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JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RICK RILEY

Our host, Rick Riley, has again planned a delightful winter gathering for the WMR enthusiasts! We will kick-off the 2017 Season of Events with dinner at Charley's Crab in Downtown Grand Rapids. We will have a private area facing the river to view the winter wonderland. We'll gather for cocktails at 6pm and dinner promptly at 7pm.

Hope to see you all there!

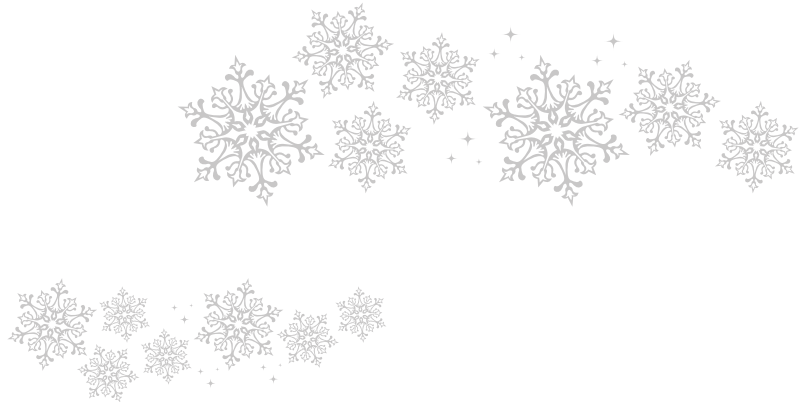
-Rick

When: Wednesday, January 18, 2017,
6 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner

RSVP: January 11, 2017
Rick.Riley@Grandxray.com or
Call 616-459-0145 and speak with Kelli;
mention you would like to RSVP for the
Charlie's Crab Dinner Drive

Where: Charley's Crab
63 Market Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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On the cover:
Porsche Happy New Year!

FAREWELL 2016 & WELCOME 2017!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

PCA-WMR social events for 2016 concluded with the Holiday Appetizer Party on Saturday, December 3. Thirty members brought a wonderful selection of appetizers, wines, and spirits, with Jeff and Missy Diffenderfer logging the most miles to join us, coming from their home in Midland. Missy won this year's raffle for the 4-pound milk chocolate Santa Claus, which raised \$240 for our Feeding America West Michigan food pantry charity!



Missy and her prized Chocolate Santa

2017 social events kick off with Rick Riley hosting a dinner at Charley's Crab in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, January 18 with drinks beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. Renovation work at River House Ada necessitated this change of venue. Kurt Wirth's annual pilgrimage to the Grattan Bar with its all-you-can-eat fish and chips will be on Wednesday, February 15.

In what is likely both a first and last, I'm including the recipe for my Butternut Squash and Pear Soup for two reasons; the first being that a large number of people requested it after I served it at the Appetizer Party and the second being that Chris Ackerman and First Lady, Barb Doss, are interested in organizing a cookbook of members' favorite recipes as a fundraising project. Recipes for appetizers, soups, main courses, desserts, drinks, and anything else members love and are willing to share would be included. Interested or have other ideas? E-mail Barb at bjdoss-karluk@hotmail.com.



The Butternut Squash and Pear Soup recipe can be found on page 7.

May 2017 be a year of excellent health, rewarding relationships and work, and safe, spirited driving for all of you!

See you soon!

-Mike

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[HTTP://WMR.PCA.ORG/MINUTES/MINUTES.HTM](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



AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative,
Porsche Club of America

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,
Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is ready for another exciting year in PCA. I attended several Region Holiday parties at the end of the year. A few regions are hosting their parties this month, and I hope to be able to attend.

Central Indiana Region held their Annual Meeting and Gala Dinner at The Rathskeller located in the 19th century Athenaeum building in downtown Indianapolis. After a wonderful German Buffet, the year-end awards were presented, and next year's officers were introduced. In addition, it was the region's 55th anniversary, and I presented them with several items to commemorate this important milestone. I also attended Rally Sport Region's Holiday Party. With good food and lively conversation, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Attendees were requested to bring toys or gifts to benefit a local Children's Hospital, and the response was fantastic.

It's the beginning of a new year, and many regions' events calendars are still being put together. Why not reach out to your region's 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. And, although most of us have our cars tucked away for winter, during the next few months, regions host social events and tech sessions to help members continue to be able to enjoy the PCA camaraderie.

As region calendars firm up and events continue to be added, please remember to check your inboxes, 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:

Jan. 7: Maumee Valley Region members at the University of Toledo vs. Miami of Ohio Men's Basketball Game

Jan. 14: Northern Ohio Region's Holiday Party at Club Motor Estates in Broadview Heights

Jan. 18: Western Michigan Region's January Dinner to Charley's Crab in Grand Rapids

Jan. 21: ARPCA's Mid-Winter Party at Sewickley Porsche

Jan. 28: Ohio Valley Region's New Member Party at Porsche of Kings Automall

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

Thanks,

-Michael

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 15th. 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, or call (616) 956-0249. Hope to see you there!

When:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
6:00 pm Social Hour, Drinks / 7:00 pm Dinner



Photo by Neil MacDonald, Chicago Region PCA

Where:

Grattan Irish Pub
11817 Old Belding Road NE · Grattan, MI 48809
(616) 794-1691

WINTERFEST 2017

HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION PORSCHE CLUB

Mark your calendar for your Porsche club's annual gala event, Winterfest 2017! This year we will celebrate again at the elegant Cascade Hills Country Club on Cascade Road in Grand Rapids.



Where:

Cascade Hills Country Club
3725 Cascade Road SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 949-0810

Cascade Hills' atmosphere is exquisite, as is the cuisine and facilities. Enjoy fellowship and Porsche enthusiasm over cocktails. Formal invitations with RSVP cards will be mailed out in January, so keep an eye out for it!



When:

Saturday, 18 February 2017
6:00 pm Social Hour / 7:30 pm Dinner

MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR



Join us for the "Morning After" Winterfest brunch at Six.One.Six.

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

Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest mark your calendar to join us Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriott Grand Rapids.

If you have never been there, Six.One.Six is the signature restaurant within the JW offering highly inspired cuisine in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting. If you have been there, you know you want to come back. The Six.One.Six brunch promises to deliver us a fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor.

Mark your calendars for what will prove to be another great meal with friends. No worries about downtown parking or the weather -- Complimentary valet parking is available.

When:

Sunday, February 19, 2017
High Noon

RSVP to Amdoor242@aol.com or (616) 340-0971
by Wednesday February 15, 2017

December Appetizer Party Events SnapSHOTS

Photos by
Wolfgang Bubeck & Amber Door

Recipe by
Mike Karluk



Host and Chef Mike Karluk (left) with patient onlookers
Craig Ackerman and First Lady and Hostess Barb Doss

BUTTERNUT SQUASH & PEAR SOUP

BY MIKE KARLUK

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Stick Unsalted Butter
- 2 Large Onions (diced)
- 1 Medium Butternut Squash
(peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch pieces)
- 4 Medium Fragrant Pears
(3 peeled and chopped into fine pieces, 1 finely diced for garnish)
- 1 Quart Reduced-Sodium Chicken Broth or Vegetable Stock
- 2 Rosemary Sprigs
- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar

Directions:

1. Heat the butter in a large pot over medium heat and cook onions until soft and starting to turn translucent.
2. Add squash and pears and cook for 5 minutes
3. Add Stock. (Ingredients should be submerged in liquid. If not, add just enough water to do so.)
4. Add Rosemary, bring to a simmer and cook until squash and pears are very tender, about 45 minutes.
5. Remove Rosemary sprigs
6. Add Heavy Cream and puree in pot with an immersion blender until smooth or in batches in a blender or food processor.
7. Season with Salt, Pepper, and Sugar to taste.
8. Place a heap of diced pear in the center of each serving bowl and surround with soup.



Hints:

1. I think it works better with Spanish onions or yellow onions rather than sweet onions.
2. Put the rosemary in cheesecloth or a cloth spice bag, otherwise, it's murder getting all the rosemary leaves out before you blend it.
3. I tend to use a lot of rosemary as I like the flavor and aroma.



Revelers and Merry Makers enjoying Gourmet Food, Drinks and Company



2017 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-09	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	01-18	January Dinner Event	Charley's Crab, Grand Rapids, MI	Rick Riley
	01-26 to 01-29	Rolex 24 at Daytona	Daytona International Raceway, Daytona Beach, FL	Non-WMR PCA Event
FEB	02-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	02-15	February Dinner Event	Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth
	02-18	WMR Winterfest 2017	Cascade Hills Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-19	Morning-After Brunch	Six-One-Six, Grand Rapids, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
MAR	03-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	03-12	Sunday Brunch	Cygnus27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-15 to 03-18	65th Annual 12 Hours of Sebring	Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, FL	Non-WMR PCA Event
APR	04-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	04-22	Stroganoff Cook-Off	Rockford, MI	Ted & Gabi Blacklidge; Craig & Chris Ackerman
MAY	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	05-07	Porsches & Coffee	MFD Classic Motors, Traverse City, MI	Peter Stott
	05-13	Detailing Seminar	Great Lakes Chemical, Grand Rapids, MI	Great Lakes Chemical
	05-20	Sporting Clays/ Trap Shooting	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
	05-25 to 05-28	Fiesta New Mexico Roadrunner Region 50 th Anniversary	Hilton Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM	Non-WMR PCA Event
	05-28	IROC I - WMR PCA Autocross	US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI	Michael Betz
JUN	06-02 to 06-04	Belle Isle Grand Prix	Detroit, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	06-03	June Dinner Drive	TBD	TBD
	06-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	06-10	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher & Euro Autowerks
	06-24	Up North Dinner Drive	Traverse City, MI	Greg & Karlene Currie



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUL	07-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	07-08	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-09 to 07-15	2017 Porsche Parade	Spokane, WA	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Ron Gordon
	07-19	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rob Clark, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth
	07-23	Parade Orphans Pool Party	The Ackerman's Abode, Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman
AUG	08-05	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-12	German Auto Service Open House	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event Ben Zeeuw
	08-12	August Dinner Drive	Fremont, MI	Scott Kraai
SEP	09-09 to 09-10	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	September Lunch Drive	TBD	TBD
OCT	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-08	Tire Rack Street Survival Training	Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, MI	Don Sazama & WMR PCA/BMW CCA
	10-21	Fall Color Tour	TBD	John & Marshall Walters
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy and Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-02	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club



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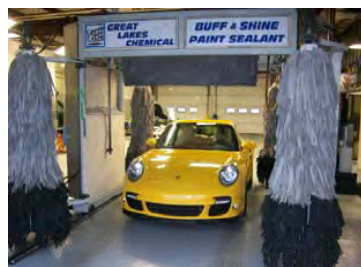
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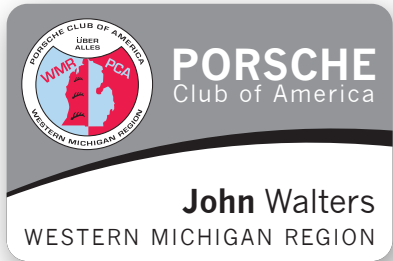


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Purchase

Looking to purchase a new car? Keep in mind that in the first year most new cars lose 20% of their value and often times higher priced cars can even lose more. In the second year of ownership, the car will continue to lose another 15 to 20% of its value and you'll wind up with approximately a 35% loss of value by the end of the second year.

I believe the solution to avoid such a loss is as simple as purchasing a 2 year old car. This practice seems a lot more economically sound than buying new. A two year old car will most likely have very low mileage, should still look and smell new and will have plenty of factory warranty left. In addition, with the car well maintained, you should lose no more than 7 to 10% of the purchase value from that point on each year.

The Bottom Line - Getting the Best Bang For Your Buck

Want something newer? It's hard to beat purchasing a two year old car that has been well maintained.

Looking to invest? To find a car that will hold its own or possibly go up in value without breaking the bank, look at the 3.0 SC, 3.2 Carreras and the last of the air cooled 911s.

Remember, there are no guarantees. All we can do is study history and current trends, then project them out into the future. In the end, we have to balance desire with common sense to end up with a decision we can both afford and live with.

Final Thought

When purchasing a used vehicle it only makes sense to have it inspected by someone familiar with that particular make of car and we share this advice with all everyone we know. Why, then, is this tip so often ignored?

As with any purchase, your best information is to have the service records showing what has been done or what may have been recommended and not repaired.

Because of issues such as these, having a professional perform a PPI is extremely important. Items with wear that need replacing do not make a car a poor purchase as long as you know you're going to have that expense.

Knowing the cost of any necessary repairs provides you with a bargaining chip while discussing your final purchase price. We recommend you add the cost of the repair to the purchase price to determine if you are paying a fair market value for the vehicle.

What should a good used car inspection include? A good inspection will include a system check of all electricals, engine performance, possible leaks, belts, hoses, suspension, tires, brakes, fluid conditions and levels and body integrity and finish.

We hope everyone enjoys a safe winter season, we look forward to seeing you soon.

This information is provided for general information only and nothing contained in the material constitutes a recommendation for the purchase or sale of any vehicle.

-Tim

A WARM FIRE ON A COLD NIGHT **PORSCHE PURCHASING TIPS**

With our cars all tucked away and cold winds blowing, it's not unusual that we dream of the coming driving season, and often dreams of a new ride drift into our minds.

Dreams can be a great way to experience the thrill of driving that car you've always wanted, but let's take a moment to discuss how not to allow your dream to become a nightmare.



Investment

If you are considering a purchase for investment purposes, you cannot beat the 356 and early 911s. The value of each has gone up to the point where most people can no longer afford them and if they do buy one they are afraid to drive it. Many of these cars have gone into private collections.

If you are considering purchasing one of these cars, be very careful. Check the pedigree of the car and if it has been restored, have an expert check for the correctness of the restoration. If it looks like you're getting a good deal, have it checked again. While the market for various cars can sometimes be difficult to measure, I feel these cars may be getting to the top of their value.

Some of the cars which are still going up or holding their value very well are the SC911s and the 3.2 Carreras. The value of these cars has been increasing rapidly, and currently offer the best bang for your money, with potential similar to increase in value. Specialty cars like the GT, RS or Turbo model cars always hold their value better.

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Greetings WMR PCA Members,

I am Jim Chiavaras, your new WMR PCA Vice President. It has been a very enjoyable year to be a Porsche owner and PCA member. Many great drives and get togethers including the drive to the U.P. this fall where we were able to meet members from Traverse City and surrounding areas as well as touring the Iron Fish Distillery.

I and the members of the Board are grateful to former Vice President Ted Blacklidge for his service to the club. I am looking forward to serving on the PCA board as well as meeting members, attending events and future drives in our area.

All the best,
-Jim



Charity is a BIG part of WMR PCA. We have raised thousands of dollars over the years toward many deserving charities such as Feeding America West Michigan, Kids Food Basket, Midwest Traffic Safety Institute, and the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Please join us in welcoming our new

Charity Chairperson, **Lin Portoluri** who will help continue this wonderful tradition. So, if you see Lin roaming around with the "Charity Bucket", remember to drop in some leftover change or dollars; 100% of the donations go directly to the annual charity.



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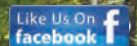
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