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November Planning Meeting

November Dinner Drive -
Peppino's

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On the cover:
Fall Color Tour
 Photo by Amber Door

A GREENER WORLD

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

WMR hosted it's third annual Tire Rack Teen Street Survival driving clinic on a fabulous "summer" day on Sunday, October 8. Short sleeves and sunscreen were the order of the day as thirteen students had an enjoyable educational experience learning to handle their cars under simulated emergency conditions. The students left with much more insight into the limits of their cars and confidence in their abilities to control them. Many thanks to Don Sazama who continues to be the prime mover of organizing the event, Frank Connor for handling classroom instruction, Terry Schieble for his work as Head Driving Instructor, Amber Door for handling registration, Colin Carpenter and minions for setting up the driving courses, the intrepid driving instructors, and everyone else who helped with the setup and cleanup. Last but not least, thanks to Marshall and John Walters for bringing the donuts! Terry Schieble was interviewed at length by a crew from WOOD TV 8 which hopefully raised further awareness of the event which is growing in enrollment with each passing year.

I couldn't attend the Fall Color Tour on October 21, but it was another perfect day for the event. I am looking forward to Lin and Randy Portoluri's dinner event at Peppino's in Allendale on Saturday, November 11th. Barb and I shall be hosting the Holiday Appetizer Party at our home overlooking Lake Michigan on Saturday, December 2nd. I've got a number of different champagnes for the event that are just begging to be sampled and there will be another large chocolate Santa Claus to be raffled off for our charity.

I'm interested in your impressions of the new newsletter cover. There was discussion initially as to whether "Porsche Club of America" or "West Michigan Region" should be above the "Uber Alles." The rationale for PCA being first was that PCA is the umbrella organization and therefore merits top billing, though there was merit to emphasizing the West Michigan Region. Please email me your thoughts at mbkmd9198@charter.net and let the will of the people be fulfilled. No votes for succession, please!

Porsche is moving ahead rapidly on the development of their electric vehicle programs. Hybrid Panameras and Cayennes are here and the Mission E and electric 911 will likely be joining us in the not too distant future. It kind of casts new light upon debates about the virtues of air-cooled versus water-cooled, manual versus PDK, and naturally-aspirated versus turbocharged, doesn't it?



Mission E will be Porsche's first all-electric vehicle and it is planned to enter production in 2019

Looking forward to seeing 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



NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: RANDY AND LIN PORTOLURI

Peppino's isn't just pizza! Discover that on November 11, at 5:00 pm. We were unable to reserve the Main Street Pub due to a GVSU home football game. We believe this alternative will be to everyone's liking. It is west of the Main Street Pub on M45.

The menu will be a buffet called a "Taste of Italy". It features chicken parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, lasagna, breadsticks tossed in garlic butter and Romano cheese, plus salad. \$16.99 per person (drinks not included). The managers have us in a place they call "The Loft".

Join us for good food, good fun, and good friends. Weather permitting drive your baby's!



WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ 5:00pm

WHERE: Peppino's Sports Grille
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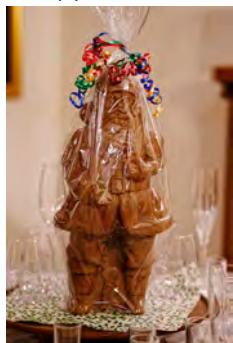
RSVP By November 6: Randy and Lin Portoluri at
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or 616-842-9266



DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: MIKE KARLUK AND BARB DOSS-KARLUK

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline at Mike and Barb's home. Please come celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Mike



has several bottles of champagne that "need" testing and there will be another raffle for a gigantic (5 lb) chocolate Santa Claus to raise funds for our charity.



No need to RSVP! Just show up and enjoy!

Directions from Grand Rapids:

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 continues straight off of Sheldon Dunes Drive, and there are two additional spaces in the base of the old driveway around the corner.

When: Saturday, December 2, 2017, 4 PM

Where: Barb and Mike's Home
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West Olive, MI, 49460
616-844-0378 (home line if you get lost)

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IN REVIEW: TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

BY: DONALD SAZAMA

PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR



THANK YOU to all the volunteers at Tire Rack Street Survival. WMR held its third Teen Street Survival driver training program on Sunday,

October 8. Attendance is continuing to grow! We had thirteen eager and smiling students who finished the day with more driving knowledge than they arrived with. We could not do this without your help.

We had a perfect day for the school.

Thanks to Mike Klint of 5/3 Ballpark for being a great host again this year.



Thank you again volunteers: Terry Schieble-Chief driving coach, Mike Karluk, Ty Roelands, Ted Blackledge-Corn, Craig Ackerman-Corn, Frank Conner-Classroom instructor, Jerry Arens, Mike Murphy, Jared Baillargeon-Airbag demo, Chris Peet, Lindsay Drame, Michael Betz, Craig Paull, John Walters, Marshal Walters-Food and beverage, Amber Door-Registrar, Andrew Schipper, Colin Carpenter-Course engineer

Class of 2017



IN REVIEW: OCTOBER FALL COLOR TOUR

BY: JOHN AND MARSHALL WALTERS

PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

Not what you would expect for October, but the 21st dawned as a beautiful, sunny, and warm (for October) day. It was a great day, and a great turnout for the 2017 fall color tour. A grand, and also colorful, parade of 33 cars wound their way through Barry County (including a 912 purchased just the day before). Happily, the rain from the prior week resulted in a nice show of color on the trees as well! As in years past, the staff at The Dock did a great job (with over 60 guests they worked extra hard!)



Warm smiles, great food and fun



BOO!





Month of October Events SnapSHOTS

Photos by
Amber Door, Michael Murphy



Learning to Drive



Our Illustrious Leader, Don Sazama



Can we say Blind Spot



Chief Driving Instructor, Terry Schieble, extolling the virtues of the Tire Rack Teen Street Survival training to Wood TV 8



Learning the ropes from Craig Paul, WMR PCA



Student Madi (daughter of Amber Door & Jerry Arens, WMR PCA) learning and having fun with Chris Peet, BMW Club Member

2017 EVENT CALENDAR



WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	Bistro Bella Vita Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Peppino's Sports Grille, 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

AROUND THE ZONE

BY: MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Every year, PCA presents a number of National Awards announced during the week of Parade. These include Enthusiast of the Year, Family of the Year, Region of the Year, and Public Service Awards. The procedure for nominations for these awards is easy;

just create a brief write up (in MS Word) and include 5 photographs and/or newsletter articles. Specific requirements for each of the awards can be found on the PCA website. Then, send the submission via email to Awards@pca.org, prior to the December 31, 2017 deadline. Every region within PCA excels in its own way, and this should be recognized. Please encourage your Region Officers and Board to prepare a submission. This year, Central Indiana Region was recognized with a Public Service Honorable Mention Award for their Cruzionsville event.

This is an important time of year, and I'm reminding you that you can help shape and support your region. Please consider volunteering and taking part in the upcoming planning meetings. Maybe this is the year that you lead a tour, organize an event, or host a party.

Please remember to check your in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- November 5 is Rally Sport Region's Polar Bear Run and lunch at the Common Grill
- ARPCA's Business Meeting is November 8
- November 8 is Michiana Region's Member Meeting at Dandino's Supper Club in Goshen
- Maumee Valley Region's Annual Planning Meeting is November 11
- November 11 is Northern Ohio Region's Annual Meeting at Stoddard
- Join Western Michigan Region Members on November 11 for Dinner in Allendale, MI
- November 13 is Mid-Ohio Region's Board Meeting at the Rusty Bucket
- Motor-Stadt Region's Board Meeting at Spagnuolo's in Okemos is November 14
- November 17 is Southeast Michigan Region's Membership Dinner
- Ohio Valley Region's Holiday Party is November 18 in Blue Ash
- November 18 is Central Indiana Region's Annual Dinner and Election of Officers

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com



Thanks,
Michael

PETER SCHUTZ, CEO WHO TURNED AROUND PORSCHE'S FORTUNES, DIES AT 87

PHOTO COURTESY OF PORSCHE

BY: NORMAN MAYERSOHN

Monday, October 30, 2017



Peter Schutz, the Berlin-born, American-raised chief executive of Porsche A.G. from 1981 to 1987 credited with saving the foundational 911 model from extinction, died on October 29, 2017.

In preventing the end of production for the rear-engine 911 – the plan had been to replace that long-running car with newer

front-engine 944 and 928 designs – Mr. Schutz may well have saved the entire company. Yet his choice to defy the decision of the Porsche board in just his third week on the job was not a case of a heroic persuasion resulting from an impassioned plea. It was accomplished in a straightforward directive to his engineers.

Writing in Road & Track magazine in 2013, [Mr. Schutz described](#) the encounter this way:

"I remember the day quite well: I went down to the office of our lead engineer, Professor Helmuth Bott, to discuss plans for our upcoming model. I noticed a chart hanging on his wall that depicted the ongoing development trends of our top three lines: 911, 928, and 944. With the latter options, the graph showed a steady rise in production for years to come. But for the 911, the line stopped in 1981.

I grabbed a marker off Professor Bott's desk and extended the 911 line across the page, onto the wall, and out the door. When I came back, Bott stood there, grinning. 'Do we understand each other?' I asked. And with a nod, we did."

The 911, now in its 55th year of production, remains the company's signature model, selling alongside a proliferation of sport utility vehicles and sedans that carry the Porsche crest.

Peter Schutz was born in Berlin in 1930. His family moved to the United States when he was 11 to escape the persecution of Jews in Germany. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and went on to hold positions at Caterpillar and Cummins. In 1978 he returned to Germany to lead the Deutz Engine division of Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz A.G. In 1980, as Porsche struggled with profitability and sales declines, Mr. Schutz was invited by Ferry Porsche to interview for the chief executive job. Under his leadership, the company returned to competition at the 24 Hours of Le Mans – successfully – and developed the groundbreaking 959 supercar. The company's global sales grew to 53,000 in 1986, nearly doubling the 28,000 annual sales when he began.



Porsche 959

That he was American was seen as a key factor in Mr. Schutz's hiring. At the time, he cited the United States as an obvious market for Porsche, describing the cars in a *New York Times* article as "a technological artwork that is probably more entertainment than transportation."

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Editor's Note: Mr. Peter Schutz's daughter, Lori, was formerly a member of WMR, and we still see her periodically at events. We extend our sympathy to Lori and her family on their loss.



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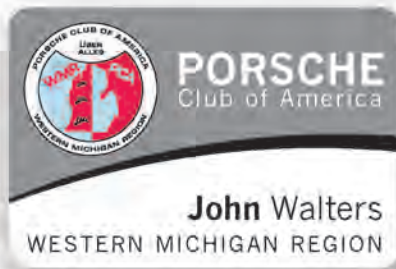


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PORSCHE PROJECTS: AVOIDING THE WINTER BLUES

Before we get into some project ideas, let's take a moment to review the steps that should be taken when storing your car for the winter.

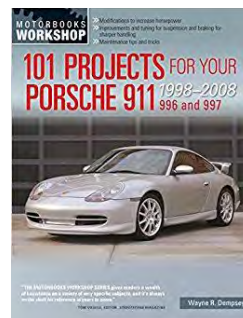
Pre-Storage Inspection and Prep Checklist:

- Wash & Wax
- Clean Windows
- Interior Cleanup
- Fuel Stabilizer
- Treat Seats & Dash
- Tire Prep & Clean (extra air or on rollers)
- Engine Prep (best to store with fresh engine oil and filter)
- Varmint Protection (cedar balls, dryer sheets or both)

With your car properly prepared for storage, taking on a winter project is a great way to spend time preparing your car for the coming driving season. It's your opportunity to complete one or more of the modifications that you think about in the summer but hesitate, because you don't want to miss any driving time. Let's take a look at a few ideas.

Planning Upgrades and Cool Modifications:

- Exhaust Upgrades - Install free flow catalytic converters and mufflers
- Cold Air Intakes
- ECU Upgrades
- Deep Sump Oil Pans (for track and autocross cars)



Can't think of a project? Consider purchasing one of Wayne Dempsey's books such as "101 Projects for Your Porsche". He has separate books for 1969 - 1989, 996 - 997 and 986 - 987. There are good books written by other authors as well that I'm sure you would enjoy.

In addition to resources, make sure you have the proper tools to do the job right. Speaking of tools, remember to add tools to your Christmas list; you can never have too many tools!



...and the Porsche isn't too shabby either!

Planning your winter projects early allows you enough time to gather all the parts and tools you will need in addition to allowing enough time to research and become familiar with the task. While planning your winter project, make note of those spring projects and maintenance items that you would like to have your favorite shop to perform.

In closing, when picking a "Do It Yourself" project, make sure you are comfortable with it. Research how it is accomplished properly and most efficiently. There are many resources available to help you be successful, and becoming familiar with them before you begin can save you time and money.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or with project ideas you may want completed in the spring. It's also important to prepare your daily driver for use winter driving. We offer a comprehensive winter inspection and prep which we invite you to take advantage of.

-Tim



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Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

1 year (2016) Alfred Dubuisson
15 years (2002) Dennis & Sally Holfca
20 years (1997) Fred & Judy Holt
30 years (1987) Timothy Rourke

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

Seth DeBriere, Portage, '17 Macan Turbo
Doug Litke, Portage, '08 911
Tim Penny, Grand Rapids, '16 Cayman

Olin Joynton, Ludington, '03 Boxster
(Transfer from Motor-Stadt Region)

THE TAILPIPE

BY L. SPROSS, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

Trivia Contest!

October Answer: Mission of Porsche Club is to heighten the Porsche owning and driving experiences, which we accomplish by meeting a number of objectives (due to space constraints, the objectives could not be listed here. Go to <https://www.pca.org/about-us> for the entire listing).

November Question: What was the name and date of publication of the inaugural Western Michigan newsletter.

Email your responses to uberwmr@gmail.com

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