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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

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### A NOTE OF THANKS TO OUR CLUB

Please pass along our thanks to the West Michigan Porsche Club! MTSI wanted to make sure the membership knew how many people they've been able to assist with these funds. Throughout 2016, Midwest Traffic Safety Institute has been assisting people from Holland Rescue Mission, Family Life Center in Allendale, Arbor Circle, Hope Network, along with individual scholarships for both financially needy teens and adults. Your club has been instrumental in helping start a funding source for others to join. Century Driving School will again match WMPC's donation to MTSI. We thank you so much for your continued support of this organization. May you and your members be blessed in 2016.

— Dave Muma DRS, CDCE Executive Director, Midwest Traffic Safety Institute

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On the cover:  
*Greetings from the  
 Porsche Experience Center  
 in Atlanta, GA.*  
 Read Jack Vandenberg's story  
 and photo gallery on Pg. 6+7

Photo by Amber Door

# GARAGE CRAWLS, ETC.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

I'm grateful that the unseasonably warm weather we've been having in mid- to late-February has allowed me to exercise my 911 with little concern of road salt exposure, though I didn't take it to the large gathering of WMR members who joined Kurt Wirth at the Grattan Irish Pub on February 17.

Our large turnout seated in two long tables down the middle of the pub accounted for about sixty percent of the clientele that evening. The food and service were great as always. Thanks, Kurt!

I had an enlightening and somewhat mind-blowing conversation about WMR events of the past with Paul and Marci Thieme and Craig Paull after finishing my meal. Paul and Craig have eighty-two years combined membership in WMR (I'm not sure how long Marci has been afflicted with Porschemania) and I got more than I bargained for as they launched into a spirited recitation of club events that have been dormant for a while.

It seems Concours used to be fairly regular events. Rallies also have been popular events in the past and it seems that there are as many variants of rallies as there are of poker, golf games, and 911's come to think of it (a quick look on the Porsche USA website lists twenty-one currently available).

There were also "garage crawls" between the homes of members who would set up food in their garages. Their excitement in describing these events makes me hope that any of you who've enjoyed these events in the past will consider organizing some of them in the future.

Winterfest and the Morning After Brunch will be past by the time you're reading this, but Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck are again hosting a delightful brunch at Cygnus 28 at the Amway Grand on Sunday, March 13.

Further ahead on the calendar, I hope we'll have wonderful weather and a great turnout for Terry and Dorilee Schieble's April 16th cook off, though at the moment, this year's culinary challenge hasn't been revealed. Whatever it is, it's always a great event; so do try to join us.

Orders are now being take for the next generation 718 Boxster and Boxster S. Sporting turbocharged four-cylinder boxer engines derived from the current six-cylinder 911 engines, they produce 300 and 350-bhp and begin at \$56,000 and \$68,400, respectively. It's amazing how each new generation is faster and more economical, but has its own distinct driving personality. We'll see how these are received. See you soon! — *Mike*

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# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

HOSTS: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK

Spring is around the corner and we hope daylight savings will not throw off your schedule of doing nothing.

A much better idea is to join our brunch at Cygnus 27. There will be some changes to the menu this year but for sure it will be excellent again. Get up and make use of that extra hour. See you at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel on the 28th floor. Please RSVP before March 7 to [wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com](mailto:wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com) or call/text: (616) 780-6590

**Where:** Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 27th floor  
187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**When:** Sunday, March 13, 2016, 10:30 am



# TURBO GUMBO PARTY & COOK-OFF

HOSTS: DORILEE & TERRY SCHIEBLE

Enter your favorite Gumbo recipe in this years'

**"Porsche Club Cook-off Party & Cookoff Competition".**

On April 16<sup>th</sup> you're invited to enter your own Gumbo in a crock pot creation and compete for: Judge's Choice, People's Choice, or be an Official Sampler of them all! All the extras will be provided, but please bring your own beer or wine. Prizes will be presented to the Judge's Choice and to People's Choice.

**For just \$10 you're in. Chefs who bring at least one quart of "Home Grown" Gumbo don't pay the cover fee.**

We will gather at the home of our gracious hosts Terry and Dorilee Schieble. RSVP is REQUIRED, so please contact Terry or Dorilee by April 16<sup>th</sup> by phone: (269) 329-1578 or Dorilee's Cell: (269) 910-4306. Please let them know if you'll bring gumbo.



**Where:** 726 Lakeview Dr., Portage, MI

**When:** Saturday, 04/16/2016, 6:30 pm



# REVIEW: FEBRUARY DINNER DRIVE

BY KURT WIRTH

For a new WMR member, arriving at the location, thoughts like ...”this must be the wrong place, this can not be”... come to mind. Seeing a rustic, weathered building, gravely parking a problem, is certainly adding to the impression as well. But here is the story:

Once inside, you feel welcome, you feel history, (Grattan Pub founded 1937) and the smell of home cooking lingering. Plus the warm, close camaraderie you experience with your WMR Members.

Because of our long connection with the nearby Grattan Race Track, the Grattan Bar was and always will be a strong magnet at the end of the day with a lot of track Stories and some cold refreshments. So, out of this came the idea, to brighten the long winter period and have a dinner drive at the bar, targeted on Wednesdays, the famous fish fry day.

So looking back, our club has been doing it now for over 14 years! I’m proud to continue this WMR tradition and would like to thank all of you for coming and keeping the Club Spirit alive. Its not Porsche alone, it’s the People!

— *Auf bald, Kurt Wirth*



For over 14 years WMRPCA members gather at Grattan's Irish Pub.

# PORSCHE EXPERIENCE CENTER

BY JACK & ILA VANDENBERG · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR (PG. 7)

The visit was more than I thought it could be. It began at the security gate. I've been through security at airports with less check and re-check than PEC. If you go, be sure they're expecting you. We had reservations at the restaurant 356 and I had to show the guard the 356 confirmation on my cell phone.

The \$100,000,000 building is very impressive, and will certainly promote the brand. It's located on the east edge of the Atlanta airport with an easy exit off I-75. The parking garage is the first thing you do after getting through the gate. There were so many different Porsche our American car was in the minority. Walking over to the entrance you're greeted by a beautiful 918 under strange green lighting. It was time for a walk-around and touching. I even tried the door. (Locked of course) Then up a half-flight and we're greeted by a GT 3. Nice car however the first floor is very open with the center of attraction a Red 919. Time for another walk-around.

Up a grand stair case to the second floor and a Red RSR, a Porsche merchandise store and it was lunch time. I wanted to spend more time checking out the many other attractions. We didn't try the highly advanced driving simulators. It seemed like a bargain at \$40 per hour. I would assume you choose which race track you want. I need to find out more. We were told two of the cars in the museum were owned by Jerry Seinfeld. Unfortunately none of the cars were described and there was not a docent to ask. The museum was quite small with maybe 12 cars. I would have preferred to spend some time at the Human Performance Center. There we'd discover the latest techniques in preparing drivers for racing. The two dealers I asked before we went to PEC did not know if it was possible to drive any of the cars on the track. Perhaps on the next visit to Atlanta I'll be able to experience more of the many offerings. If you are either driving through Atlanta be sure to arrange a visit. A min. of 1.5 hours is required. — *Jack*

# Porsche Experience

## Center **Snap** SHOT

Photos by  
Amber Door



Jack Vandenberg got up close and personal with this silver-grey 918 Spyder prototype. A very striking display and awesome machine, albeit locked.



A collection of Speedsters in the PEC Heritage Center. Are there any of Jerry Seinfeld's Porsches hiding in plain sight?



Take a look at this street-legal 500 hp GT3 RS. \$177,000 new. Editor's Note: Oooohhhh... Wolfgang likes the color. \*Wink, wink.\*



In every aspect, the 27.4 acre complex, is a complete reflection of Porsche's past, present and future.



Vasek Polak. To many Porsche enthusiasts, his name is well known, as a race car driver, Porsche mechanic, Porsche dealer, collector of racing cars.

# 2016 EVENT CALENDAR

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<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	Turbo Gumbo Cook-off	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
	08-13 through 08-14	17th Annual Alden Car Show, Porsche is feat. marque for 2016	Alden, MI 49612 <a href="http://www.twinbaybrits.com">http://www.twinbaybrits.com</a>	Twin Bay British Car Club Mark L. Haveman
	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





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>AUG</b>	08-28	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>	12-03	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk
	12-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit:

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

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit:

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# EVENT HOSTS NEEDED

BY LYNNE OLENYK



**Lynne Olenyk**  
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A little twist of the arm, and I'm your new social event coordinator! We are looking forward to many fun events this year! However, I am asking for volunteers to fill in the months that we are needing a host. Please contact me at: [lynniemarie@charter.net](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net) if you are interested in hosting an event! I have an easy check-list to help you put on your event and many people to help you with those details. We are interested in your ideas! — *Lynne*



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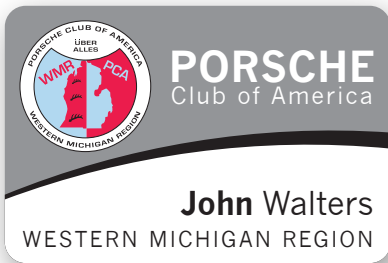


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Your vehicle's differential is the final component of what's normally called "the running gear". Getting power to the ground begins with the engine, which transmits its motion to the transmission which in turn transfers it to the drive shaft which passes it onto the differential.

## DIFFERENTIALS FALL INTO ONE OF FOUR DISTINCT CATEGORIES

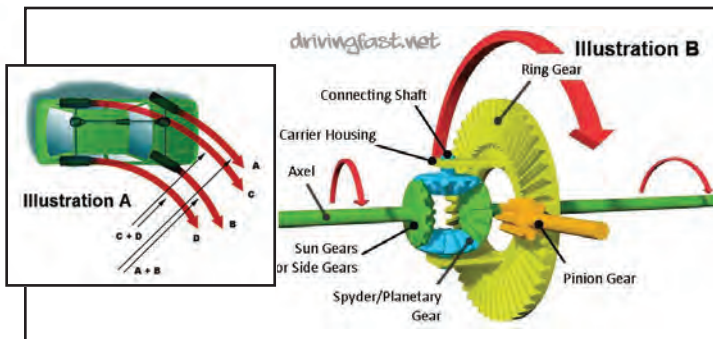
- 1. OPEN** — This is the most common type, which you'll find it used in most "everyday" vehicles. This differential allows each wheel to rotate at a different speed during turns and for one wheel to spin if it's on a slippery surface.
- 2. LIMITED SLIP** — This differential is found on most sports/high performance cars including track cars. It allows for equal "drive" pressure to both wheels, even if one is on a slippery surface but still allows for different wheel speeds on turns.
- 3. LOCKING** — This differential is commonly found on 4 wheel drive and off-road vehicles. Its action can be controlled by the driver.
- 4. Spools** — Most commonly used in drag cars. It does not allow for any slippage at any time.

### The differential has three primary functions:

1. It directs power to the axles, wheels and tires.
2. It acts as the final gear reduction.  
 By changing differential gears, you can control how many RPMs your engine will be at in any given gear.
3. It transfers power to the wheels while allowing for different wheel speeds during turns (hence the name differential).

A common question is "Why can't the wheels always turn at the same speed?" That's a good question.

Let's take a look at the potential problems it would cause. Because each wheel follows a path of a different diameter during turns (see Illustration A), the outside wheel on the longer path, will rotate faster to keep up with the inside wheel.



If the wheels are locked together and not allowed to rotate independently, one or both of them will begin binding and then hopping on the pavement. Due to the forces applied to drivetrain components during such binding, items such as axles and drive gears located inside the differential can be badly damaged. It's because of these forces and the resulting damage that differentials were created. Let's take a look at a typical open differential (See Illustration B) and see how it works.

With power applied, the driveshaft turns the pinion gear which in turn, turns the ring gear. The ring gear is attached to a carrier housing which contains a planetary gear set. This gear set is made up of two spider or planetary gears and two side or sun gears. The spider gears are attached to the carrier by way of a large shaft and can spin freely before the side gears are installed.

The side gears are attached to the axles but not to the housing. Because of this, as one wheel speeds up the other wheel slows down at the same rate. This is what creates the ability for the different wheel speed from the axle as you turn a corner. Clear as mud, right? This set-up is also what creates the ability for one wheel to spin freely from the other if on a slippery surface or as you apply power during a turn. So how do we overcome that?

The answer: the Limited Slip Differential. But that's a whole new subject that we can cover next month.

Now that's its March, we can all start thinking about getting our cars out of the garage. You may want to review our column "Think Spring! It's Almost That Time" published in the March 2012 issue of Über Alles.

If you have misplaced your Spring copy, email us at [admin@euroautowerks.com](mailto:admin@euroautowerks.com) and tell us you want a copy of article number 2012-03. See you soon! — Tim

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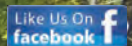
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