! Thank you! If you haven't attended a Dinner Drive I highly recommend you do.

It is a non competitive, relaxed event and you would be amazed at the range of subjects that are discussed by our members from all walks of life. It's not just the cars, it's the people! See you ... Down the road – *Rick*



More photos of the January event can be found on the next page.



# January Events **Snap**SHOT

Photos by  
Amber Door



January Dinner Drive: Gary and Tricia Chapman enjoying the evening. We're happy to welcome them to our Porsche Club.



January Dinner Drive: Hunters and Gatherers mingled with Tinkerers and Toy makers sharing insights, prices and good times.



Don't show these shiny tailpipes to the EPA. Good thing a 911 Turbo doesn't have to worry about that. It can simply outrun any government official.



The first touch-and-feel of the new Cayman GT4 at the North American International Autoshow.



The 200 exclusive Porsche Club event tickets are always gone in a hurry. Still, we happily wander through this array of stunning beauties.

# 2016 EVENT CALENDAR

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>FEB</b>	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 Blackledge
	02-27	WinterFest 2016	Bar Divani, 15 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	WMR PCA Club, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
<b>MAR</b>	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
<b>APR</b>	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
<b>MAY</b>	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
<b>JUN</b>	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
<b>JUL</b>	07-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-23	Pool Party	Destination TBD	TBD
<b>AUG</b>	08-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	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





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>AUG</b>	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
<b>SEP</b>	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
<b>OCT</b>	10-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-09	Teen Street Survival	Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids	WMR PCA / BMW CCA
	TBD	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	TBD
<b>NOV</b>	11-07	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
<b>DEC</b>	12-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-10	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk

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<https://www.pca.org/events>

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit:

<https://www.pca.org/club-racing>

# EVENT HOSTS NEEDED

BY LYNNE OLENYK



**Lynne Olenyk**  
Social Events Coordinator,  
Western Michigan Region

A little twist of the arm, and I'm your new social event coordinator! I am looking forward to many fun and exciting events as noted on the calendar. However, I am asking for volunteers to fill in the months that we are needing a host. I assure you it is fun to put on an event, and even more fun to see smiling and grateful people after attending your event!

Please e-mail me if you are interested in hosting: [lynniemarie@charter.net](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net). I can assist you with the details. This is a great way to get involved with the club! — Lynne



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## MASTER CYLINDERS – WHY WE MAY WANT TO UPGRADE OUR OLDER SINGLE CIRCUIT CARS.

### SINGLE CIRCUIT SYSTEM

The basic single master cylinder consists of one piston which is controlled or activated by a pushrod connected to the brake pedal. As the brake pedal rises, fluid is drawn into the piston bore (Primary Chamber) from the reservoir. If the pushrod is adjusted too tightly it will not allow fluid to be drawn into the chamber. So if you are replacing any master cylinder, this adjustment is CRITICAL!

## MASTER CYLINDER CONTROL DEVICE THAT CONVERTS NON-HYDRAULIC PRESSURE INTO HYDRAULIC PRESSURE.

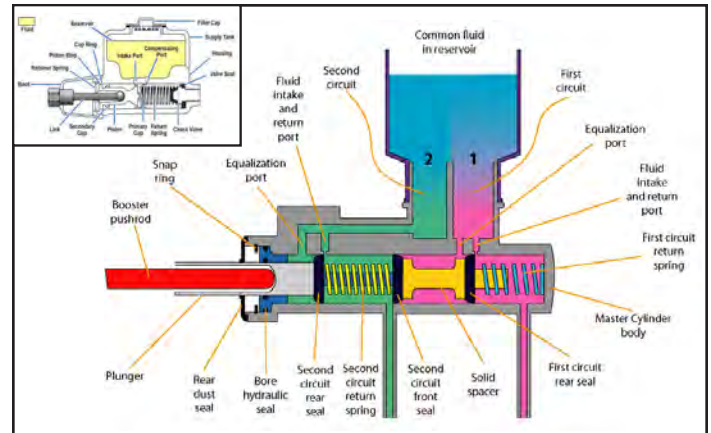
As the brake pedal is pushed down, the pushrod transfers the forward motion to the piston, which in turn compresses the fluid in the system and transfers hydraulic pressure to all the brake components, i.e. Calipers, wheel cylinders or other components depending upon the system. The weakness with a single circuit system is that in the event of a loss of pressure or failure of the master cylinder, you lose all braking effect. Obviously losing your brakes could be extremely dangerous. It is because of this possible hazard that dual circuit braking systems have become the standard on all automobiles.

### DUAL CIRCUIT SYSTEM

With a dual braking system you have two separate braking circuits, the primary and the secondary. As the brake pedal is depressed it creates pressure in the primary circuit which in turn, by way of hydraulic pressure, pushes the secondary piston forward creating equal pressure in both circuits.

Each circuit controls (puts pressure to) the braking action of two wheels. Some circuits/systems are set up to operate diagonally, such as braking the front left wheel and the rear right wheel, however most systems are set up to operate opposite wheels (front right front left and rear right and rear left).

If you lose pressure in one of these circuits due to a failed component, the theory is you will still have some braking effect from the remaining circuit. A loss of pressure in your secondary circuit still allows pressure to build in the primary circuit which allows a reduced braking ability.



Small Image: Single Circuit. — Large Image: Dual Circuit.

So what if you lose pressure in your primary circuit which is used to push the secondary piston? Fortunately engineers have built a space in the master cylinder between the two circuits, allowing for a mechanical operation of the secondary circuit when the pedal and primary piston is pushed far enough. There will be a lot of pedal travel but it will still allow for some braking ability.

Sounds great, right? In most cases it is, but there can be one huge pitfall. Some manufacturers did not engineer enough pedal travel to complete this mechanical lockup before the pedal hit the floor. This oversight makes for an ineffective dual circuit when one circuit fails.

Now to the point of this article. If you are swapping out a single circuit for a dual circuit braking system, make sure you have enough pedal travel to complete this mechanical lockup before the pedal hits the floor. Simply measuring the distance required by the master cylinder piston to create the mechanical activation and assuring the push rod is able to move an equal distance with no obstructions is adequate.

Modifying a vehicle's braking system is not a project for the inexperienced but should be performed by a certified technician using the proper equipment, parts and tools. We invite you to contact us for further information regarding this upgrade. See you at Winterfest! — Tim



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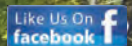
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