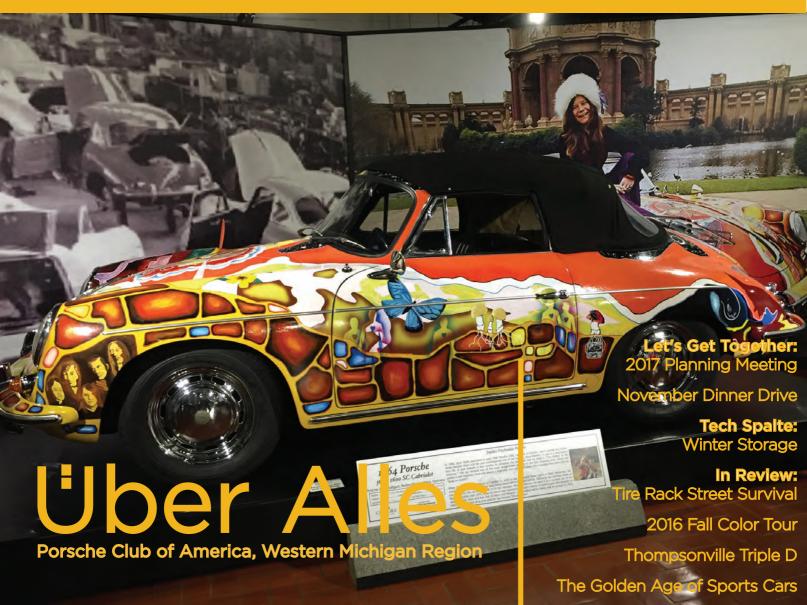


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## NOVEMBER PLANNING MEETING

#### HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION PORSCHE CLUB

Come join us for the Annual Planning Meeting on Monday, November 7 from 6pm - 9pm at the Bistro Bella Vita in Grand Rapids. The meeting is open for anyone wishing to organize an activity or become an active member of the Board. We'll enjoy good food while discussing our 2017 event plans.



Please RSVP by November 1 via E-Mail: mbkmd9198@charter.net







On the cover: Gilmore Car Museum The Golden Age of Sports Cars Photos by Rick Riley and Craig Paull

# FALL & WINTER EVENTS

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk** President, Western Michigan Region

Early autumn has seen a lot of great activity for the West Michigan Region of PCA. Jerry Arens' and Amber Door's September 24th lunch drive drew fourteen cars and thirty-two members on short notice for a spirited and scenic drive from Grand Rapids to Holland, where a great lunch was enjoyed. Twenty-three members in twelve cars enjoyed a multi-day, mid-week outing in the UP organized by Pete Stott, who followed up with a northern lower peninsula drive between great lunch and dinner destinations on October 13th. October 15th wasn't as sunny as forecast, but was a comfortable day for the forty-two members who joined Ted and Gabi Blacklidge's Fall Color Tour drive to the Clifford Inn in Stanton.

The WMR's second Tire Rack Street Survival teen driver training program at Fifth-Third Ballpark on Sunday, October 9th was a great success and fun for the dozen young drivers, their watchful parents, and volunteers. Many thanks to the staff of Fifth-Third Ballpark, to Don Sazama for spearheading the event again this year, to sponsors Tire Rack and Michelin, and to PCA's national office for financial support. Thanks to Colin Carpenter and Amber Door for marking out the skid pad and run courses on Saturday. Danke schoen to all who took care of registration, organizing meals and coffee, performing tech inspections, setting and picking up cones, hoisting sponsor banners, providing classroom and in-seat instruction, and sweeping up bushels of cracked corn creatively used to create low-traction conditions on the skip pad including: Don, Colin, Amber, lead instructor Terry Schieble, classroom instructor Frank Connor, Jerry Arens, Eric and Lina Spross, John and Marshall Walters, Ted Blacklidge, Michael Betz, Craig Paull, Michael Murphy, Bob Cox, Andrew Schipper, Craig Ackerman, Lynn Kase, and BMW-CCA members, Eve Dolenski and Lindsay Draime. All the students left with smiles, gratitude, and a much better understanding of their vehicle's dynamics.

There are still several opportunities to get together before the New Year. The annual Planning Meeting will be on Monday, November 7 at Bistro Bella Vita in downtown Grand Rapids. Randy and Lin Portoluri are again hosting dinner at the Main Street Pub by Grand Valley State in Allendale, and Barb and I are hosting the December Appetizer Party at our West Olive home on Saturday, December 3. Please come to the Planning Meeting or contact Lynne Olenyk at lynniemarie@charter.net if you have an event you'd liked to host.

I hope to see you at any or all of the remaining events! -Mike

# ACCESS THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE. HTTP://WMR.PCA.ORG/MINUTES/MINUTES.HTM





### We're looking for event hosts for 2017

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMRPCA Social Events Coordinator, Lynne Olenyk, with your event ideas. Lynne will help you work through the details and make your event a success. E-Mail: lynniemarie@charter.net · Phone: (616) 710-0122



# NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

**HOSTS: RANDY & LIN PORTOLURI** 

Once again by popular request Randy and Lin Portoluri will host a dinner at the Main Street Pub in Allendale just off M-45 west of 48th Avenue. Fellowship and dinner will start at 5:00pm.

The Main Street Pub has a wide variety of excellent food and a full bar. It is personally one of our favorite lunch spots.

As with most November meetings, there is no actual drive. Weather permitting, drive your Porsche as we were so lucky to do last year.

Please RSVP by November 8 via phone (616) 842-9266 or e-mail rportoluri66@charter.net.

We hope to see you there!



When: Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 5:00pm

Where: Main Street Pub

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# DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: BARB & MIKE KARLUK

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline in West Olive, MI for a third consecutive year. Barb and Mike invite you to their home to celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! Please join us for a great evening of food, friends, and festivities. As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. There may be another five-pound chocolate Santa Claus to raffle off for charity. No need to RSVP! Just show up!

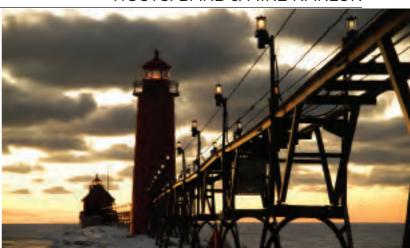
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When: Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5 PM

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# IN REVIEW: TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

#### BY DON SAZAMA: PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR & LINA SPROSS



**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that made the 2016 Tire Rack Street Survival school a success. A special thanks to Amber Door

for serving as registrar, Terry Schieble as lead instructor, Colin Carpenter for course layout, Marshall Walters for food and beverage, Frank Connor for classroom instruction, Craig Ackerman for equipment procurement and Eric Spross for Tech Inspection. Also, a special thanks to the coaches who risked life and limb riding with students. We would also like to recognize Mike Klint from 5/3 Ballpark for ensuring everything was in order for us. The venue and service was excellent!



Learning the Rules of the Road



The Instructors and the TRSS Class of 2016

We had thirteen students this year, a 50% increase over last year. Our target for 2017 is another 50% increase to 20 students. The evaluations sheets prepared by the students and parents were very positive with some good suggestions for next year's event.

See you all at the 2017 TRSS School. — Don Sazama



Our Fearless Leader - Don Sazama

# IN REVIEW: 2016 FALL COLOR TOUR

#### BY GABI BLACKLIDGE · PHOTO BY AMBER DOOR

It was a lot of pressure ... would anyone show up? We were relying on Michigan weather to cooperate after we advertised a Fall Color Tour. On the plus side, since it may be the last drive of the season, perhaps it would help encourage attendance. Surprise! The reservations kept rolling in. With a start in Cedar Springs, thirty-nine optimistic Porsche-philes snaked through the countryside, ending at the Clifford Lake Inn in Stanton for lunch. We saw tinges of red, orange and yellow leaves, which would have been more impressive had we been driving in sunshine instead of cloudshine. Although fall color was not optimal, we heard many positive comments about the drive, the venue and food, and the joy of connecting with colorful friends.



Colorful Friends at Clifford Late Inn



TRSS - Learning Car Control

# Photos by Rob Clark, Amber Door, Lina Spross, Peter Stott & Kurt Wirth



TRSS - Winter Driving Simulator Training



Thompsonville Triple D - Iron Fish Distillery



TRSS - Porsche Blind Spot Convoy



Iron Fish Distillery Tour



Rob Clark (left) and Rick Riley Toasting Janis Joplin's 1964 356C SC



Rick Riley (right) with Exhibit Curator Tom Kayser and

# IN REVIEW: THOMPSONVILLE TRIPLE D

#### BY PETER STOTT · PHOTO BY PETER STOTT

It was a busy Porsche day and good time was had by all for the Thompsonville Triple D Event - Drive, Distillery & Dinner! On October 13th Porsche owners collected at the Crystal Mountain Lodge for lunch and then a spirited drive southward through Onekema with a scenic stop at Arcadia Bluffs Golf Course. The group also had an interesting tour of the recently opened Iron Fish Distillery followed by superb ribs at Gino's in Thompsonville. Attending the event were Larry & Nancy Draper, Kem & Mary Hawkins, Dale & Marilyn Goby, Jim & Kim Chiavaras, Jay Dankovich, Gary & Jean Castile, Robert & Kathy McCue, Pat & Mary Kondrat, Mike & Vicki Slawnik, Jack Vandenberg, Roger & Cheri Edgren, Pete & Sue Stott.



The Thompsonville Triple D Crew

# AROUND THE ZONE

#### BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Zone 4 Representative, Porsche Club of America

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Amidst the cool crisp air and surrounded by the majestic splendor of the beautiful autumn foliage, it will soon be time to put our cars into storage until sunshine and warmer temperatures return next spring. However, that does not mean that there still aren't plenty of opportunities to get together with your fellow PCA members for friendship and camaraderie.

I recently attended MORPCA's 50th

Anniversary Celebration. On a beautiful autumn Sunday, a large number of MORPCA members including several Past Presidents gathered in a hangar at The Ohio State University Airport. PCA National Past President Manny Alban entertained the crowd with stories and presented the region with a PCA flag signed by each member of the Executive Council. In addition, I presented the region with a number of items to commemorate the momentous occasion.

I also attended OVR's signature event, Rallye Porsche Milford. This year there was a new venue and an additional day of activities. The weekend began with a driving tour followed by dinner at a local restaurant, and included a car show and a day filled with Porsche fun. Several hundred people were on hand as Milford's Main Street was closed off to accommodate the 100 Porsches on display in the picturesque city.

This is an important time of year, and I am reminding you that you can help shape and support your region by participating in your region's elections. Furthermore, please consider volunteering and taking part in the upcoming planning meetings. Maybe this will be the year that you lead a tour, organize an event, or host a party. And, of course, with the holidays approaching, many regions will celebrate with their PCA friends by holding festive annual holiday parties. Please remember to check your in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org for the most up to date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- November 6: Rally Sport Region's Polar Bear Run
- November 7: Western Michigan Region's Annual Planning Meeting
- November 7: Mid-Ohio Region's Board Meeting at the Rusty Bucket in New Albany
- · November 8: OVR's Monthly Board Meeting and Member Social at Firehouse Grill
- November 9: Michiana Region's Business Meeting at Dandino's Supper Club in Goshen
- November 12: Central Indiana Region's Annual Dinner at The Rathskeller in Indianapolis
- November 12: Maumee Valley Region's Holiday Party
- November 18 : Southeast Michigan Region's General Membership Dinner at Pasquale's Restaurant
- November 26: ARPCA's Holiday Party and Dinner at the Grand Concourse Landmarks Building

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

Thanks, — Michael







# 2016 EVENT CALENDAR

#### WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

NOV	11-07	Annual Planning Dinner	Bistro Bella Via, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	11-12	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy & Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-03	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk
	12-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club

# THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM CELEBRATES "THE GOLDEN AGE OF SPORTS CARS"

ADAPTED FROM HEMMINGS DAILY (KURT ERNST, OCT 20, 2016)
PHOTOS BY ROB CLARK & RICK RILEY

On October 1, 2016 a new exhibit at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, examines *The Golden Age of Sports Cars, 1949-1967* by highlighting over two dozen significant examples of the breed. Two of Western Michigan Region Porsche Club members, Rick Riley and Terry Schieble, had the honor of displaying their iconic Porsches.



Rick Riley with his 1954 356 Speedster

Rick's 1954 356 Speedster is the 26th Speedster built! The first 200 were different as they were built on a modified Cabriolet chassis to get them to market quickly. The Speedster was specifically built for the California market. The iconic styling, the quality and the reliability of the Porsche 356 far exceeded the other sports cars of the day.



1967 was the first year of the 911S. There were 1,823 coupes built in 1967. Terry's Polo Red 911S was ordered with a rallye package, of which it is believed that less than 25 of this option were produced. While the body has undergone a total restoration, the interior is 100% original.



Terry Schieble with his 1967 911S

Terry has owned the 911S for 41 years. It has traveled to the Canadian Grand Prix at Mosport, the US Grand Prix West at Long Beach, and the US Grand Prix at Indianapolis. The car weighs 2270 pounds, has a 2 litre engine producing 160 hp, and a top speed of 141 mph.

The exhibit is curated by Tom Kayser, who spent a decade as director of the Gilmore Car Museum and John Lacko, a photojournalist who began his career covering races at the Martin US-131 Dragway in Martin, Michigan. The Exhibit runs from October 2016 through April 2017.



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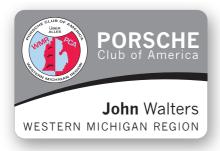


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# IMPORTANT KEYS TO WINTER STORAGE

"This article is reprinted from the November 2011 issue of Über Alles to help with your winter preparations."

Proper care and precautions when preparing your car for winter storage can pay dividends in the future. Properly preparing your car involves much more than backing it into the garage and covering it. This month we will discuss each step necessary to properly store your car.

The first place to start is to have the engine oil and filter changed. This will eliminate harmful contaminates that accumulate in the oil and filter when driving and can damage your engine if left unattended.

Next on the list is the Fuel System. Just prior to parking your car, fill your gas tank, adding stabilizer per the instructions. Once you have the tank topped off, run the car for about twenty minutes to allow the stabilizer to get into all the fuel lines and injectors.

Once stored, we do not recommend starting the engine until spring. Short run times build up moisture in the engine and exhaust system and can be harmful over time.

Rolling the engine over occasionally without starting it can be beneficial, and can be accomplished in a number of ways.

- Disconnect the fuel pump fuse or relay and crank the engine over briefly
- 2. Put the car in gear and push it forward a foot or so
- 3. Use a wrench to turn the crank-shaft, being sure to turn it in a clockwise direction only

While rolling the engine over for short-term storage periods is not necessarily required, it certainly won't hurt. However, during an extended storage period it becomes more important. Short storage or long, any of these three methods will prevent the rings from resting in the same spot while in storage.

To keep your battery in tip-top shape, we recommend that you use a Battery Tender. A good battery tender will keep your battery properly charged and avoid discharge and/or over charging. If you choose to disconnect your battery, make sure you know your radio code.

Adding 10 pounds or so of extra air to your tires can eliminate flat spots and keep your tires rolling smoothly. It also helps to move the car a foot or so from time to time, to let it rest on a different spot.

Prepare the exterior of your car with a good wash and wax. Once you've finished with the exterior, turn your attention to the interior. This is a good time to apply a good leather conditioner throughout. Apply it liberally, letting it soak in during the winter; a quick wipe down come spring and you'll be on your way.

A very important step to prevent possible damage from rodents is to place dryer sheets in and around your car. Haven't seen any sign of the little critters? Great! But don't take a chance with your car; invest in a box of dryer sheets. (Visit http://www.curbly.com/chrisjob/posts/1602-25-alternative-uses-for-fabric-softener-dryersheets to read about all the uses for dryer sheets)

Cedar balls can be used in place of dryer sheets for rodent protection, however avoid putting mothballs in your car. All these items can be placed around the edges of your storage area to discourage rodents from taking up residences.

Once your car is properly prepared for storage, you can relax and enjoy the winter activities, knowing that your car is ready for spring.

Lastly, don't forget your winter ride. Have its coolant, brakes, tires, heating system and state of tune checked. We offer a great discounted labor rate to our Porsche customers for whatever you own and will be happy to go over it for you.

-Tim



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