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Tailpipe: Trivia Contest!



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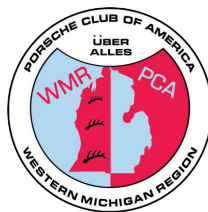
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On the cover:
New Member Gathering at
Porsche Grand Rapids
Photo by Lina Spross

SUMMER OF FUN

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

The sound of gunfire replaced the growls and burbling exhaust notes of Porsches for about two hours yesterday when thirty-two WMR members gathered for a morning of sporting clays at Blendon Pines Gun Club and even managed to beat the rain. Mark Rohde and Emily Quellet were the class of the field scoring 37 and 23 of 50 pigeons, respectively. Nice shootin', pardners! Family obligations got in the way of my attending the May 6 new members cars and coffee, but a sixty-strong contingent of old and new members made appearances and even recruited a new member for the club. Thank you, Porsche Grand Rapids for being such wonderful hosts! A sizeable crowd attended the car-detailing seminar at Uber-sponsor Great Lakes Chemicals on May 13, but alas, I was not among the loyal because of a work meeting. I think my Cayman is even sorrier than I about that, as I really don't keep it in the Concours condition that so many others of our membership keep their Porsches.

June and July have some great WMR events beginning with Tim Thatcher's Tech Session at Euro Autowerks in Rockford on Saturday, June 10. Greg and Karlene Currie's Up North Drive begins in Traverse City on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m. Saturday July 8 will find lots of good things afoot at the Gilmore Car Museum's Deutsche Marques event in Hickory Corners and Rob Clark, Rick Riley, and Kurt Wirth are hosting their annual Wednesday Night Cruise-In back to the Gilmore on July 19th. On the subject of the Gilmore Car Museum, WMR and Porsche are always well represented at the Red Barn Spectacular, which falls on Saturday August 8 this year. If you've never been to the Gilmore, please attend one or all of these events and you'll know why it figures so prominently on the WMR calendar of events. Not to be forgotten, Porsche Parade runs from July 9 through the 15th in Spokane, Washington.

Some Porsche notes from the press: Racer Andy Pilgrim wrote in the May 2017 edition of "Automobile": "The Porsche 718 Cayman S ignites the passion for driving like few cars can do. Hell, it ignites passion, period. It is a true driver's car and a true All-Star." The June 2017 "MotorSport" had a delightful account of Stefan Belloc's lap record during qualifying for the 1983 Nurburgring 1000 Kms with a time of 6 minutes, 11.13 seconds in a Porsche 956 that has never been equaled or bettered.

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 · Phone: (616) 710-0122



EURO AUTOWERKS TECH SESSION

HOST: TIM THATCHER, EURO AUTOWERKS

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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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.

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



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.

RSVP: Monday, June 19 to assure your spot at the table!
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Hope to see you in Traverse City!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

HOSTS: ROB CLARK, RICK RILEY, KURT WIRTH



Have you been to the Gilmore Car Museum? It is one of the coolest car museums around and it is right in our own backyards in Hickory Corners Michigan!

If you have not been, here is your chance. Rob Clark, Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth will be hosting a gathering on Wednesday, July 19th from 1:00pm on. Additionally every Wednesday evening during the summer the museum sponsors a "Cruse-In". They start at 5:00 and it is free of charge. The event is open to all comers. You will see all kinds of cars, trucks, motorcycles and anything else on four wheels. On a good evening they may have as many as 300 cars.

There is food and beer! In addition to the normal burgers and hot dogs, the Blue Moon Diner will be serving Sandwiches, home made pie (warmed W ice cream on top) floats, malts and ice cream treats.



The exhibits are only open until 5:00pm, so if you plan to tour the exhibits take the afternoon off as there is a lot to see!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon and evening in Automobile heaven.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 1:00 pm Start

WHERE: Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners MI 49060

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HOSTS: CHRIS & CRAIG ACKERMAN, TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE



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Dinner is served at 6:00pm. Burgers, brats and breasts provided. Please bring a dish to pass for casual dining. Water and pop provided.

WHEN: Saturday, July 22, 2017, Open House 3:00 to ?

WHERE: 10085 Edgerton NE, Rockford, 49341

RSVP BY JULY 19:

Craig Ackerman pcaackerman@aol.com, (616) 866-1905

Note: to lessen congestion, on street parking is suggested.

STICKMANN BÄEKEREI EVENT

HOST: HERB WELZ

WMR PCA member and Stickmann Bäekerei Old World Bakery and Bistro Owner Herb Welz has put together a casual event for our enjoyment.

There will be authentic German breads, baked good, and sausage. In addition to the mouth watering sweet and savory items there will be local wine from the Glass Creek Winery in Hastings and on tap beer from New Holland Brewery.

We are invited to join Herb on Saturday, July 29 at 3 PM. Porsche Only parking is available in front of the Bakery on the grass, as well as in front of the buildings to the east of the bakery (to the right as you face the entrance).

There is limited parking behind the bakery.

WHEN: Saturday,
July 29, 2017,
Starting at 3:00

WHERE: Stickmann
Bäekerei Old World
Bakery & Bistro
11332 W. M-179 HWY
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IN REVIEW: WMR NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Photos: Courtesy of Wolfgang Bubeck, Craig Paull & Lina Spross

BY: LINA SPROSS

Welcome New Members!

A strong contingent of sixty+ old and new members made appearances at the new member cars & coffee gathering hosted by

Porsche Grand Rapids and WMR PCA.



The Welcoming Committee



A lovely day for coffee, Porsches, and making new friends

IN REVIEW: GREAT LAKES DETAILING

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door

BY: AMBER DOOR



Live demo by Terry Heckman

Great Lakes Chemical hosted WMR for a detailing seminar focused on the thing that covers the majority of our vehicles - Paint. The subjects covered (with demonstrations) by Terry Heckman included buffers, paint clay, towels and cleaner products. Terry and his staff were a wealth of knowledge for the attendees.

Thank you Terry and the staff of Great Lakes Chemical for a very informative and instructional morning. All who attended will put the great door prizes to good use on their Porsches!



Door prizes courtesy of Great Lakes Chemical

IN REVIEW: SPORTING CLAYS

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door

BY: AMBER DOOR

Despite a forecast of rain for the Sporting Clays event at Blendon Pines Gun Club, the weather held off during our "hike" through the course. This year, we had our largest group with 28 shooters and 33 people attending. Congratulations to our top shooters this year, Mark Rohde for the men and Emily Quellet for the women. We hope you can join us next year to "kill" a few sporting clays - Or just cheer the others on in their quest for top shooter.



Mark Rohde on his way to Top Male Shooter



Perfect ride for an afternoon of Sporting Clays



Emily Quellet monitoring the score on her way to Top Female Shooter

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUN	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
JUL	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	Pool & Patio, Fun & Games Picnic	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
AUG	08-05	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-12	German Auto Service Open House	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event Ben Zeeuw
	08-12	August Dinner Drive	Fremont, MI	Scott Kraai
	08-20	IROC III - WMR PCA Autocross	US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI	Michael Betz
SEP	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	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	September Lunch Drive	TBD	TBD
OCT	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-08	Tire Rack Street Survival Training	Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, MI	Don Sazama & WMR PCA/BMW CCA
	10-21	Fall Color Tour	TBD	John & Marshall Walters

ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy and Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-02	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club



DEUTSCHE MARQUES

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Although a non-PCA event, DuetscheMarques is well attended and supported by WMR PCA members. In just five years, DeutscheMarques has emerged as the largest all-German car show in the Midwest. This year's gathering



Wide array of German Cars at the 2015 DeutschMarques

of German cars and enthusiasts is again at the Gilmore Car Museum

"From Day One it's been a labor of love for me," said show founder Pete Hamlett.

DeutscheMarques fills the museum's beautiful campus with hundreds of cherished German cars. "The range of different kinds of vehicles is really remarkable," said Michael Betz, the volunteer DeutscheMarques Facebook page editor and a Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America member. "We've seen everything from VW Vanagons to Porsche race cars to museum-quality restorations."



Michael Betz (R) with DeutscheMarques founder Pete Hamlett

WHERE: Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners MI 49060

WHEN: Saturday July 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT

COST: \$11 per person (discounted museum entry)

For More information: <http://www.deutschemarquesag.com> -or- <https://www.facebook.com/DeutscheMarquesAG>

FULL CIRCLE

BY: RICK RILEY

This is the tail of Fritz, a 1962 Smyrna Green 356 B Super. This car was the prize possession of Peter Dykema for 7 years. Pete decide to sell it about 3 years ago, but alas I was second in line to buy the car. The first gentleman in line was John Green and he jumped at the chance. Fritz was moved to Ocala, FL where it did well in local car shows. John called me last fall and was ready to sell the car as it was too hot in Florida most of the time to have much driving fun.

Fast forward to 2017. Pete did not know I purchased the car and I wanted to surprise him. So on May 17th at the Gilmore Cruise-In, Rob Clark and I did just that.

I e-mailed Pete and asked if he was going to be there that evening, he said that he and Dorothy (Mrs. Pete) would be in attendance. We parked Fritz in the middle of the main display area and waited.

Pete and Dorothy arrived and after looking at a few cars, Pete locked on to this shiny Smyrna Green Porsche 356! Surprise! We spent the rest of the evening talking about the car's history and his time with it. Pete was over joyed and was going to call the original owner and let him know the car had returned.

They say it's not just the cars, it's the people, and that Wed evening it was both. What a wonderful night. Fritz has come full circle and is now back home in Michigan.


See you.....down the road!



Rick Riley (center) swapping Fritz memories with former owner Pete (L)



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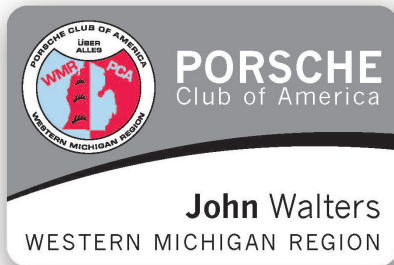


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WHALE TAILS 996, 997 TURBOS

The hydraulically activated rear spoiler system is showing its age. As time goes on, the seals in these units start to fail due in part to the heat from the engine. Over time, these seals harden and start to seep fluid, causing sagging tails and dash lights coming on. Eventually they will fail completely.

Dealer replacement of the system usually runs around \$2,500.00 but I've seen it as high as \$4,000.00. The cost to rebuild one of these units, if you can find someone to do it, will run between \$800.00 to \$1,000.00, plus installation.

You can replace just a single ram if it's leaking but it's only time before the other ram or the pump and valve assembly fails. All of these units have seals that fail over time.



Stock unit highlighting potential leak points

Most competent rebuilders will tell you that you need to rebuild the valve and pump assembly as well as the rams themselves.

In the past I have been using Cabriolet hydraulics for convertible top hydraulics as well as the rear wing hydraulics. Top hydraulics have never been a problem, but getting the wing done requires sending the complete unit in for repair. The man who does the rebuild takes them home to make the repair; it's really not a service they offer at the shop. This gentleman has repaired quite a few units for us and they are still working. As long as he repairs the complete unit, he will stand behind his work. Turn-around time for this service is 3-5 weeks.

Another option that I'm excited about is an electric rear wing kit.

Recently, when the wing unit failed on one of our customer cars, we decided to try the electric option. We went with the stock 2" lift option to maintain the factory spec as close as possible. The installation takes about 2-3 hours, depending on

if you have any clearance problems to deal with, such as a cold air intake box, larger inner cooler hoses or if you are installing an extended lift kit. The install down height is just slightly up from the stock position.



New electric ram kit



Work in progress, old rams removed



New rams installed



Installed "UP" position

The system is a clean and neat installation and the overall operation is the same as before, up at 75 and down at 35MPH.

Happy Motoring!

-Tim

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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. Track fee is \$30.00.



IROC II - Michiana Region - Sunday, July 23, 2017 - The Tire Rack (South Bend, IN)
The track is located at the Tire Rack facility in South Bend, IN. The track has a large oval and center circle. All levels of experience welcome (novices included). Track fee is \$30.00.

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