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REMEMBER TO RSVP FOR OUR CLUB'S 2015 WINTERFEST.

See Page 5 for Details.

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On the cover:
"Little Red Riding Hood"
aka Porsche 911 Targa 4 GTS

Photo by
Amber Door

EXISTENTIAL ISSUES

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Arctic Vortex II prompts consideration of existential issues beyond the obvious ones of avoiding 117-vehicle pileups on I-94. Disparate stimuli at work in my mind:

1) An ad for the Hagerty Education Program in “Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car” declared, “The future of restoration is in your hands”

and solicited for donations to provide “scholarships and educational grants to students and organizations committed to hands-on training” of the skills needed to maintain and restore collectible cars.

2) The Street Talk column of the November Panorama reported that PCNA President Detlev von Platen declared the smaller, entry level 718 roadster dead, adding that “the entry level Porsche is a used Porsche.”

Is the technical sophistication and cost of our current generation 911s, Boxsters, and Caymans going to fundamentally change our club?

Who outside a professional or highly skilled amateur mechanic with his own shop can perform any but the simplest maintenance on these late model vehicles and will their high cost lead to dwindling of persons willing to track them?

944s and 968s are easily the most accessible of Porsches financially and mechanically. I’ve seen a number holding their own on track days and one can open their hood and actually see an engine with which one might consider tinkering. 986/987 Boxsters and Caymans and 996 model 911s are likely within the range of aspiring enthusiasts in their 20s, but will they be able to maintain and repair them?

What does proactive replacement of an IMS cost anyway, Tim or Claudio? I’m grateful for Tim Thatcher’s monthly Tech Spalte contribution and the various tech sessions held by Tim and other club members. Are there other things we as a club could be doing to foster the development of mechanical skills among interested members? Just asking. — *Mike*

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WINTERFEST 2015

HOST: BRENDA HILDON-KAEMPF AND THE WMR PCA BOARD

Mark your calendar for your Porsche club's annual gala event, WinterFest 2015! This year we will celebrate at a new venue - Bar Divani in Grand Rapids. Situated in the historic Blodgett Building, Bar Divani has established itself as one of Grand Rapids' hidden gems, offering a modern but simple menu, punctuated with seasonal, fresh ingredients and bold flavors. Enjoy fellowship and Porsche enthusiasm over cocktails, followed by dinner and a brief presentation. Formal invitation cards have been mailed out. **Please RSVP with payment by 2/14/15.**

Where:

Bar Divani
15 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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Valet parking



When:

Saturday, 21 February 2015
6:00 pm Social Hour / 7:30 pm Dinner

MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOST: AMBER DOOR

After a 3-year hiatus the traditional "Morning After" Winterfest Brunch returns to Charley's Crab in Grand Rapids. Please join us on Sunday, February 22nd at 12:00 for a casual brunch. Reservations have been made for 20 (or more) so we hope that you will join us.

Charley's Crab is located in downtown Grand Rapids overlooking the Grand River. It has been offering some of the best seafood in Grand Rapids since 1979 and a Sunday Brunch Buffet that has been rated as one of the best in Grand Rapids for many years. Mark your calendars for what will prove to be a fabulous dining experience.



Who: You and anyone you would like to bring along
What: "Morning After" Brunch
Where: Charley's Crab 63 Market Ave SW Grand Rapids
When: Feb. 22, 2015 -- High Noon
Why: Food, Fun & Fabulous Friends
How: RSVP by Wednesday February 18, 2015

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by Wednesday February 18, 2015

REVIEW: DINNER AT LEO'S

BY RICK RILEY · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR · WOLFGANG HOFMANN

We did it again! 30 Western Michigan Porsche Club members gathered at Leo's Restaurant in Downtown Grand Rapids for the annual Leo's Dinner Drive. We assembled in the bar until the Chart Room, featuring the longest table in GR was ready for our group.



To "Sunshine, Porsches and Good Friends".

I love it here. Everyone sits at the same table. No adults or children tables and when I sit at the head of the table I can see everyone! It also allows our guests to talk up and down both sides of the table, which makes for many varied and lively conversations. We did the traditional toast to "Sunshine, Porsches and Good Friends". The Restaurant was unusually busy for a Wednesday Night. Brooke and the rest of the Leo's staff worked their hearts out and provided us with a fun evening.

If you haven't tried a Dinner Drive (D+D), you should. It's a great way to have a fun evening in the middle of the week. You'll be surprised how many subjects are discussed during a typical dinner. Everything from gardening to how to rebuild a carburetor! Check out the club calendar online or in the Über Alles newsletter for future events. See you, down the road. — *Rick*



Rex and Joyce posing for Amber's camera. Rex couldn't find a nice vintage.



Look at these young kids today, with their hula hoops and fax machines.



What were these boys talking about? Craig Paull (left), Rick Riley (right)



NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
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Zone 4 was able to secure 200 Porsche Preview Event tickets this year. At \$20 per person they went very, very fast. — Photo by Amber Door



Our members could roam the Porsche booth at the North American International Auto Show before anyone else. — Photo by Amber Door



A look at "the office" of the Targa 4 GTS — Photo by Amber Door



Every current Porsche model was on display along with some displays featuring the internals. — Photo by Amber Door



The new 911 Targa 4 GTS was the center of attention. Pretty red, pretty fast, pretty amazing. — Photo by Amber Door

2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
FEB	02-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-21	Winterfest 2015	Bar Divani, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-22	Morning-After Brunch	Charley's Crab 63 Market Ave SW Grand Rapids	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
MAR	03-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	03-18	March Dinner Drive	The Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
APR	04-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	04-18	Annual Cookoff	Schieble Residence, Portage, MI	Terry & Dorilee Schieble
	04-26	Spring Brunch	Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
MAY	05-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-16	May Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	John & Marshall Walters
	05-23	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
JUN	06-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-10	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
	6-13	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher and Euro Autowerks
	06-21 through 06-27	Porsche Parade 2015 PCA National Event	French Lick, IN	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Susan Brown
	06-27	Parade Orphans Lunch Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
JUL	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
AUG	08-01	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	08-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	08-21 through 08-22	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
SEP	09-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit: <https://www.pca.org/events>



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-26	September Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
	09-30	PCA Escape 2015 Escape to Rushmore	Black Hills of South Dakota	Porsche Club of America, National Event
OCT	10-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-09 through 10-11	Porsche Rennsport Reunion V	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, 1021 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908	Porsche Cars North America
	TBD	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	TBD
NOV	11-02	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-07	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
DEC	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-12	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk



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MOTORSPORT EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	TBD	IROC Series I – III	Destination TBD	Duane Weed, Michael Betz
	08-07 through 08-09	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
SEP	09-12 through 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge

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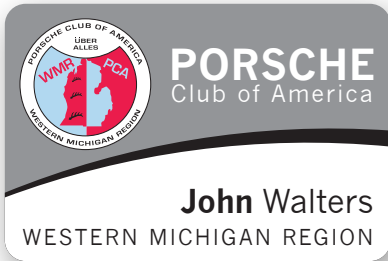


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USING JACKS AND JACK STANDS SAFELY

This month I'm going to provide you with a guide to help you safely jack up your car and properly use jack stands while working on your vehicle. — Equipment you need:

- One good hydraulic floor jack with large wheels and support plate.
- Quality jack stands with large bases and a cup or "U" at the vehicle contact point and adjustable locking pins or teeth to secure the stand's height adjustment.
- Make sure to purchase quality tools for your own safety. You didn't scrimp on your car so don't scrimp on the tools necessary to repair it.



1. NEVER get under a vehicle without it being on a properly secured jack stand! If all you're doing is replacing one tire at a time, it's not necessary to use one. However, any time you put your head and/or body under a vehicle, use a stand. If you are just working on one corner of the vehicle still use at least one stand and put some vehicle weight on it.

2. Anytime your head or body goes under the car or into the wheel well area, use a jack stand. If you are just changing tires then stands are not necessary unless your head or body goes under the car or into the wheel well.

3. Do not jack your vehicle while it sits on an incline

4. Do not use a jack or jack stand on soft surfaces such as your lawn, gravel drives or paddock areas.

5. Properly use your jack stands to secure your car.

Jack points for most vehicles are described in the owner's manual, these instructions and common sense must be used for the placement of the jack and stand.

1. Do not place jack stands under the engine or transmission oil pan

2. Do not place them on suspension components that have movement such as control arms

3. Do not place them under the floor pan of Unibody cars

6. Jack placement will vary for each vehicle depending upon the maintenance to be completed.

Some good places to place jacks or stands are:

- At jack points as described in owner's manual
- On solid suspension components such as torsion bar brackets
- Punch welded structural and sub-frame areas
- Beneath a manual transmission or rear end

7. When preparing to jack the car up, position the jack to allow the wheels on the jack to move forward and underneath the lift point. *(This is very important after having raised the first side of the car)*

When raising the second side of the car, the jack must also have the ability to roll forward and underneath the lift point. If the jack is not allowed to move inward as the car raises, it might possibly tilt the car off the other stands and become unsteady.

8. Do not raise the car to the maximum final height in one step.

If you are trying to raise the car to the maximum height of your jack stand, jack it up and secure it in at least two steps. Raising the car aggressively may place it at too steep of an angle and make the stands unstable or even tip your car off the stands.

9. Confirm the stability of the car and stands.

Recheck all of the stands to make sure they are sitting securely on the ground and that the car is sitting securely on the stands. Shake, push and pull the car a little and make sure it feels solid on the stands. **If unstable, do not crawl under the vehicle but rather recheck the stands** and adjust them as necessary to make the vehicle secure.

10. Lower your car off the stands safely. Slowly and safely lower your vehicle off the stands in the same manner you raised it, taking precaution not to lower it too quickly or at too steep of an angle.

WMR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2015

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids, January 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:09 pm.
Members present were: Ted Blacklidge, Gabi Blacklidge, Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Amber Door, Joyce Lo, Arnie Axelrod, Rick Riley

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 270
Affiliate Members: 186
Total Members: 456
New Members: 5
Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 3
Renewals: 13

Minutes: December meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Presentation covering a year of Über Alles in review and the recent Über Alles survey that was completed online by members. 60 responses were completed.

Webmaster's Report: No report.

Social Media Report: Posts to Facebook continue and good traffic despite no recent driving events.

Insurance Report: No report.

Old Business:

- Appetizer Party: 12/6/14 - a good time was had by all
Host: Mike Karluk / Barb Doss-Karluk
- Charity -- WMR donated over 4000.00 this year, in addition to food to a total of 3 charities in 2014. Gabi Blacklidge, Charity Chair wrote article in January 2015 publication. This was nearly double of 2013!

New Business:

- Leo's Dinner event - 1/14/15 - RSVP list filling up. Another blast planned before the event
Host: Rick Riley
- Winterfest - 2/21/15 - Invitations to be mailed this week.
Host: Brenda Hildon-Kaempf Winterfest Committee Chair
- Morning After Brunch - 2/22/15 - Charley's Crab at noon; Host: Amber Door / Jerry Arens

Meeting was adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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I would like to take a moment to
thank the 60 WMRPCA members
who took time out of their busy
holiday schedules and responded
to the newsletter survey during the
month of December. Your feedback
is invaluable in order to bring you
stories and content we all enjoy to
read. — The goal of this survey was

to simply get a general idea of what we all like, dislike,
want to see more of, could care less about. I'll be sure to
address some of the comments in forth-coming issues.
In a nutshell, the feedback was: We like our newsletter!
But we all would love more stories from our members.
Message received. — Over the years, editors new and old
have been hard at work to bring you just that. The honest
truth is: I will need your help to do just that. You go to
the track: send me your photo and a few lines about your
experience.

You host an event, raise that smartphone and snap
some pics, write a few lines. You're tinkering away on a
restoration or alike. We all want to see and read, how
you spend the long Winter nights. — And lastly, with the
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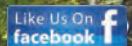
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