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On the cover: "Ruby" gives Father Frost the cold shoulder treatment.

# A BEAUTIFUL THING

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk** President, Western Michigan Region

I write with equal measures of gratitude and trepidation to have been asked by club members to become our region's President. I am grateful to be a member of a club comprised of so many wonderful, interesting, and diverse individuals with a shared passion for Porsche automobiles and automobiles in general. I hope that I can bring the

same energy, creativity, and dedication to the job as so many have and continue to bring to our group. I particularly wish to thank outgoing President John Walters for his leadership over the past two years, as well as all the people who worked tirelessly to make this June's Porsche Parade in Traverse City and all the parties, drives, and dinners the fantastic events that they were. These experiences typify for me what PCA membership has been about, spending hours talking to people about their cars and lives and feeling like I've just been reunited with old friends. My interest in Porsche was piqued originally in the mid-60s. My best friend had a slot car track and I went out to buy a car of my own.

I'd never heard of Porsche, but was immediately taken by a 904 model, which I excitedly brought home and proudly showed to my father, though making the slight mistake of telling my father it was a "Portuguese," something he reminds me of to this day. I didn't see an actual Porsche until 1973, when a dorm-mate had a friend whose father gave him a new 911 for his 18th birthday. The kid totaled it within weeks and his father bought him another (sigh). My formal relationship with Porsche began on April 14, 2009 when I purchased a 2003 C4S at Princeton Porsche in New Jersey while visiting my family. Barb and I drove it back to Michigan, Barb told Amber Door, with whom she works, and the very same evening I had a link to PCA Membership in my Outlook. I only had my C4S a year or so before trading it for my current 2001 Turbo. Barb couldn't understand why I wanted to trade it, but as Claudio Kaempf assured me, an extra 100 horsepower is a beautiful thing. I'm looking forward to another great year of camaraderie and events. I know most of our chariots are in storage for the winter, but please join us on January 15 at Leo's in Grand Rapids and on February 22 for Winterfest 2014 at the Cascade Country Club, because even more than the cars, it's the people! - Mike

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## JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

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?

### Where:

Leo's Seafood Restaurant 60 Ottawa Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 375-2105



### When:

Wednesday, 15 January 2014
6:00 pm for drinks / 7:00 pm for dinner
Please RSVP to Sarah.Lewis@grandxray.com or call her
@ (616) 459-0145. Hope to see you there!

# WINTERFEST 2014

### HOST: 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!

### Where:

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

### When:

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

# MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

### HOST: AMBER DOOR

The annual "Morning After" Winterfest Brunch returns to Six One Six. Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest please plan to join us on Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot Grand Rapids. Six.One.Six is the signature restaurant within the JW offering highly inspired cuisine in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting.

It promises to deliver us a wonderfully fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor. Mark your calendars for what will prove to be, yet again, a fabulous dining experience. No worries about downtown parking or weather -- Complimentary valet parking is available.



### Where:

Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot
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(at the NW corner of Louis Street and Campau Avenue)
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

#### When:

February 23, 2014 High Noon

RSVP to Amdoor242@aol.com or (616) 340-0971 by Wednesday February 18, 2014

# 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! My name is Michael Soriano, and I am excited and proud to be your new Zone Rep.

For several years members of the Executive Committee have been asking me to take on a national position. However, I chose to remain in my position as Region President

to successfully complete many of the innovations and projects, which we had implemented in order to continue the growth and progress being made in my region.

After the Presidents' Meeting in March 2013, Ron Carr approached me asking me to consider running for the

position of Zone Rep., and after careful consideration, I did. I'd like to thank Ron and Constance for all of their years of service to PCA and for their valuable assistance to me. I would also like to thank all of the Region Presidents that nominated and endorsed my candidacy, and to the Executive Committee for their tremendous display of support. [...]

All of your region officers and chairpersons are hard at work scheduling an abundance of activities. I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at these upcoming events. Be sure to check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned.

# 2013 ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR

### BY MARSHALL WALTERS, ENTHUSIAST CHAIR

The Enthusiast of the Year award recognizes the club member who is "most enthusiastic", based on their participation in club events. Points are awarded for hosting and attending events, participation in track/ DE events, and submission of articles or pictures for the ÜBER ALLES.

The award for 2013 will be announced at Winterfest in February. The winner gets to take home a lovely trophy, with their name engraved on a plaque. To open up the competition, winners from the prior 2 years are excluded. I hope to see your name on this list next year!

Bonus points are awarded for driving your Porsche to an event and for those that travel 50+ miles to an event.

Based on events held through mid-November, the following list (in alphabetical order) reflects those with 100+ points (7 have over 150 points):

Arens	Jerry
Blacklidge	Ted
Bubeck	Wolfgang
Buth	Gary
Door	Amber
Gawron	Len
Gawron	Bonnie
Phillips	Dan
Phillips	Renuka
Riley	Rick
Schieble	Dorilee
Schieble	Terry
Thatcher	Tim
Tolliver	Bette
Walters	John
Walters	Marshall

# THE TAILPIPE

### BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR



Wolfgang Hofmann Über Alles Editor, Western Michigan Region

If you're wondering where the heck is the "Tech Spalte", never fear.

Tim and crew are working on a great article about "Variable Air Intakes" and will continue to bring us hairy-chested content around our cars. It's coming at you in the next issue. — By the time you're reading this, we will officially have arrived in 2014. Far be it from me,

to shower you in giddy excitement about things to come, but it is a great time to volunteer for our Porsche Club. Many personnel changes have occurred over the past month and with them comes renewed enthusiasm for creating a great car club. — Wolfgang

Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their Western Michigan Porsche Club Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members.

#### Glückwünsche! - Anniversaries

1 year Glen & Julie Gordon, (2013)
5 years Len & Bonnie Gawron, (2009)
10 years Michael & Linda Cole, (2004)
15 years McKeel Hagerty, (1999)
40 years Gerald Pruis, (1974)

#### Willkommen! - New Members

Robert Greene, Cadillac · '99 Boxster Donald Novess & Mary Dykstra, Ada · '56 356

# 2014 EVENT CALENDAR

### WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	01-15	January Dinner Drive	Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI	Rick Riley
	01-18	Zone 4 gathering at the North American Inter- national Auto Show	Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI	Zone 4, PCA Registration is through MotorsportsReg.com.
FEB	02-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-22	Winterfest 2014	Cascade Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club and Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
	02-23	Morning-After Brunch	Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot 235 Louis Campau St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503	WMR PCA Club and Amber Door
MAR	03-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	03-19	March Dinner Drive	The Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
APR	04-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	04-19	Annual Chili Cookoff	The Schieble Residence, Portage, MI	Terry & Dorilee Schieble
	04-27	Spring Brunch	Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
MAY	05-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-17	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
JUN	06-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-14	Parade Orphans Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
	06-14 through 06-23	Porsche Parade 2014 PCA National Event	Monterey, CA	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	06-21	Spring-Up to Traverse City	Locations TBD	Ralph & Denise Ford
	06-28	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Clyde Sinclair
JUL	07-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club







### ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUL	07-10 through 07-12	Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show	Dublin, OH	Mid-Ohio Region PCA (MORPCA)
	07-19	July Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Scott Kraii
	07-23	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
AUG	08-02	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	08-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	08-16	August Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
	08-22 through 08-23	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
	08-24	WMR PCA Annual Autocross	US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI	Duane Weed
SEP	09-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-13 through 09-14	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-19 through 09-21	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
	09-27	September Dinner Drive	Boyne City, MI	Dan & Ren Phillips
ОСТ	10-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-11	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	Duane & Brenda Weed
	TBD	PCA Escape 2014	Locations TBD	Porsche Club of America, National Event
NOV	11-03	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
DEC	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-06	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss



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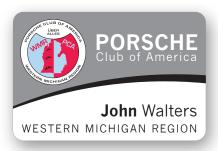


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# 2014 CHARITY GUIDELINES

### BY GABRIELE BLACKLIDGE, CHARITY CHAIR

At the November 4th Planning Meeting, Charity Chair Gabi Blacklidge proposed the following WMR Charity Guidelines for 2014. After motion, second, discussion and vote, the following guidelines were adopted:

### WMR PCA 2014 CHARITY GUIDELINES & GOALS:

- To diversify charitable donations given by our generous WMR members
- To support organizations meeting the needs of Michigan recipients
- To enable WMR to support three specific charity categories for one year with focus on:
  - the nutritional needs of children
  - hunger relief for families
  - needy individuals to secure a driver's license

The proposed charities are:

KIDS FOOD BASKET: The Grand Rapids-based non-profit sends nutritious meals, in paper sacks, home to about 5,000 elementary students in 35 Kent County schools every weekday. The meals contain more than 1,000 calories with each of the necessary food groups. In 2012, the organization opened a Muskegon County site which fed an additional 500 students. However, there is more to be done. Grand Rapids still has 9 schools still on a waiting list and Muskegon Heights has 8.

### FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN FOOD BANK:

Since 1981, Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank has served as West Michigan's regional nonprofit clearinghouse for saved, donated food on its way from the food industry to churches and charity agencies that assist needy people. [...] Each year, we distribute close to 25 million pounds of food and other goods. Because our food is donated, Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank can distribute food for the cost of fuel, fleet maintenance, utilities, warehousing and other distribution costs. These costs are covered in part by donations from supporters like you, and partly by a handling fee from the 1,250 local anti-hunger agencies we supply.

This fee amounts to about 10% of the food's retail value. If they had to pay more, many local agencies simply couldn't keep going. A whopping 98.7% of our expenses go directly into hunger relief programs. Only 1.3% goes to Administration and Fund-raising. FAWMFB has a four star out of five rating by Charity Navigator.

MIDWEST TRAFFIC SAFETY INSTITUTE: The nonprofit was developed by Century Driving School after conversations with members of WMR who heard of a need for disadvantaged students who could not afford the cost of state-required drivers' training and licensing. As a club dedicated to driving, the board supported this project to aid local students through subsidies. WMR has supported this organization for the last two years. Background information on Century Driving School: In business for 21 years with more than 46 locations in Michigan. Services include Segment 1 and 2 for students, Adult Drives, Road Tests, Driver Competency Assessment (DCA), AARP and Defensive Driving, just to name a few.

### Distribution of WMR charitable donations in 2014:

- The "Change for Charity Can" will benefit the Kid's Food Basket.
- As selected, one or two WMR members' events on the 2014 calendar will support the Food Pantry with a request to bring non-perishable food/personal care items to the event for donation to Feeding America West Michigan.
- The Charity Lap donations at the Grattan Drivers' Education event will support the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute.

On your Winterfest invitation, you'll be asked to bring non-perishable food, personal items, cash or a check (payable to "Feeding America, West Michigan") to the Winterfest event. Help fill the food pantry for those in need. Thank you for your generous hearts! Please contact me with questions: Gabriele@chartermi.net

The information on the aforementioned charities was obtained through local media sources and online through Charity Navigator.

# VMR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2ND, 2013

### Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids December 2, 2013

Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:04 pm. Members present were: John Walters, Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Amber Door, Gabi Blacklidge, Ted Blacklidge, Len Gawron, Arnie Axelrod, Dan Phillips, Colin Carpenter, Mike Karluk

Treasurer's Report: approved

### **Membership Report:**

Primary Members: Affiliate Members: 192 Total Members: 453 **New Members:** 2 Transfers In: 0 Transfers Out: 1 Non renewals: 4 Renewals: 6

Minutes: November minutes approved as printed

### Über Alles Editor's Report:

Dan Phillips final issue has gone to print and arriving in mailboxes this week. Wolfgang Hofmann will assume the role of Über Alles Editor now with the preparation of the January 2014 issue. Presentation of proposed changes given with positive response.

Webmaster's Report: no report.

Insurance Report: no further insurance needs for 2013

### **Old Business:**

- December 7th Appetizer Party Hosts: Mike & Barb Karluk - Region blast sent out
- 2014 Board Elections, open position for VP for 2015
- · Advertising Solicitor Chair volunteer, looking for new Chair
- · Webmeister Chair volunteer. still in need of volunteer
- Winterfest 2014 February 22, 2014 invitations to be sent out early/mid January
- · New program from PCA, Dealership New Member Pilot Program. We have applied to participate and are awaiting a response from PCA

#### **New Business:**

· Charity for Food Pantry @ Winterfest

Meeting was adjourned 7:47 pm Respectfully submitted by Amber Door

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(Aug 2013)

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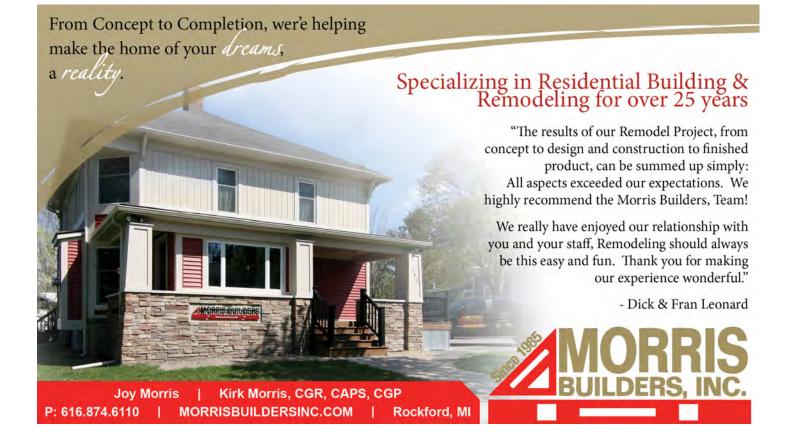
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