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New Member Gathering  
Great Lakes Auto Detailing  
Sporting Clays  
Harbor Springs Drive

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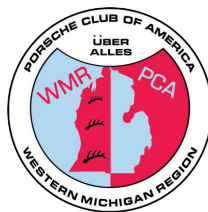
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Keep an eye out in the June Über Alles for more details on these exciting events to be held at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.



Saturday/Sunday, July 8 - 9: DeutscheMarques the largest All-German Car Show in the Midwest.

Wednesday, July 19: Wednesday Night Cruise In hosted by Rob Clark, Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth.

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On the cover:

*Ken & Jan Hoexum's 911 Carrera Cabriolet  
Spring is in the air! Stroganoff Cook Off at  
the lovely home of Ted & Gabi Blackledge*

Photo by Amber Door

# EVENTS GALORE

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

Thirty-two members enjoyed great spring weather and the lovely home of Gabi and Ted Blacklidge for this year's WMR Cook-off on April 22. The Blacklidges and co-hosts, Chris and Craig Ackerman, masterfully organized the fete and Lin Portoluri won the Judges' Choice engraved ladle for her scrumptious beef Stroganoff. Congratulations Lin!

May's calendar is packed with great WMR activities beginning with the new member Cars and Coffee hosted by our great friends at Porsche Grand Rapids on Saturday, May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. Please come out to welcome new members and catch up with old friends. On Saturday, May 13, our supporters at Great Lakes Chemical will be hosting a Car Detailing Seminar from 9 a.m. until noon, which should be extremely helpful for those aspiring to have their Porsches Concours-ready every week. There are two events on Saturday, May 20, with Jerry Arens' Sporting Clays shooting outing at the Blendon Pines Sporting Clays club in Ottawa County at 10 a.m. and an autocross practice session for the IROC series to be held at Spartan Speedway in scenic Mason from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Peter Stott has organized what should be a typically great Porsche Spring Road Rally beginning in Traverse City on Wednesday, May 24 at 8:30 a.m., with a rain date on Friday, May 26. Jumping ahead to June, Tim Thatcher is hosting another of his informative Tech Sessions at Euro Autowerks on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A committee formed by PCA National has been hard at work for several years developing "PCA Minimum Driving Tour Standards" for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of members on driving tours and the continued availability of low-cost insurance coverage for these tours. PCA's insurance cost is half what the BMW Car Club of America pays given our outstanding safety record. Those who suspect Driver Education (DE) days would be a greater insurance liability are wrong; there are far more accidents and even several fatalities each year nationwide during driving tours than DE's. Tour Conduct items include: "The tour shall be conducted in compliance with speed limits and all other traffic laws." Feeling the need to set the example for the WMR, I duly pulled my Cayman GT4 over yesterday en route to the Cookoff when teenage hooligans in a Toyota Yaris attached themselves to my rear bumper while I was doing 75 mph. I hope this isn't grounds for impeachment.

Safe motoring and see you soon!

-Mike

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**[HTTP://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES](http://wmi.pca.org/about-us/minutes)**



## We're looking for event hosts for 2017

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMRPCA Social Events Coordinator, Lynne Olenyk, with your event ideas. Lynne will help you work through the details and make your event a success. E-Mail: [lynniemarie@charter.net](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net) · Phone: (616) 710-0122





# WMR NEW MEMBER GATHERING

HOSTS: PORSCHE GRAND RAPIDS & WMR PCA

Have you joined the PCA / WMR or transferred to WMR within the last 12 - 24 months? Have you never been to a Club Event? Would you like to meet your fellow PCA members who share the same passion and love of the Porsche marque?

Porsche Club of America and the Western Michigan Region is not just the cars, it's the people. We are a truly a diverse, fun and laid-back group of enthusiasts that enjoy the friendships that are forged through membership in PCA and WMR. We would love to meet you or see you again if you have been able to participate in events since joining.

To that end, we would like to cordially invite you to a New Members Cars and Coffee gathering on Saturday, May 6th, so that we can introduce ourselves and the Western Michigan Region of PCA.



Please join us for Cars, Coffee and Conversation (and something to eat of course) at Porsche Grand Rapids 6025 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

No RSVP required, just come on by!

**Where:**

Porsche Grand Rapids  
6025 28th Street SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

**When:**

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
9:00am to around 11:00am  
Hope to see you there!



## SPORTING CLAYS

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR

Join us for our 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot off at the Blendon Pines Gun Club.



Up for a little "golf with a gun"? Then plan to come out for this event. For those unfamiliar with Sporting Clays it is a form of clay pigeon shooting on a course that consists of shooting stations "holes" in natural terrain. Unlike traditional skeet shooting sporting clays simulates the unpredictability of live-quarry shooting, offering a great variety of trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations, and distances. Trust is when we say -- No skill or previous shooting experience is required to participate and have fun.

This event is outside along a groomed trail - Rain or shine. As part of the trail is in the wood every in the rain there is a lot of protection from the weather. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Eye and ear protection is REQUIRED. Regular glasses/sunglasses are adequate and they do have some protective eye-wear available, but if it's busy they may run out. They also sell earplugs.

Guns are available to rent for \$10.00 (2 people can share 1 gun) and of course ammunition is available for sale. The cash cost (slightly higher for credit card use) will be 23.00, not including gun (-10.00) /ammunition (-6.95/box) - 2 boxes required. Of course you are welcome to bring your own shotgun.

For those members that want to accompany another participant, but are not interested in shooting or watching, there is an indoor area available to hang out. Additionally, if you would like to participate, but are unsure about the walking there are golf carts available if needed.

You are also welcome to join us to spectate and wander through the wood with us!

More to come via web and e-blast regarding possible lunch to follow.

**When:** Saturday, May 20th @ 10:30am

**Where:** Blendon Pines Gun Club

8455 88th Ave. Zeeland, MI 49464

**RSVP:** Tuesday May 16th

Jerry Arens / Amber Door

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Following the event, since we are after all a car club, we will be taking a short drive for lunch at **Uccello's** 4787 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534, just west of Wilson Ave, to brag about our shooting prowess. You are welcome to just join us there afterwards if you want to grab some lunch with the group (estimated time 1:45-2pm). If you are joining us for just lunch please let us know by 12:00 on Saturday so we can give a head count.

# PORSCHE HARBOR SPRINGS DRIVE

HOST: PETER STOTT

Join us for a Porsche Spring Road Rally to  
David Hinz's Shop in Harbor Springs!

## The Game Plan:

Target date is Wednesday May 24th...but if it looks like rain we'll re-target for Friday May 26th (just pencil in both dates!)

- A) Depart Traverse City @ 8:45am...if that is inconvenient for you then just meet us at Dave Hinz's shop (see below)
- B) Rendezvous 11:00am @ Dave Hinz's shop in Harbor Springs...see below for fascinating details on what we'll see when we tour his shop
- C) Drive the "Tunnel of Trees" to Legs Inn
- D) Lunch at Legs Inn (<http://legsinn.com/>)
- E) Head for home!

A note from Dave telling us what he has been up to:  
"I have attached a link to the video my son did with the 1930's 2/3rds scale Alfa Romeo race car which was my first project.

[https://vimeo.com/205696997?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm\\_campaign=28749](https://vimeo.com/205696997?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=28749)

I figured if I finished this project I could move up a notch and recreate a full size 1936 Alfa Romeo Botticella Spider which is what I am working on now. I purchased a 1955 XK 140 Jaguar and am using that for the chassis and engine, which are surprisingly very close to the real Alfa specs. All the other components I am making in the shop including the fabrication of the body out of aluminum. You see a peek of it at the end of the video but I am a lot further along now."

## For more information on the drive contact:

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630-842-8504

**RSVP Requested by May 19**

# UP NORTH DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: GREG AND KARLENE CURRIE

Calling all drivers for a Traverse City event! Saturday, June 24th, meet at Clinch Park Marina (directly across US-31 from the downtown district). We will gather at the east end parking area, near the boat ramp. After a brief "Hello" & bathroom break...we will be off & roaring. A twisty-turney drive will lead us to downtown Leland for lunch. The Historic Riverside Inn is opening its doors early to welcome just our group for dining. There will be several delicious selections available with self-pay & cash bar. After lunch, you will be on your own to discover the area's sights - including "Fish Town", Sleeping Bear Dunes, shopping, wineries & Brew Pubs.



The Riverside Inn is a restored 114-year old B & B with beautiful waterfront views. Their goal is innovative menus elevated through high quality ingredients from local purveyors.

**When:** Saturday, June 24th @ 11:00am

**Where:** Clinch Park Marina (muster location)  
161 E Grandview Pkwy  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**Destination:** Riverside Inn  
302 E River St  
Leland, MI 49654

**RSVP:** Monday, June 19 to assure your spot at the table!  
[Karlene@CurriesFurniture.com](mailto:Karlene@CurriesFurniture.com)

Hope to see you in Traverse City!



# EURO AUTOWERKS TECH SESSION

BY: TIM THATCHER

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to attend our WMR-PCA Open House, on June 10th. We'll begin the day at 10:00 AM with coffee and donuts and then at 10:30 we'll begin our tech session, followed by a great lunch off the grill around noon. I've been working on what I believe will be a very interesting tech session that I'm sure you will enjoy, so please mark your calendar and come on out. Looking forward to seeing! -Tim



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## IN REVIEW: STROGANOFF COOK OFF

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BY: GABI BLACKLIDGE

LADLEING! You may think it's a typo and should read yodeling ... this is a German car club after all ... but no, we mean ladle-ing. The tradition of the Prized Ladles carries on! The April Cook Off has often been the start of the driving season and this year was no exception. A tad bit cool, but sunny and dry and a welcome change from the cold, wet weather we have had this spring. Crock Pots in hand, thirty-two Stroganoff taste testers toddled (not yodeled) to Rockford. Over the years, the cooks in the club have found the assortment of specialties to be an interesting challenge, much to the delight of attending gourmands.

The three judges were Ty Roelands, Kirk Briggs and Ted Vogt. They awarded the Judge's Choice Ladle to Lin Portoluri. The People's Choice Ladle was presented to Mike Karluk. This year, there was even a Consolation Prize of kitchen washcloths and scrubby, handmade by Chris, and given to Frank and Raeni Conner.

The food category for 2018 has not been selected, so use your noodles (still not yodels) and send your suggestions to Social Chair Lynne Olenyk at lynniemarie@charter.net. We are also open to host locations. All you may need are a couple extra electrical outlet strips to plug in the slow cookers. Oh, and to order the coveted engraved ladles!



What lovely cars for toddling to Rockford



Yummy Stroganoff...



The Coveted Ladles  
(...well at least the handles)



Judge's Choice Winner  
Lin Portoluri with husband Randy (R)  
and Co-Host Ted Blacklidge (L)



People's Choice Winner  
Mike Karluk with wife Barb



Consolation Prize Winners  
Frank and Raeni Conner

# 2017 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>MAY</b>	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	05-06	New Member Gathering	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids & WMR PCA Club
	05-13	Detailing Seminar	Great Lakes Chemical, Grand Rapids, MI	Great Lakes Chemical
	05-20	Sporting Clays/ Trap Shooting	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
	05-20	IROC I Practice Session - Motor-Stadt Region	Spartan Speedway (Mason, Michigan)	Motor-Stadt Region
	05-24	Porsche Spring Drive	Traverse City, MI	Peter Stott
	05-25 to 05-28	Fiesta New Mexico Roadrunner Region 50th Anniversary	Hilton Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM	Non-WMR PCA Event



### GREAT LAKES CHEMICAL AUTO DETAILING SEMINAR

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<b>JUN</b>	06-02 to 06-04	Belle Isle Grand Prix	Detroit, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	06-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	06-10	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher & Euro Autowerks
	06-24	Up North Dinner Drive	Traverse City, MI	Greg & Karlene Currie
	06-24	IROC I - Motor-Stadt Region	Spartan Speedway (Mason, Michigan)	Motor-Stadt Region
<b>JUL</b>	07-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	07-08	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-09 to 07-15	2017 Porsche Parade	Spokane, WA	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Ron Gordon
	07-19	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rob Clark, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth
	07-21 to 07-23	Porsches 2 Ohio	Grandville, OH	Mid-Ohio Region-Porsche Club of America (MORPCA)
	07-22	Parade Orphans Pool Party	The Ackerman's Abode, Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
	07-23	IROC II - Michiana Region	Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, (South Bend, Indiana)	Michiana Region
	07-29	Stickmann Baekeri Event	Middleville, MI	Herb Welz





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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE


	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>AUG</b>	08-05	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMC PCA Club
	08-12	German Auto Service Open House	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMC PCA Event Ben Zeeuw
	08-12	August Dinner Drive	Fremont, MI	Scott Kraai
	08-20	IROC III - WMC PCA Autocross	US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI	Michael Betz
<b>SEP</b>	09-09 to 09-10	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMC PCA Club
	TBD	September Lunch Drive	TBD	TBD
<b>OCT</b>	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMC PCA Club
	10-08	Tire Rack Street Survival Training	Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, MI	Don Sazama & WMC PCA/BMW CCA
	10-21	Fall Color Tour	TBD	John & Marshall Walters
<b>NOV</b>	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMC PCA Club
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy and Lin Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMC PCA Club



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- Ted and Gabriele Blacklidge

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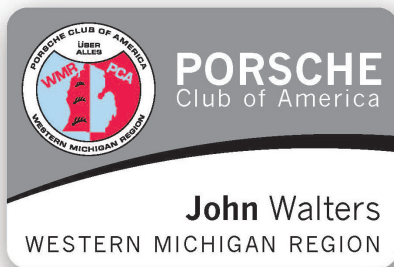


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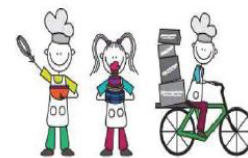
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## AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES – PART THREE:

### Recommended Battery Maintenance

The primary cause of battery failure is the breakdown of the plates (cells) and debris buildup inside the battery case. This breakdown is normal and occurs no matter what you do to stop it.

- Corrosion of the plates will hinder the cells ability to take a recharge as well as deliver the proper amount of power (voltage).
- Debris buildup can get so bad that it will short circuit a cell.
- The more times a wet cell (or any battery) is discharged and recharged, the faster it will breakdown/deteriorate.
- A deep or complete discharge speeds up deterioration, causing sulfating and corrosion breakdown of the cells.
- Automotive batteries that are in a very low state of charge need to be recharged slowly to prevent damage since they are not designed for a deep or complete discharge.
- Electrolyte levels must cover the cells of batteries that are not maintenance free.

Knowing the causes of battery failure, let's take a look at some ways to give your battery the very best care.

- Make sure your charging system is operating properly. Remember, both overcharging and undercharging can damage a battery.
- Keep the battery clean and dry. Dirt and moisture on top of a battery will cause a slow discharge.
- See that the terminals and wire clamps are clean and corrosion free.



CORRODED TERMINAL

CLEAN TERMINAL

- Keep a battery tender or trickle charger connected to your battery if it is going to be out of use for an extended period of time. It's better to charge it for a short time when it's down slightly than to have to totally recharge it from a deep discharge.



- Purchase a quality battery, trickle charger or battery tender.
- Remember, a battery that is disconnected will still slowly lose its charge. This is normal, so even disconnected batteries need to be kept in a good state of charge.
- Extreme temperatures (both hot and cold) are also very hard on batteries, so avoid storage areas such as snow banks or on top of your furnace.



COLD STORAGE

With so much more memory and power add-ons in today's vehicles, you may want to just use a battery tender. This will prevent the necessity of having to reset clocks, radios and T.P.S. systems to name a few. Also, most ECUs learn your driving habits and respond by resetting or adjusting the idle parameters and other systems of your vehicle. The loss of battery power can cause the loss of these learned memory settings.

**FUN FACT:** The necessity of a 12 volt battery came about due to the need for more power to start higher compression engines and to keep up with the electrical demands of additional accessories and options.

That completes our discussion of batteries and provides you with a complete picture of the importance of maintaining your vehicle's battery.

Again this year, we are working hard to plan a great open house for club members. See page 7 for more details.

See you there!

-Tim



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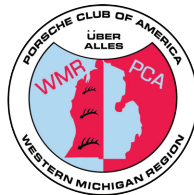
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IROC I - Motor-Stadt Region - Saturday, June 24, 2017 - Spartan Speedway (Mason, Michigan)  
The track is ten minutes south of Lansing, or one mile north of the US-127 and Mason interchange on Cedar Street. Motor-Stadt does a great job of converting an oval track into a fun autocross course by creative use of the crossover pavement. Get driving directions here. Track fee is \$30.00.

**Note:** On May 20, there will be a practice session for the IROC series at Spartan Speedway. For more information on the practice session, check the Motor-Stadt Region website (<http://mst.pca.org/events/>)



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BY L. SPROSS, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

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Steering wheel of a 1955 356 pre-A

**May Question:** Who was the first President of the Porsche Club of America and when and where was the first official meeting.

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