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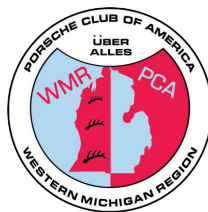
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On the cover:  
*Rick Riley's 1962 356B "Fritze"*  
*WinterFest 2017*  
*Cascade Country Club*  
Photo by Rick Riley

# CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

Social activity has been fast and furious thus far in 2017 for the WMR PCA. Rick Riley's dinner at Charlie's Crab on January 18 set an early winter record as a crowd of forty-five enjoyed great food and camaraderie (or as an old football coach of mine used to say, "camaradity"). The trend continued as Kurt Wirth's annual fish and chips gala at the Grattan Bar on February 15 drew twenty-five.

Winterfest 2017 was a great success as fifty-five people came out on a sunny, 60-degree February evening to enjoy cocktails and a wonderful meal in the elegant ballroom of the Cascade Hills Country Club. Thanks again to Rick Riley's sponsorship and the organizational work of Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Marshall Walters, and others! Rob and Sue Deming donated four bottles of wine, including a special edition bottle honoring one hundred years of the Indianapolis 500, and Len Gawron donated a copy of the book with CDs 'Porsche Sounds' that were auctioned for Feeding America - West Michigan Food Bank. A total of over \$2,500 was collected thanks to the generosity of our members. Jerry Arens won the coveted WMR Enthusiast of the Year award and trophy. New members and/or first-time attendees to Winterfest included Mary and Mike Mishler, Tony and Ann Worthington, Heidi and Tom Quellet, and Gayle and Mark Rohde. Mary Mishler, a self-described "old fashioned girl," drew one member's praise for buying her new 718 Boxster with a six-speed manual rather than a PDK. I also had a delightful conversation with Tony and Ann. Tony recently retired from a career with John Deere and having cut my driving teeth in my youth on John Deere 3010 and 4020 tractors, I had no difficulty agreeing that "Nothing Runs Like a Deere." Among Porsche related discussions, I heard that it is rumored that Porsche Motorsport will be introducing a Cayman GT4 RS. Hmmm. To cap off a busy week, twenty-two members attended the Morning After Brunch at the J.W. Marriott in scenic downtown Grand Rapids.



**Jerry Arens**  
WMR Enthusiast of the year

Club activities to mark on your calendar are Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck's Sunday brunch at the Amway Grand's Cygnus 27 on Sunday, March 12 at 11 a.m. With its elegant buffet and panoramic view of Grand Rapids, it shouldn't be missed. Ted and Gabi Blacklidge are hosting this year's annual Cookoff on Saturday, April 22 at their Rockford home. This year's Iron Chef challenge will be Stroganoff, so get out your aprons and start perfecting!

Spring is around the corner! See you soon!

-Mike

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## 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](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net) · Phone: (616) 710-0122





# CYGNUS 27 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

HOSTS: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK,

Once again we will be celebrating the extended morning hours with an excellent selection of Chef Tim Moreno's treasures. The change last year from Asian style to Latin influenced foods was well received. As usual Amway Grand Plaza provides free valet parking and the best view in town. We will be at the 28th floor again where seating is limited to about 34 people.

Please RSVP before March 5 to  
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**When:**

Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 am

**Where:**

Cygnus 27

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids

## APRIL STROGANOFF COOK-OFF

HOSTS: CRAIG AND CHRIS ACKERMAN & TED AND GABI BLACKLIDGE

SAME PARTY, DIFFERENT LOCATION!

Craig and Chris Ackerman and Ted and Gabi Blacklidge will co-host a Stroganoff Cook-Off Competition this year. A chef who brings a slow-cooker with at least two quarts



of Stroganoff enters at no charge and will vie for Judge's Choice and People's Choice prizes. If you do not cook, please plan on a \$10 cover fee (collected at the event) to contribute to the feast. Judges will be selected from non-cooking participants. BYOB.

April is a great month to dust off your cars for a road trip and your palates for a taste test!

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**When:**

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# IN REVIEW: GRATTAN IRISH PUB

BY: KURT WIRTH

*Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door & Rick Riley*

First of all, I would like to say Danke Schön to every body who came to another historical Grattan Event. Mother nature was with us and the tiny, but efficient kitchen, delivered great home cooking as always.

With it came the cozy atmosphere, auf tuchführung sitting, and great discussions flowing back and forth. We were filled to capacity! Fun! fun! fun!

In closing, I'd like to thank the Grattan Irish Pub Team for flawless service and all of you for holding up a traditional WMR Event, coming to the Grattan Irish Pub during the lull before Spring.

See you all next year!



*Our Esteemed Host, Herr Kurt Wirth*

# IN REVIEW: "MORNING AFTER" BRUNCH

BY: AMBER DOOR

*Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door*

As a car club parking is always a consideration as we plan an event - even when we are planning events in the non "driving season". Free valet parking was available, but Porsche only parking has never been a need for the "Morning After" brunch. That is until this year! With the unseasonably warm weather and lack of salt on the road Porsche's made their appearance at the JW Marriot on this February 19th. Although we had not arranged for dedicated parking the valets were happy to allow our attendees to park directly in front of the hotel - problem solved!

With all of our vehicles safely parked - Porsches and non-Porsches alike, our group of 19 gathered, to include new members Matthew Tate (attending his second event) and his wife Katie (her first event)! Six.One.Six again provided us a wonderful brunch buffet, which was enjoyed by all and made even better by great conversation with WMR friends - old and new.



*A Delectable Brunch*



*Wonderful Gathering of Porsche Enthusiast*



# IN REVIEW: WINTERFEST 2017

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door

BY: BRENDA HILDON-KAEMPF



*A Warm WinterFest Welcome!*

Our celebration took place at the newly remodeled Cascade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids. This beautiful venue provided the perfect setting for a wonderful evening of great food and camaraderie. The weather was absolutely perfect, and many were able to take their Porsches out of hibernation for the evening. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served in the Living Room, with Jim Everhart playing lovely music at the piano. Once everyone was seated in the ballroom, Mike Karluk provided a toast and guests then enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert. A short program followed, during which Jerry Arens was recognized as our 2016 Enthusiast of the Year, and received the coveted trophy.



*Jerry Arens,  
2016 Most Enthusiastic Member*

New and long standing members were recognized, as well as first-time attendees, with members ranging from newly joined in the last month, to those who have been members for 43 years. Also recognized were all of our board members, chairpersons, and hosts of 2016 events, each receiving a bottle of wine with a personalized WMR PCA label. The evening finished with more smiles, laughter and fellowship.



*Well Deserved Recognition*



*A Historical Retrospective of the Club*

## PROJECT: 356 SC RESTORATION

Photos: Courtesy of Scott Kraai

BY: SCOTT KRAAI

It's a 1964 356 SC. I first drove the car in 1970. A friend of mine bought it from the original owner who was a US Army Officer. The car was purchased in West Germany and shipped to the US in early 1964. Car was put in storage in Lansing MI in 1966. My friend purchased the car in 1970, and it was in his family for 45 years. After I took ownership of the car, a full rotisserie restoration was completed by EuroAutoWerks in June 2016.



*...And the work begins*

Mileage on the car is just over 85,000 miles. This car had very little rust. Numbers matching, engine and transmission were completely gone through. Brakes were completely redone, all seals, gaskets and rubber is new. Dash and door panels are original. New German square weave carpet, front seats have been redone in its original black leather. New top and boot. Ninety percent of the chrome is original. This car may be straighter than it was when it came out of the factory! I took the time to ensure everything on the car matches the Porsche Certificate of Authenticity. A project well worth the effort!



*August 2016 Red Barn Spectacular*

# 2017 EVENT CALENDAR

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>MAR</b>	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
<b>APR</b>	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
<b>MAY</b>	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	05-06	New Member Gathering	Porsche of Grand Rapids	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
	05-24	Porsche Spring Drive	Traverse City, MI	Peter Stott
	05-25 to 05-28	Fiesta New Mexico Roadrunner Region 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Hilton Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM	Non-WMR PCA Event
<b>JUN</b>	06-02 to 06-04	Belle Isle Grand Prix	Detroit, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	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)
<b>JUL</b>	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
<b>AUG</b>	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
	08-20	IROC I - WMR PCA Autocross	US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI	Michael Betz
<b>SEP</b>	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
<b>OCT</b>	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
<b>NOV</b>	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy and Lin Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	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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- Ted and Gabriele Blackledge

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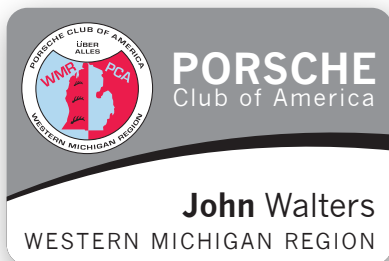


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## AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES – PART ONE:

An introduction to this often overlooked item when performing maintenance or an upgrade on your car

Automobile batteries are a rechargeable unit that supplies electrical energy to your vehicle. Traditionally they are called S.L.I. batteries, which stands for Starting, Lighting and Ignition. Automobile batteries are made to produce a quick burst of energy and have a quick recharge rate.

The main purpose of the battery is to start your vehicle, after that it is the alternator's responsibility to not only recharge the battery but to also supply sufficient energy to operate your vehicles electrical components or "consumers". If you surpass your alternator's ability to keep up with these consumers, then the battery will be called on to supply the extra power (voltage) required.



Typical Car Battery

**FUN FACT: Hudson Motor Car Company was the first to use a standardized battery, back in 1918.**



Let's take a look at the general structure of a typical 12 volt battery.

12 volt batteries are made up of 6 cells, each cell will produce 2.1 volts and when the 6 are combined they produce 12.6 which is a full charge. These cells are made up of alternate plates constructed of lead (cathodes) and plates of lead covered with lead dioxide (anodes). The plates are immersed in a sulfuric acid solution (electrolyte) which results in a chemical reaction that releases electrons which flow through the plates (conductors) resulting in the battery's energy. The number and thickness of the plates both affect how a battery responds to power demands and its ability to recharge.



As a battery discharges the electrolyte reacts with the plates, changing their surface to lead sulfate. Under a charging condition, this is reversed, changing them back to a lead oxide surface and returning the battery to its original "fully charged" state.

Excessive charging of a battery can cause hydrogen and oxygen to be emitted in a process known as "gassing". To prevent a buildup of these gases, sealed batteries incorporate a pressure style vent which allows the gasses to escape. Occasionally a vent may become plugged with dirt or some debris and create a condition in which an explosion can occur. The force of the explosion can cause the battery case to burst or it could generate enough energy to damage the vehicle and/or cause injury to those nearby. It's important to NEVER plug these vents.

Batteries of old required regular maintenance, since they had to have the electrolyte levels checked regularly to insure it was always above the top of the plates. Most batteries today are considered maintenance free and have no access to check or refill the level of electrolyte. However, they are still vented with a "pressure style vent" which, during a charging cycle, allows the hydrogen gas that may build up to escape.

**FUN FACT: Early cars used a positive ground system, rather than the negative system we use today.**

In next month's article we'll take a look at batteries in greater detail.

Until then -Tim



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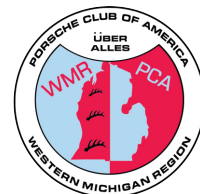
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## CONGRATULATIONS CLAUDIO!

The 2017 Club Racing season has just begun, and WMR member Claudio Kaempf was presented with the Workers' Choice award at the Sebring Club Race. What a great way to begin the year!



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