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WINTERFEST 2016

The planning phase has begun. If you know of any suitable venues, who can accommodate a large group of people (typically 75+), are flexible on menuing and room fees, and most importantly provide a classy or interesting dining experience send your ideas to: wmrpca@wolfhofmann.com

Über Alles

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

On the cover:
*A little taste of
Rennsport Reunion V.
Turn to Page 8 for
Rick's Full Story.*

Photos by Rick Riley

RECOVERY MODE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
*President,
Western Michigan Region*

I feel like I'm writing as President in absentia given the viral grunge that left me bedridden during the weekend of our Street Survival program and at home in recovery mode during our Fall Color Tour of the Traverse City area.

Terry Schieble, our chief driving instructor, reported that the nine teenagers who participated in the

Street Survival program "were having so much fun, they didn't realize they were learning." The students' attitudes reportedly changed quickly from resigned disinterest to enthusiastic engagement during the first exercise in emergency braking as captured by a statement from one student to their instructor, "This isn't your typical driver's ed, is it?" Many thanks to Don Sazama and Amber Door who spearheaded the effort and to all twenty-five volunteers who made this happen. Thanks also to Natalie and Bill Brown for organizing a fantastic Color Tour drive and dinner. I hope to be healthy for both in 2016. Barb and I hope the weather will cooperate and a number of you will be able to join us for the Holiday Appetizer Party at our home in West Olive on December 12.

We haven't settled on a theme yet, but I plan to have another five-pound chocolate Santa Claus to raffle off for charity and plenty of chocolate for consumption. We are on the cusp of a new era at Porsche where only GT cars from the Motorsport division will be naturally aspirated. Andrew Frankel provides historical perspective on this change in the September 2015 "GT Porsche" article about the development of the Porsche 928: "Looking back to a time in the early 1970s when talks at Porsche about replacing the 911 got serious, it seems strange that what motivated Porsche then is what is motivating its primary engineering thrust today. Then, as now, it was not a desire to produce ever more power, but the perceived need to drive down fuel consumption and emissions, exactly the same concerns that killed the American muscle car stone dead at precisely the same time. The 911 was old, it was un-aerodynamic and its relatively high stressed engine was air-cooled, which as any powertrain engineer will tell you is no way to look to a low emissions future. If you want further proof, ask yourself how many air-cooled cars remain in production today." Gratefully, we will get more power, but I suspect the change to turbos will generate more emotion than the on-going PDK versus manual transmission controversy. — *Mike*

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NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RANDY & LINDA PORTOLURI

Come join Randy & Linda Portoluri as they invite us November 7 at 6:00 pm for dinner. We'll gather at the Main Street Pub at 11240 University Pkwy., in Allendale. It is just off M-45 just west of 48th Avenue.

The Main Street Pub is casual dining with a wide variety of foods and a bar. We first discovered this restaurant at a planning meeting for our 50th club celebration and love going here. We will meet in the coach room.

As with most November meetings, there's no actual drive but it would be cool to see a few Porsches, if the weather permits. Randy says: "I will try to drive mine".

Please RSVP by Nov. 4 via Phone: (616) 842-9266 or E-Mail: rportoluri66@charter.net



When: Saturday, 11/07/2015, 6 PM

Where: Main Street Pub · 11240 University Pkwy, Allendale, MI 49401 · Phone: (616) 895-1234

DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: BARB & MIKE KARLUK

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline in West Olive, MI for a third consecutive year. Barb and Mike invite you to their home to celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! Please join us for a great evening of food, friends, and festivities. As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. There may be another five-pound chocolate Santa Claus to raffle off for charity. No need to RSVP! Just show up!

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Take Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) west all the way to Lake Shore Drive on Lake Michigan. Head south (left) and travel ~ 2.4 miles, passing Kirk Park, and turn right (west) onto Sheldon Dunes Drive.

Our bright red house (no, not Guards Red, unfortunately) is straight ahead at the southeast corner of Sheldon Dunes and Whispering Sands Drive. Our driveway has been re-oriented since last year and continues straight off Sheldon Dunes Drive.



When: Saturday, December 12, 2015, 5 PM

Where: Barb and Mike's home, 9342 Whispering Sands Drive, West Olive, MI, 49460

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IN REVIEW: STREET SURVIVAL

BY DON SAZAMA · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the *Tire Rack® Street Survival®* School. The student and parent evaluations are completed and based on them, the school was a success. We had nine students on Oct. 4 at 5/3 Ballpark along with their parents.

The high points of the day for students and parents was the fire truck shooting at them with a water cannon while on the skid pad, and being able to get up close and personal with a semi-truck. If you have never sat in the cab of a large truck, it gives you a whole new perspective.

A special thanks to Mike Klint from 5/3 Ballpark. Mike was there Saturday and early Sunday to make sure everything was in order for us.

We received favorable comments about the food and beverage provided by the ballpark. It appeared that the in-car coaches were having as much fun as the students. Thank you coaches. Stay tuned for when the next school will be scheduled.

A special thanks to Amber Door for serving as registrar for the school. There was a lot to do and as usual Amber was up to the task.

This is really a great program for young drivers, with a ton of support from BMWCCA and Tire Rack. Even some parents mentioned they would like to try it. We learned a lot and will have a volunteers meeting soon to see if we can make the next one even better.

See you all at the 2016 TRSS School. — *Don Sazama*



Slippery when wet. Skid pad practice with soap and water from a fire truck.



Students, Instructors and Volunteers from both WMRPCA and BMWCCA.



Orientation and classroom session with Don Sazama.

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STREET SURVIVAL



Our Thanks to the crew of Engine 1 of the Plainfield Fire Department for helping us simulate heavy rain and slippery wet conditions.



One driving instructor once famously said: "You scared the Orange right off the cone, son."



A live fire exercise of an exploding airbag impressed on all attendees what force slumbers in the dashboard. Keep the dashboard free of junk and feet!



Don't hang around in the no-zones. Students were able to climb into the cabin of semi-truck and see, or rather not see the surrounding traffic.



Corey Reed enjoying his lunch after morning sessions. Every little bit of knowledge retained can save a life. Enroll your kids for Street Survival 2016.

IN REVIEW: RENNSPORT REUNION V

BY RICK RILEY · PHOTOS BY RICK RILEY

Last month you saw just the tip of what was available at The Porsche Rennsport Reunion V. For those of you, who don't know, the Rennsport Reunions are factory sponsored/hosted worldwide Porsche events. It comes around every 4 years and this is the fifth in the series. Arguably this was the biggest and best so far.

Anything Porsche you can think of was here to be seen, heard and raced! I never got to see 3 Gulf 917s take the green flag back in the day, I did at Rennsport! Wow! The sound was worth the trip! One might think that the famous museum pieces were there just to put on a good show. These cars were raced, hard! Great to see and hear. Pick any number out of the Porsche history book, current race cars or production cars and they were all there. The Le Mans winning 919 was there!

Not just to be part of the display of all Porsche Le Mans winners but to take to the track at full tilt and the Le Mans RSR was hot on its heels. Speaking of the RSR, I hope Wolfgang will include the photo of the half-real and half-Lego RSR! I'm not kidding! It took 627 hours to build. 918's cost about \$1,000,000 each, right?

There were 18(!) of them, taking demo laps. On top of the cars, your Porsche friends from across the country and around the world were gathered. If you set off to get someplace that should take you about 5 min you would be lucky if you could make it in under an hour with all the people, sights and amazing cars on display. Bottom line, it was overwhelming, amazing, and breath-taking. And naturally, way too much to see, in a short time. There is going to be another Rennsport Reunion in 4 years, I know where I'm going to be, how about you?



Proof that there's nothing, that can't be enhanced with Legos.



Just look at the attention to detail. It took 627 hours to build. Rick asked.



Now that's a paddock line-up. Just follow the cars down the line. Incredible!



2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-02	Annual Planning Dinner	Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	11-07	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub at 11240 University Pkwy., Allendale, MI	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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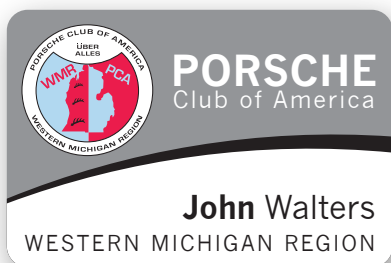


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Now that the Porsche is stored away, it is time for that winter vehicle/ride to be put into full-time service. We are all very used to being diligent with our Porsche service needs, but do we do the same for the winter ride? Let's take a moment to review a list of items for you to check. For your own safety, as well as comfort during the coming cold season.

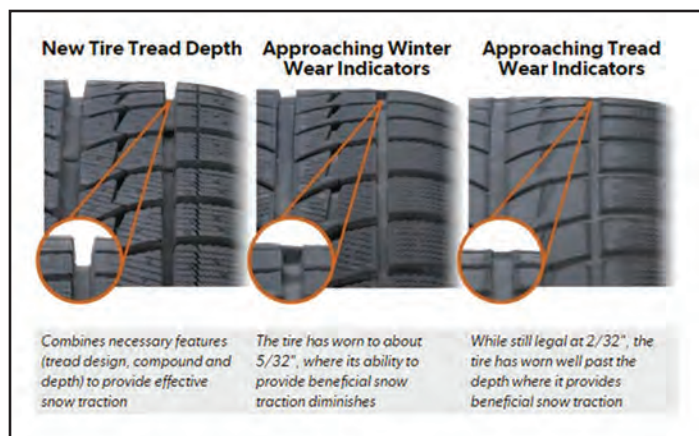
1. **COOLANT** - Check the level of the coolant and its level of freeze protection
2. **BELTS & HOSES** - These items should be checked for possible cracks and poor fit
3. **HEATER OPERATION** -
 Does the heater fan work properly?
 Does the air from the heater warm up as it should?
 Does the heater go into defrost mode?
4. **AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM** -
 Does it work properly? Although you will not need to cool off, the AC plays a major role as a dehumidifier in the effort to defrost your windows.
5. **BRAKES** - Check you pads and rotors for wear and overall condition
6. **BRAKE FLUID** - Checking your brake fluid involves more than just checking the fluid level. You must check the condition of the fluid as well. As brake fluid ages it takes on moisture which contaminates it and makes it less effective.

A high moisture content in you brake fluid will also shorten the life of your ABS pump valve assembly and other brake components such as the master cylinder and calipers.

The bottom line is that a high moisture content in you brake fluid, ruins your brake system and lessens your braking ability. As a serious safety precaution, we recommend that you have your brake system flushed every two years.

7. **WINDSHIELD WIPERS & WASHER SYSTEM** -
 Wiper blades should be flexible with no cracks. Check the sprayers for proper operation and remember, if they don't hit the windshield properly, they will do you no good.

8. **TIRES - THIS IS THE BIG ONE!**
 Federal law requires that all tires have a wear indicator at 2/32" of tread depth, so you no longer need a penny to check the tread on your tires.



However, don't let that minimum requirement give you a false sense of security. In Michigan's fall, winter and spring driving conditions, 2/32" is just not enough! For wet driving conditions, the tire experts recommend a minimum near 4/32".

Wet weather driving requires more tread depth for maintaining proper water dispersion from under you tire's contact patch. Remember, less depth equals less control.

Under snow and slush conditions the recommended depth increases to a minimum of 5/32". Under these conditions, tires (both all-season and snows) need even more tread depth to compress snow in their grooves and then release it as the tire rolls. Some snow tires are now equipped with a wear indicator at 5/32", but not all.

So check those tires, slow down under poor weather conditions and give yourself adequate braking room from the car in front of you; all the time keeping an eye on your rear view mirror.

Drive safely and enjoy the coming Holiday Season! — Tim

WMR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2015

Delta Porsche/Subaru, Grand Rapids, Oct. 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf at 7:01 pm. Members present were: Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Amber Door, Marshall Walters, Rick Riley, Wolfgang Hofmann, Arnie Axelrod, Craig Paull, Rex Tsui, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, and Colin Carpenter

Minutes: September minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Waiting for the subsidy for the tent at Gilmore Car Museum.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 286
Affiliate Members: 195
Total Members: 481
New Members: 7

Membership Report, Cont'd:

Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 1 (to Rocky Mountains region)
Non renewals: 3
Renewals: 14

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Wolfgang extends thanks to all contributors.

Webmaster's Report: Nothing new to report.

Social Media Report: Rex reported we have 233 likes. The local news covered Street Survival - our logo was shown.

Insurance Report: Amber will verify insurance is set for the upcoming drive.

Meeting was adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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BY W. HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR



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The month of December will mark my 24th issue of our Club Newsletter. It's been two years since I started. Time does fly, even if your not driving with the top down. At our September Board meeting I announced my desire to pass the editorial baton to the next volunteer. I've asked folks here and there, but it's been

a somewhat muted response. I'm having a blast doing the newsletters, but it is a lot of work and 2016 will bring changes to how much time, I will be able to devote to its creation. If you'd like to be the next editor, get in touch.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 1 year Carl Erickson, (2014)
- 10 years John Zevalkink, (2005)

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

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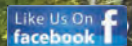
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