

**Feature Story:**

Chuck Olenyk tells us about his day with the King of LA

**Tech Spalte:**

Learn the basics about Variable Intake Systems, Part 1

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Winterfest, followed by Morning After Brunch

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> DINNER DRIVE 2014 AT LEO'S.

As with most events, reservations started slowly. As the week went on, up to the day of the event, we set a new record of 34 attendees!

I didn't realize this, because it has never been an issue before, but that is the maximum the fire marshal will allow in the "Chart Room".

As our President, Mike Karluk said our 40' long table looked like something out of a Harry Potter movie. Leo's did a fantastic job. I heard many compliments, food and service was excellent and no-one had to wait for their check.

Visit [Facebook.com/WMRPCA](http://Facebook.com/WMRPCA) for more event photos. — Rick

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# Über Alles

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On the cover:  
Denis Guiton captures  
the Excellent Adventure  
with the King of LA

Illustration by Denis Guiton

# VORTEX OF ACTIVITY

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
*President,*  
*Western Michigan Region*

The first Arctic vortex might have delayed the January monthly board meeting by a week, but not an excellent gathering at Leo's Seafood on January 15th hosted by Rick Riley. Thirty-four hale and hearty Porschephiles, including newest members Josh and Jodi Witzke and 34-year members Kurt and Shirley Wirth, came out for a great evening. Conversations ranged from car projects past, present, and still in the fantasy stages, to racing stories recent and distant, and general goings on. The Change for Charity donations this year will go to the Kids Food Basket program. I wasn't able to join members going to the Zone 4 gathering at the North American International Auto Show on the 18th, but hope to get there on the 25th to see the new retro 911 Targa and other Porsche offerings (and maybe even the new C7 Corvette Stingray).

I hope you will be able to join us for Winterfest 2014 beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 22 at the Cascade Country Club in Grand Rapids, a great venue for Winterfest several years ago. Thanks in advance to Brenda Hildon-Kaempff and those assisting in organizing

what I'm sure will be a great evening. Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank is one of three charities being supported by WMR-PCA this year and non-perishable food items and cash donations will be accepted at the Winterfest on its behalf. Cash and checks made out to Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank will be less difficult to handle logistically and provide the food bank with greater flexibility in fulfilling their worthy mission. The fun doesn't end on Saturday evening! Please join us at high noon on February 23 at Six.One.Six at the JW Marriot Grand Rapids for the Morning After Brunch hosted by Amber Door and Jerry Arens!

Western Michigan Region PCA members Paul Bizzigotti and Chuck Olenyk are owed a shout out for some excellent media coverage. Paul took first in class at this past June's Porsche Parade Concours in Traverse City with his 1974 914 and has a lengthy feature story on it in the December 2013 Panorama. Chuck's 1957 365A outlaw Speedster was subject of a 15-minute segment on Jay Leno's Garage. Check out our feature story on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Among those Chuck credits with contributions to the car is TechSpalte's own Tim Thatcher of Euro Autowerks. Please give them a look. Stay warm and join us soon! — *Mike*

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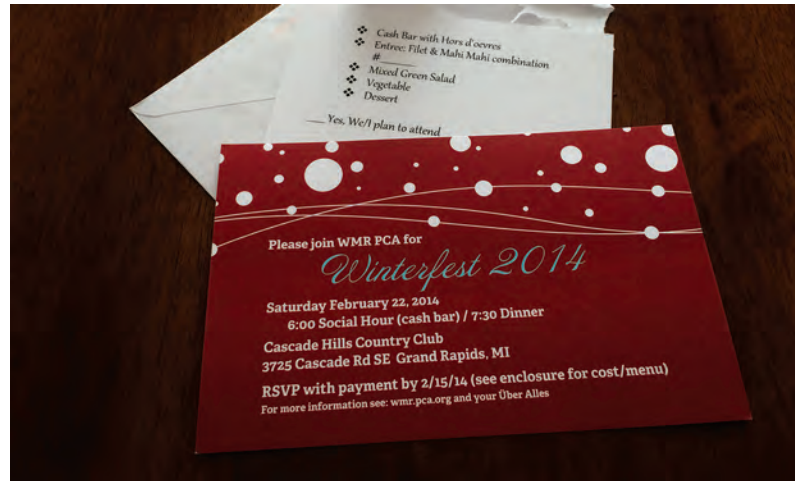
# WINTERFEST 2014

HOST: BRENDA HILDON-KAEMPF AND THE WMR PCA BOARD

Get ready 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. Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank is one of three charities being supported by WMR-PCA this year and non-perishable food items and cash donations will be accepted at the Winterfest on its behalf. Don't forget to RSVP with payment by February 13th, 2014.

## 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 & JERRY ARENS

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  
235 Louis Campau St. NW  
(at the NW corner of Louis Street and Campau Avenue)  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

## When:

February 23, 2014  
High Noon

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Jay Leno proudly displaying his new novelty t-shirt, alongside the Olenyks.

**One Saturday last November** I had the choice to spend the afternoon in Michigan raking leaves, or fly to Los Angeles, and go for a spin around Burbank in a 1927 Doble that Howard Hughes once pushed to 132 mph.

How did we get ourselves involved in this? After the Porsche Parade last summer, we decided that it was an opportune time to put our 356 outlaw up for sale and shipped it to Fantasy Junction near Oakland on consignment. Owner Bruce Trenery is extremely well-known in the collector car world out west, to say the least. Not only did he connect it to a buyer quickly, but he also brought it to his friend “Jay’s” attention, who thought it would be a good subject for one of his internet video segments.

Now it’s just Jay Leno and I steaming along in traffic, with his jaw out, cheek bones up grin. Waving and shouting back to anyone who noticed us, but how could you not.

Even stopping at his favorite bookstore for his weekly stack of new car magazines. Imagine the experience and try to put it into words. Extraordinary, dreamlike, unbelievable, improbable, just plain awesome. But it really happened. And you may have noticed, we made a video, too!

Bruce suggested that we should “fly out, his collection is amazing”, answer any questions about the 356, and “watch” him do a segment about it. “You’ll have a blast!” The new owner graciously agreed to pay for the car’s shipping to LA, but did not wish to be part of video segment.

Originally scheduled for late in the year, things began happening in a hurry. On Tuesday, Leno’s producer, Craig – “call me Kico” – called to confirm a few details, mainly “Jay likes to talk to the guy who knows the most about the car, you know, just two car guys talking about cars”. Ya right! Staggeringly far out of my comfort zone, but we’ll be there!

That Friday night, Lynne, Zach and I were on the ground in LA. Saturday morning we were in the Big Dog Garage as it’s called, and I was unimaginably being introduced on camera by Jay Leno himself. No script, no notes, no rehearsal, no Q-cards, no redo’s, maybe worst of all, no makeup, and absolutely no experience at ever having done anything like this before. What could go wrong! As the song goes “the biggest fool that ever hit the big time, and all you gotta do ...”.

While it could turn out to be the worst Jay’s Garage segment ever, at least the 356 looked and sounded great. The interview portion took a total of about 15 minutes with about 10 actually used in the final edit.

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On the other hand, we bombed around the Santa Monica mountain roads for over an hour for that 5 minutes that were used. His staff of 7 full time guys at the garage entertained Lynne and Zach with even some personal stories about Jay and they speculated that he must be having a good time since he's usually gone less than half the amount of time. My steam car rides followed: "no just you, Chuck. I don't want to be responsible for killing your whole family"!

Along with a personal tutorial of its workings when we got back using another cutaway Doble in his collection. And then a golf cart tour for all of us of both his football field size buildings full of nearly 200 spectacular cars and high-tech working shop area, with stories about their procurement and individual histories.

We learned from the guys that work for him that our experience wasn't all that unusual. Jay Leno is a most gracious host, surprisingly generous with his time, and simply enjoys to entertain even if its just a small "audience" of only one with the stories he's probably told hundreds of times before to other fortunate guests. And most definitely a knowledgeable, hands on, talented, real deal car guy.

Late in the day as we returned to our rented Camaro convertible, hey, we're in southern California for Pete's sake, we all looked at each other, still in disbelief. Did that really just happen? Totally awesome, dude! — *Chuck*

Jay Leno's  
Garage



# 2014 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>FEB</b>	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	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
<b>MAR</b>	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
<b>APR</b>	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
<b>MAY</b>	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
<b>JUN</b>	06-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-14	Parade Orphans Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
	06-15 through 06-21	59th Annual 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	Tim Thatcher
<b>JUL</b>	07-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-10 through 07-12	Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show	Dublin, OH	Mid-Ohio Region PCA (MORPCA)
	07-16	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
	07-19	July Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Scott Kraai

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For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx>.





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>AUG</b>	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
<b>SEP</b>	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
<b>OCT</b>	10-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-11	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	Duane & Brenda Weed
<b>NOV</b>	11-03	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-06 through 11-09	PCA Escape 2014	Orlando, FL	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
<b>DEC</b>	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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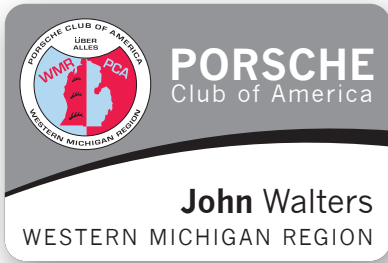


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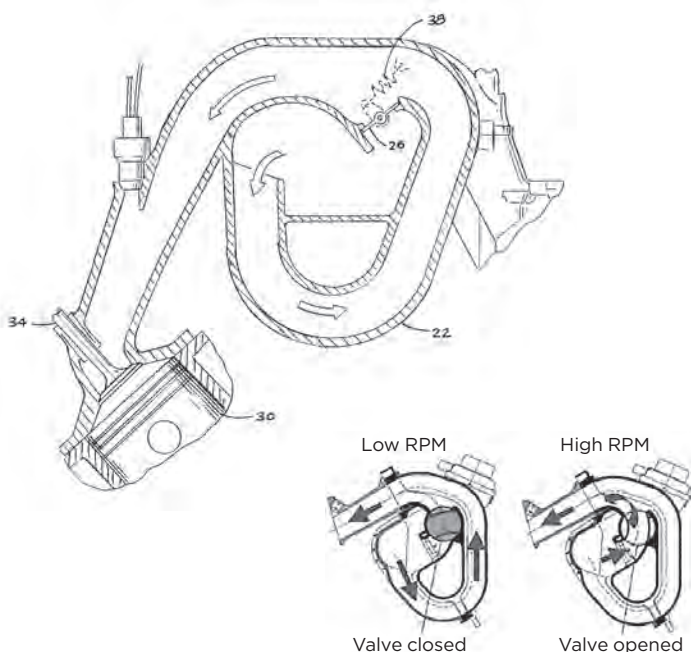


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**Variable Air Intake Manifolds** consist of two basic parts, a plenum and runners. Here we will discuss a variable manifold's basic functions and why they are so popular with manufacturers and high performance cars.

The basic function of any intake manifold is to deliver the air/fuel mix (air) to the engine's cylinders. To accomplish this, air passes through the throttle body and enters into the plenum; from there it travels through runners (also called tubes or ports) and into the cylinders.

In the past, intakes could be designed to maximize an engine's H.P. and torque at the low end, mid-range or high end, whichever best suited the engines application. Size, shape and length of the runners all impact at which RPM range they perform best. This limited you to having to pick which of the three best fit your need.



Now with variable intake manifolds, manufacturers can give you better torque and HP over the entire RPM range, maximizing the engine's performance.

A variable manifold works by using a valve to control the airflow within the manifold, directing it through runners of various lengths. This valve is controlled by the engine management system and allows the changes to be made during different RPM and load conditions, thereby allowing engine performance to be maximized.

At lower speeds, the air is directed through a set of runners which produce more power at lower RPMs, but as speed increases, air is directed through a second set of runners which produce more power at higher RPMs. The result is better performance at all RPM ranges.

Volkswagen and Audi have a three stage intake system on their 4.2 V8 engines of the late 90s which uses a two flap system to direct airflow into three stages to help improve performance.

**THIS ARTICLE IS JUST A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE FUNCTION OF VARIABLE INTAKE SYSTEMS.**

There are many types of variable intake systems from a very basic system such as Volkswagen and Audi's three stage flap operated intake system used on their 4.2 V8 engines of the late 90s to very complex ones such as:

- BMW's Continuous Variable Intake introduced in 2001
- Porsche's Resonance Intake Manifold System used on the 964 Boxer and 996
- Porsche's Three Stage Variable Length System



Next month we will review Porsche's Resonance System which Porsche engineers designing the 996 went back to because of the amount of room the Variable System used. — *Tim Thatcher*

# WMR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13TH, 2014

## Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids January 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mark Karluk at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Mark Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, John Walters, Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Rick Riley, Gabi Blacklidge, Ted Blacklidge, Craig Paull, Arnie Axelrod, Dave Muma (Midwest Traffic Safety Institute)

**Treasurer's Report:** approved

## Membership Report:

Primary Members: 263  
Affiliate Members: 192  
Total Members: 455  
New Members: 2  
Transfers In: 0  
Transfers Out: 0  
Non renewals: 5  
Renewals: 10

**Minutes:** December minutes approved as printed

## Über Alles Editor's Report:

Wolfgang has placed an ad in the newsletter for a social media chair. Members present commented on the nice format and easy-to-read font. Wolfgang welcomes any editorial/photos members would like to submit.

## Webmaster's Report:

Craig Paull has been working with Michael Betz to transition to Webmaster, but is of yet unable to post to the website. Craig has also been working with a contact at National in the hopes to migrate to Word Press by end-of-year to simplify the process.

**Insurance Report:** No current needs

## Old Business:

- Paul Bizzigotti's 1974 914 was featured in Panorama
- Chuck Olenyk and his 356 outlaw was featured on an episode of Jay Leno's Garage.

## New Business:

- A check was presented to Dave Muma of the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute, representing 2013 donations. Dave updated the group on what's been done with donated funds this past year.

*Editors Note: Abridged. See page 15 for details.*

- Winterfest – plans underway.
- Morning after brunch at Six One Six, JW Marriot.
- January 15th – Leo's: Hosted by Rick Riley. 31 attendees to-date.
- New Member Event – we are looking into possible dates. More to come.

Meeting was adjourned 7:39 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf*

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At the last monthly board meeting, Mike Karluk presented a check to Dave Muma of the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute, representing 2013 donations. These funds enable people to get their drivers licenses and the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute matches every dollar we donate.

Dave updated the group on what's been done and how our funds were used at a school in White Cloud for high-risk needs kids. Those that qualify have gone through the program at least 6 months and Dave hopes to be able to move into the Grand Rapids region eventually.

Webcam based learning seems to work well and plans are being made to implement a blended learning format at some point. On behalf of Dave Muma, heartfelt Thanks to all WMR PCA members. — Wolfgang



### Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 5 years Richard Wozniak, (2009)
- 15 years Tammy Hagerty, (1999)
- 20 years William & Nelly Heitman, (1994)

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