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# Gearing Up for Winter Activities

John Walters  
President, Western Michigan Region

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE KARLUK for accepting the position of Region President! Mike has been a very proactive member for several years. With their “let’s have fun” attitude, Mike and Barb will be adding even more excitement to our club. For me, being president has been a wonderful learning experience and adventure. There have been many opportunities to meet club members from numerous regions (from the US and around the world), and to share their passion for the Porsche marque’s quality and performance. Members willingly tell you the history of their special cars (personal and/or historical). Giving personal time to help out and organize our club events is a big way to step up.

I’d like to give a very warm thank-you to the members of the board. You have all been a great source of inspiration and assistance to me. And it has been a privilege to work with you these past 4 years. I look forward to continuing on the board as a past President.

The new season is here, and better to embrace the cold than to wish you were somewhere with palm trees.

I put the covers on our cherished moving art, sealing the deal. Skis will come down from the rafters, and with a little tuning will be ready for the winter season. I hope to see you at our annual Appetizer Party at the Karluk’s on December 7th. Great company with tasty appetizers and beverages are sure to help chase the cold away. And please check out the 2014 calendar in the Über, and on the website – lots of fun activities are already planned, with more likely to be added.

As a final note, we are still looking for a volunteer to take over maintenance of the website, as Michael Betz has it in great shape, but would also like to “retire”.

*Thanks John, Len, Brenda, and Amber! Thank you for your time, your dedication, and your enthusiasm to run and grow our club over the past two years. You’ve done a great job, and it’s been a great ride! - Ed.*

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# Upcoming Events: December Appetizer Party

**07 Dec**

## **December Appetizer Party at the Karluk Residence, West Olive, MI**

*Hosts: Mike and Barb Karluk*

FOR 2013, the annual WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Michigan lakeshore in West Olive, MI. Mike and Barb Karluk invite you to their home to celebrate your WMR friendships both old and new! This year we'll explore the world of Champagne and cheese! Chocolate lovers need not despair, Mike's brother has promised to send some chocolate truffles as well.

Please join us to for a great evening of food, friends and festivities. As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

Please RSVP by Thursday, December 5th via email to Barb at [Barbara.Doss@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:Barbara.Doss@spectrumhealth.org), or call Barb's cell phone at (616) 443-4855.



When: Saturday, 07 December 2013, 5:00 pm

Where: Mike & Barb's Home, 9342 Whispering Sands Dr, West Olive, MI 49460

Directions (from Grand Rapids): Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) west to Lake Shore Drive. Head south (left) on Lake Shore Dr. ~2.5 miles, past Kirk Park. Turn west (right) on Sheldon Dunes Dr. which dead-ends into Whispering Sands Dr. Our house is the only red house, and is on the southeast corner of Sheldon Dunes & Whispering Sands Dr.

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# Upcoming Events: January Dinner Drive

**15 Jan**

## **January Dinner 'Drive' to Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI**

*Host: Rick Riley*

Greetings and happy holidays! The indulgence of the holiday season may be over, but that doesn't mean we can't still eat, drink, and be merry together as the cold grey of January in Michigan sets in. Why not meet up with us at Leo's on Wednesday, January 15th? You'll enjoy the great service, the excellent food, and the beautiful setting with all your Porsche club friends.



If you want something to do beforehand, the Grand Rapids Art Museum will be open, and Leo's is just around the corner. You can even park in the structure above the restaurant and walk inside Leo's without ever going outdoors – who could ask for more?

Please RSVP to [Sarah.Lewis@grandxray.com](mailto:Sarah.Lewis@grandxray.com) or call her @ (616) 459-0145. Hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, 15 January 2014  
6:00 pm for drinks, 7:00 pm for dinner

Where: **Leo's** 60 Ottawa Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 375-2105

# Upcoming Events: Winterfest 2014

**22 Feb**

## **Winterfest 2014, Cascade Hills Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI**

*Hosts: Brenda Hildon-Kaempf and the WMR PCA Board*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for your Porsche club's annual gala event, Winterfest 2014! This year we will celebrate at the elegant Cascade Hills Country Club on Cascade Road in Grand Rapids.

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, 22 February 2014  
6:00 pm Social Hour / 7:30 pm Dinner

Where: Cascade Hills Country Club  
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# A Fond Farewell, A Warm Welcome

*From Über Alles Editor Dan Phillips*



Change is one of the few constants in life.

Sometimes we want change, sometimes we need it. Sometimes we plan for it, and it just can't happen soon enough. And sometimes it just happens, beyond our control, and there's nothing we can do about it.

But two things are certain: change is inevitable, and the better we can deal with change, the easier life becomes.

The cover photo I chose for this month's issue reflects change. The overcast skies hint at the change in season. Plus, I never thought I'd buy a truck. But more unexpected was the story behind the setting.

The photo was taken in front of one of Western Michigan's most iconic pieces of architecture, the Steelcase Corporate Development Center (CDC), otherwise known simply as 'the pyramid'.

I had worked in this phenomenal building for over 15 years until earlier this year, the company moved us to a new facility – one that you'd hardly even notice is there, and no architectural scholar would ever put in a textbook. It completes a nice campus, but it's no pyramid. Which is still for sale through CBRE for \$19.5 million, last I checked. Not a bad discount from its original \$114 million cost in 1989.

I loved the concept and design of the pyramid since I first walked through its doors, and I was fortunate enough to enjoy its architecture every day for over 15 years. This wasn't the first building that's inspired in me an enthusiasm for architecture and design, but that building and the work I did inside it sure kept that enthusiasm going.

This 'other' enthusiasm is part of what makes me want to make another change, which is to spend less time as your Über Alles editor. This is my 48th and final issue. It's time you heard another voice, time for some new ideas, and time for a new creative spirit to take this effort forward.

So please join me in welcoming WMR PCA member Wolfgang Hofmann as he assumes the role of Über Alles editor starting with the January 2014 issue. Wolfgang is an original German import to the US. A 1975 model year, born in BMW's home town, he is a proud dad of two wiener dogs called Rosie and Cleo. He spends his spare time behind the wheel of his orange, limited edition 987. Wolfgang has been calling Grand Rapids his home since 2002, and is very excited to help our club run the Über.

Of course Ren and I will still be around, we'll just have more time on our hands...some of that spent on road trips behind the wheel of this awesome 450-hp monster truck. Change will be good...



Jeff Loewe



Rupert Berrington

The Western Michigan Region of the SCCA would like to thank its members, the members of other SCCA Regions, and the many others who participated in our events in 2013. With your prolonged support, we will continue to hold some of the best Club Racing and Solo events in the area.

Our passion for our sport is best captured in Claudio Giovenzana's acclaimed short film, shot at the 2013 Runoffs. Enjoy this film at <http://vimeo.com/77072338>.

Verne Wandell  
Regional Executive, Western Michigan Region SCCA  
<http://wmr-scca.org/>

# 2013-2014 Calendar

## Western Michigan Region

### Porsche Club of America



#### 2013:

**December**      **2**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **7**      December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI  
    *Hosts: Mike & Barb Karluk*

#### 2014:

**January**      **6**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **15**      January Dinner Drive – Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI  
    *Host: Rick Riley*

**February**      **3**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **22**      Winterfest 2014 – Cascade Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI  
    *Hosts: WMR PCA*  
                          **23**      Morning-After Brunch – Location TBD, Grand Rapids, MI  
    *Hosts: TBD*

**March**      **3**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **19**      March Dinner Drive – The Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI  
    *Hosts: Kurt Wirth, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge*

**April**      **7**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **19**      Annual Chili Cookoff – The Schieble Residence, Portage, MI  
    *Host: Terry & Dorilee Schieble*  
                          **27**      Spring Brunch – Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI  
    *Hosts: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck*

**May**      **5**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **17**      Sporting Clays Event – Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI  
    *Host: Jerry Arens*

**June**      **2**      Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI  
                          **14**      Parade Orphans Dinner Drive – Destination TBD  
    *Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron*  
                          **14-23**      Porsche Parade 2014 – Monterey, CA  
    *PCA National Event*  
                          **21**      Spring-Up to Traverse City – Locations TBD  
    *Hosts: Ralph & Denise Ford*

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities.aspx>.  
 For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx>.



# 2014 Calendar

## Western Michigan Region

### Porsche Club of America

<b>July</b>	<b>7</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>10-12</b>	Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show – Dublin, OH <i>Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA (MORPCA)</i>
	<b>19</b>	July Dinner Drive – Destination TBD <i>Host: Scott Kraii</i>
	<b>23</b>	Wednesday Night Cruise-In – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Host: Rick Riley</i>
<b>August</b>	<b>2</b>	Red Barns Spectacular – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door &amp; Jerry Arens</i>
	<b>4</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>16</b>	August Dinner Drive – Destination TBD <i>Hosts: Randy &amp; Linda Portoluri</i>
	<b>22-23</b>	28th Street Metro Cruise – 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	<b>24</b>	WMR PCA's Annual Autocross – US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI <i>Event Chair: Duane Weed</i>
<b>September</b>	<b>8</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>13-14</b>	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	<b>19-21</b>	Driver Education Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI <i>Host: South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)</i>
	<b>27</b>	September Dinner Drive – Boyne City, MI <i>Hosts: Dan &amp; Ren Phillips</i>
<b>October</b>	<b>6</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>11</b>	Annual Fall Color Tour – Destination TBD <i>Hosts: Duane &amp; Brenda Weed</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	PCA Escape 2014 – Location TBD <i>PCA National Event (<a href="http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx">http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx</a>)</i>
<b>November</b>	<b>3</b>	Annual Planning Dinner – Location TBD
	<b>TBD</b>	November Dinner Drive – Destination TBD <i>Host: Wolfgang &amp; Miluzka Bubeck</i>
<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>6</b>	December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI <i>Hosts: Mike Karluk &amp; Barbara Doss</i>

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Additional Porsche racing events and other unique Porsche-centric events of interest will be posted as well.*

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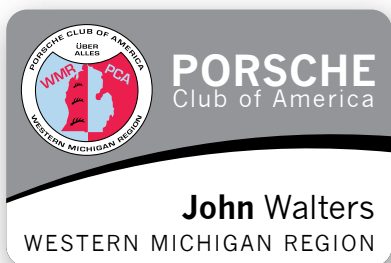


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Donald Bouschor – Lake Leelanau, MI  
2000 Porsche Boxster

Mark & Wendy Stackable – Traverse City, MI  
1985 Porsche 944

Rex Tsui & Joyce Lo – Ada, MI  
1991 Porsche 911 Carrera 4

Patrick & Mary Kondrat – Suttons Bay, MI  
1989 Porsche 911  
(Transfer from SEM Region)

### December Anniversaries:

Glückwünsche!

30 years (1983)

James & Nancy Knister



# TechSpalte: Preparing Your Porsche for Winter Storage

Contributed by WMR PCA member Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks

*While you haven't lived until you've done donuts in a rear-engined car, winter storage remains the more popular way to go. This article is reprinted from the Oct 2012 issue of Über Alles to help with your winter preparations. - Ed.*

Changing the oil and filter will eliminate the contaminants that accumulated during the summer and prevent possible damage they may cause. Having fresh oil in your engine is one of the best things you can do to prevent problems down the road.

We consider adding the right amount of fuel stabilizer an important component in storing your car. 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.

Remember, once stored, we do not recommend starting the engine until spring. Short run times build up moisture in the engine and exhaust system which 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. 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:

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

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. *[Remember that your tire pressure will drop as the temperature goes down. - Ed.]*

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-dryer-sheets> 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.

Lastly, don't forget your winter ride. Have its coolant, brakes, tires, heating system and state of tune checked. Once your cars are properly prepared, you can relax and enjoy the winter activities, knowing that your Porsche is ready for spring.



*To drive, to love, to hang the tail out...*



*...or to store your Porsche? That is the question...*



# WMR Meeting Minutes, 05 November 2013

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*Bistro Bella Vita Restaurant, Grand Rapids, November 5, 2013* – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 6:20 pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door and Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Dan and Ren Phillips, Rick Riley, Mike Karluk and Barb Doss, Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck, Colin Carpenter, Arnie Axelrod, Craig Paull, Scott Kraai, Robert Cox, and Tom Vacchiano

Minutes: Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 263 Primary Members, 194 Affiliate Members – total 457. New Members – 3: Donald Bouschor, Lake Leelanau, '00 Boxster; Mark & Wendy Stackable, Traverse City, '85 944; Rex Tsui & Joyce Lo, Ada, '91 964. Transfers In – 1: Patrick & Mary Kondrat, Suttons Bay, '89 911, from SEM. Transfers Out – 1 (to Suncoast). Non renewals – 4. Renewals – 11.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: The December issue will be Dan's last, and Wolfgang Hoffman will begin officially as Uber Editor in January 2014. If you are hosting an event in 2014, please be sure to provide details and follow up articles to Wolfgang in a timely manner.

Webmaster' Report: The website is current as of the end of October.

Insurance Report: No insurance is needed for any upcoming events.

Old Business:

- Uber Alles Editor's Chair – Wolfgang Hoffman has accepted the position and will begin in January 2014. September 20th - 5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club: Hosts Arnie & Val Axelrod
- WMR Charity – Gabi Blacklidge presented a proposal for 2014, which was unanimously approved by members present. There will be three charities supported by WMR throughout 2014. Kids Food Basket – supported via our Change for Charity can, Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank – supported by one or two member events, and Midwest Traffic Safety Institute – supported by Charity Lap donations at the Grattan Drivers' Education event.
- WinterFest – February 22, 2014 at Cascade Hills Country Club. Invitations to go out late December, early January.

New Business:

- Our new President beginning January 2014, as elected by majority at the planning meeting, is Mike Karluk.
- December 7 Appetizer Party – To be hosted by Mike Karluk and Barb Doss. Champagne and chocolate.
- Advertising Chair – this position is still open. Interested parties should contact any member of the WMR Board.
- Webmeister Chair – This position is open beginning January 2014. We have some leads, more to follow. Interested parties should contact any Board member.

*Meeting adjourned to order dinner at 6:37*

*Called again to order at 7:45*

- The members present established a preliminary 2014 event calendar that will be printed in the Uber and on the web. There are opportunities for more events – anyone interested in hosting a dinner drive or event should contact any Board member.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm*

*Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf*



## Classifieds

**2000 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET** – 6 speed manual, black on black, 10,000 miles on a new set of Michelin Pilot Sport AS Plus, new battery, a few cosmetic road marks in the front, interior in good shape. It runs and handles excellent, everything works, no leaks, 81,000 miles, asking \$22,000. Feel free to contact me for more photos. Located in Northport, MI – just 35 miles from the 2013 Porsche Parade! Contact Norm Golm at (231) 386-5857 or email [ncgolm@gmail.com](mailto:ncgolm@gmail.com). (June 2013)



**1989 PORSCHE 944S2 RACE CAR** – PCA Stock E Class. Well maintained and less than 10 hours on rebuilt engine. Recaro seat, B&B exhaust, 2 sets of 3 piece wheels (BBS & Forgeline), full cage, Bilstein coil overs, Fabcar A-arms, adjustable swaybars, camber plates, quick release steering wheel. Spare parts included. 39,800 miles. Asking \$19,000. Call Craig Ackerman at (616) 866-1905 or email [pcaackerman@aol.com](mailto:pcaackerman@aol.com). (Aug 2013)

**1987 PORSCHE 924S PARTS** – On 11-1-11 my 1987 924S (most parts fit 944) was destroyed. Parting it out. Here is a basic list: Glass lift gate, Transmission, Engine Computer, Cam shaft, Re-conditioned Head with new valves (5000 miles since the head had been redone), Manifold, Fuel Rail w/Injectors, Doors and much more. Have full list upon request. Please contact Duane Weed at (231) 250-9624, or email [duane@dwvideo.com](mailto:duane@dwvideo.com). (Aug 2013)

**1972 PORSCHE 914 PARTS** – We have a 1972 914 parts car with complete engine & transmission. Also most other parts. Also have a four-cylinder short block and additional 914 parts. Let us know what you need. Contact Randy Portoluri at (616) 842-9266 or email [lindaortoluri@charter.net](mailto:lindaortoluri@charter.net). (Sep 2012)

**PORSCHE 928 ACCESSORIES** – Bra for Porsche 928 (pre-'87 front end), very good condition, only \$45. Two original equipment wheels from 1982 928, 'phone dial' style, \$50 for the pair. Contact Jim Schaaf at (231) 759-7360 (home) or (727) 688-2486 (mobile), or email [dogzan2@aol.com](mailto:dogzan2@aol.com). (Oct 2013)

**WANTED** – Set of tires (205 55/R16 & 225 50/R16) to be used for DE events for my 1980 911SC (stock 6" and 7" Fuchs). Please contact Kevin Pinner at [klpinner@gmail.com](mailto:klpinner@gmail.com). (May 2013)

**AUTO DETAILING SERVICE** – References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616) 706-4421 or [ericpca911@yahoo.com](mailto:ericpca911@yahoo.com).

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