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Where:

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

When:

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

Festive Cocktail Attire (no jeans)



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Abarth Carrera GTL

From the Collier Colleciton

Photo by Dan Phillips

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk President. Western Michigan Region

Thank goodness for advanced warning! I attended the opening Saturday of the North American International Auto Show with my brother-in-law, nephew, and automotive writer, Dave Sedgwick, having been forewarned by Todd Kerkstra, inventory manager of Porsche of Grand Rapids, that there would be no Porsche presence in Detroit's show this year. Interested parties will have to go to the Chicago Auto Show from February 11th to the 20th for the closest exhibit of the new Panamera. Lamenting this fact to Mr. Sedgwick, he pointed out that both the Boxster and



Cayman made their world debuts at the NAIAS, so Porsche's absence from Detroit this year is most likely attributable to the financial fallout from Volkswagen AG's "diesel-gate," than to a

lack of recognition of Michigan's enthusiasm for the marque. Being an ecumenical enthusiast, there were other things to admire including Ford's unobtanium GT, as both the production model and the 2016 class winner at LeMans were present. Tucked away in a corner was the Subaru WRX STi that set a production car record in the 2016 Isle of Man TT along with a video display of the drive by English rally driver Mark Higgins breaking the record. I highly recommend visiting You Tube and searching "2016 Subaru WRX STI Isle of Man TT - Flat Out" for some mid-winter driving inspiration. Though it wasn't a Porsche, the Subaru is somewhat of a distant cousin with its flat six engine.

There's plenty of WMR-PCA action afoot in February for those who didn't join Rick Riley at the 24 Hours of Daytona at the end of January. In five days we've got Kurt Wirth's dinner at the Grattan Bar on Wednesday, February 15 with its all-you-can-eat fish and chips plus other great pub food. Winterfest is at the lovely Cascade Country Club on Saturday the 18th through the sponsorship of Rick Riley. Amber Door and Jerry Arens are hosting the Morning After



brunch on Sunday the 19th at the Six.One.Six. restaurant at the J.W. Marriott in scenic downtown Grand Rapids. Let's hope the weather will cooperate and many of you will be able to join us. Winterfest's charity will once again be Feeding America - West Michigan. We are asking for donations of money, either as cash or a check made out to Feeding America - West Michigan, in lieu of physical food donations because Feeding America is able to purchase \$10 of food for every dollar donated, magnifying the power of your generous donation.

See you at one of these events!

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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 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!



Photo by Neil MacDonald, Chicago Region PCA

When:

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

Where:

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

MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR

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

Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest mark you 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.

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IN REVIEW: JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RICK RILEY

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door

We had a riot at Charley's Crab!



Forty-six Western Michigan members, a new track (dinner) record, gathered for a great time of camaraderie, food and drink. We had the entire center section of the restaurant to ourselves with a beautiful view of the river.



Don & Amy smiling the night away!

The staff was thrown some curves...
Despite my best efforts, I did not have everyone on the reservation list. We swelled from 40-46 at the last minute.
The staff, however, made it happen!
Good food, delivered in a timely manner, great service, our checks were delivered promptly and everyone had a smile on their face.

I want to thank Jill from Charley's Crab and her staff as they really made it a fun and successful evening!



A lovely crowd at a lovely venue

AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative,

Porsche Club of America

Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

As winter is upon us, I am pleased to see that many regions are making an effort to encourage their membership to participate and stay involved this time of year. Most of the regions have held their Planning Meetings to help establish a preliminary calendar of events. A number of regions are holding events to welcome new members or introduce their newly elected officers. A few regions hold their holiday parties now as opposed to the end of

the year, which is always so busy; while others have held fundraising events to help benefit their communities. This time of year many regions hold tech sessions, which are designed to help us better prepare for warmer days. And as we start looking ahead, it's the perfect time to begin planning your driving season.

Amongst the events already planned are numerous DEs. Zone 4 regions host Driver's Education events from April through October. These events are designed to provide a safe, structured, and controlled teaching and learning environment so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. They take place at a number of tracks including Grattan, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Mid-Ohio, Pitt Race, Putnam Park, Waterford Hills and Watkins Glen; so why not consider attending one this year.

Many regions have already opened enrollment for their DEs, and with Driver's Education continuing to grow in popularity, more instructors are needed. In the next few months, two National Instructor Training Sessions are scheduled. The first will be on March 25, offered by ARPCA at Pitt Race, and the second will be on April 28, offered by CIR at Putnam Park, followed by a 2-day DE on April 29 and 30.

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:

- February 9: Join Maumee Valley Region members for dinner at the Black Pearl
- February 10: Central Indian Region's Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Orchard Ridge Country Club in Ft. Wayne.
- February 11: Mid Ohio Region's New Member Social at the Hofbrauhaus in Columbus
- February 18: Western Michigan Region's Winterfest 2017 at the Cascade Hills Country Club
- February 25: Motor-Stadt Region's Annual Holiday Party at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café

Thanks,

-Michael

IN REVIEW: VISITING THE REVS INSTITUTE

Enjoying The Collier Family's Amazing Car Collection In Naples, Florida

Text And Photos By Dan Phillips

During a welcome get-away to southwestern Florida just after Christmas, Ren and I paid a visit to the Revs Institute in Naples. We've made several trips to this part of the country over the years, and we were finally able to check this one off our automotive 'bucket list'.

After finding success as an advertising entrepreneur in the early 1900s, Barron Collier became the largest landowner in southwest Florida (now Collier county). Today, the family ventures involve real estate, golf courses, and oil exploration; the Collier companies cofounded Ave Maria university near Immokalee together with Domino's founder Tom Monaghan. In 1986, Barron's son Miles acquired longtime family friend Briggs Cunningham's museum collection, and in 2009 founded the Revs Institute.

While open to the public, access is relatively limited (advanced ticket reservations only), and the grey brick building complex, located in a non-descript office park, calls no attention to itself. These steps ensure that a) guests have to seek it out and are thus relatively serious car enthusiasts, and b) guests experience truly close-up access to these priceless pieces of history without any barriers. The exhibits were also minded by docents, who were always willing to engage with the visitors. The collection at the Revs Institute focuses on racing, with a high degree of rarity and exclusivity in the vehicles presented, and...likely the best collection of vintage racing Porsches in the world, second only to

the factory's museum in Stuttgart.

Amounting to fully a quarter of the museum's cars, the Porsche exhibit represents Porsche



1960 Porsche RS-60 Spyder

racing history from the company's inception to the early 1970s. The cars are absolutely stunning, both in their condition and presentation, and their rarity and provenance. My personal favorites include the RS-60 and RS-61L Spyders, the Abarth Carrera GTL (on the cover), the 908 LH, the Martini 917, and the 550 coupe that raced in the namesake Carrera Panamericana.

Among the other 20+ rare Porsches on display were various 906s and 908s, a beautiful red 906 GTS road car, an Elva Porsche, and various 6-, 8-, and 12-cylinder racing engines looking pristine and ready to go. Appropriately on a pedestal in the middle of it all was a Porsche 917K (917-019) in Martini Racing livery from Louise Piech's Porsche Salzburg and later Martini Racing Teams. While this family-owned de-facto werks team won LeMans in 1970 and 1971, this particular chassis was not very successful. However, this car remains in its original, unrestored, straight-from-the-track condition...cracked and chipped paint, blackened wheelwells, and the patina of time from tip to tail make it an awesome piece of living history.

Ferdinand Porsche's earlier influence on automotive design was also on display in other museum showpieces, including a magnificent 1929 Mercedes-Benz SSK, one of only 31 built over 3 years. Porsche developed the S, SS, and SSK while he was Daimler-Benz's technical director, before he departed in 1928 after a falling out with the Daimler board.

The sensory overload continued in other corners of the museum, with two Ford GT-40s, four racing Bentleys, race cars from Maserati, Duesenberg, and Bugatti, and a 1914 Mercedes Grand Prix car painted in flat white that looked like something Jules Verne would race, with all its brass fittings and copper fuel tank. One of the most valuable and important cars there was the 1948 Ferrari 166 Spyder Corsa, the model known as the first Ferrari to win a race. This particular 166 was the first racing Ferrari in the US, and was also the car in which Sam Collier, Miles' brother, was killed in a crash at Watkins Glen in 1950.

The collection of Cunningham race cars was breathtaking, as was the collection of racing Jaguars -D-type and E-type cars raced by Cunningham at one time or another, all surrounding another icon, a 1961 Maserati Tipo 60 'birdcage'. Right after that you'd see the 1938 Alfa 8C, the '37 Delahaye, and the Bugatti Supersport. Did I mention 'sensory overload'?

Even on a sold-out day, the museum feels relatively empty. We shared the entire Porsche wing with at most only 6 other people during our visit, and the experience was similar in every other part of the facility. It was a fantastic way to enjoy these remarkable pieces of history. The historic photos and the stories told on the placards that accompanied each car keeps you riveted. Plan for at least 2 hours to see the entire collection, and twice that if you really want to dive into various vehicles with the docents.

To see the museum's own outstanding photography and biographies on each car in the collection, visit revsinstitute.org...or better yet, pay them a visit in person. Seeing this collection in person is worth every mile to get there, and enjoying the shopping, restaurants, and beaches of Naples is a great added bonus.



1971 Porsche 917K

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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









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
ОСТ	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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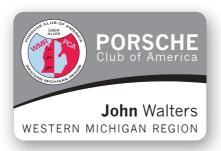


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BELTS, HOSES AND PLASTIC COOLING SYSTEM PARTS

Today's engines are truly engineering marvels, and while great progress has been made in extending the life of an engine and improving performance, some of these changes have created conditions that adversely affect some materials.

We are all used to preventive maintenance for oil service, air filters and spark plugs, but it's easy to overlook items such as belts, hoses and miscellaneous plastic parts. And since most belts, hoses and plastic connectors used on today's cars fail from the inside out, it's important that these parts are carefully and regularly inspected for signs of wear.

According to the Car Care Council, nearly 30% of the vehicles they have inspected have belts and/or hoses that need replacing. Yet in most cases, the vehicle owners were totally unaware of the condition of these parts.

Cooling System Hoses & Plastic Cooling Components

A modern engine is often built using multiple types of metal and is referred to as being "bi-metallic". As you may remember from your High School science class, metals used in a bi-metallic state often create an electrical charge. Such is the case in today's engine. The bi-metallic engine produces a current that travels through your cooling system causing plastic connectors and hoses to deteriorate from the inside out.

Since the damage is inside the component, it can be hard to detect. However, by carefully pinching the hoses on your car, you may be able to locate voids or ridges on the inside that indicate internal damage or wear.

Plastic connectors and components used in the cooling systems also suffer the same fate as hoses due to the electrical current. Often the first indication of wear or potential failure shown by plastic parts is softness and splitting of the ends. Often you can determine this condition by gently squeezing the ends of the connector. With regular and careful examination of hoses and plastic connectors, you can often detect



A worn serpentine belt

these conditions and avoid total failure of the part.

Belts

Though new technology and design has made the V Belt a thing of the past, belts still require careful inspection and occasional replacement. It's important to remember that belts generally deteriorate from the inside out, just as hoses do. While they may appear to be in good shape, the may be close to failure.

Consider the path of a belt as it travels over and under your engine's pulleys. Each time it goes around a pulley it is being flexed and bent. In addition the flexing causes heat to be built up within the belt. Together, the flexing and heat breaks down the internal cords causing them to become brittle and hard with age. To avoid failure and subsequent damage to your engine, it is highly recommended that belts be replaced at the mileage interval recommended by the manufacturer.

The grooves in today's flat ribbed "serpentine" belts can also become worn, allowing slippage at the pulleys. Wear in the groove can be measured using a special gauge designed for that purpose. If the grooves are worn, the belt must be replaced.

Often overlooked during a belt inspection are the tensioners and pulleys that they ride on. Inspection of these items is a must to prevent belt failure.

A bad tensioner will allow a belt to slip, causing premature wear. A worn pulley bearing can allow a belt to wear unevenly and begin to shred on the edges. Worse yet is when the bearing fails completely causing the belt to come off the pulley and cause damage to other components.





A worn serpentine belt

Checking with a gauge

If you're a NASCAR fan, you've probably seen the damage caused when a tire shreds as it tears up the fender and other nearby components. Your belt can cause the similar damage under the hood where it damages hoses, wiring and other components.

But what happens if you never replace your belts or hoses? Hopefully nothing. But if a failure does occur, the consequences can often be far more serious and expensive than a breakdown and a tow. Overheating is the biggest danger. Depending on how hot an engine gets, the consequences may include a blown head gasket, a cracked or warped cylinder head and/or broken or frozen overhead camshaft.

While visual inspections can help avoid trouble, replacing critical parts in accordance with the manufactures recommendations is your best insurance against engine failure. Waiting until there is a problem is a very expensive strategy.

-Tim

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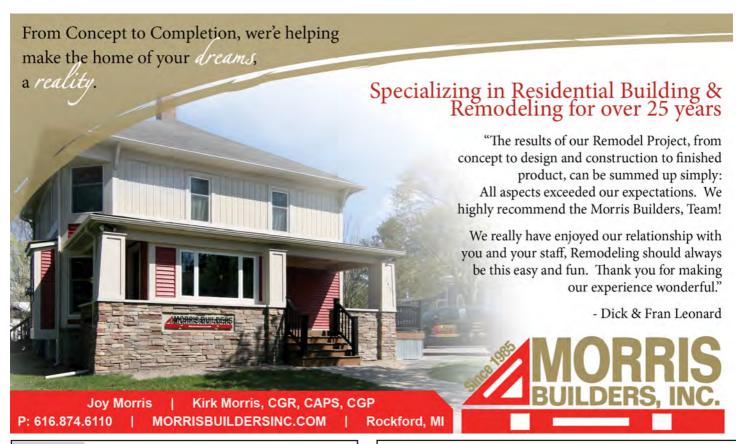
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