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Western Michigan Region

### Upcoming Events:

- December Appetizer Party
- January Dinner Drive

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In Review: November Dinner Drive

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On the cover:  
Happy Holidays!

# JOY AND GRATITUDE

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

I hope you all had a convivial and fulfilling Thanksgiving with your families and friends. Barb and I have many blessings in our personal lives for which we are thankful, including being members of the West Michigan Region of PCA. We were without expectations when I bought my 2003 C4S in early 2009 and attended our first club function, as we were never active members of any car club. I feared it would be so focused on the cars that Barb would soon become a “Porsche widow” in addition to a regrettably infrequent golf widow. That fear was quickly dispelled as we met so many wonderful people of wide-ranging backgrounds and interests. WMR events quickly became eagerly anticipated and regrettably missed.

As President for the past four years and a fifth year upcoming, I am very thankful for the Board Members and volunteers that do so much to keep our region and events running smoothly. I’m thankful that Vice President Jim Chiavaras will assume the President’s mantel in the future. Amber Door’s scrupulous work as Treasurer leaves us in no fear of IRS auditing. Brenda-Hildon Kaempf continues to make the drive from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids every month to record the actions at the Board meeting. Lina Spross has done a fantastic job editing “PCA Über Alles” and coordinating with Advertising Co-Chairs, Ted Blacklidge and John Walters. Craig Paull has put in long hours transforming our website. I appreciate Joyce Lo’s work as our Social Media Chair, particularly given that I’m a major Luddite. Lynne Olenyk has done an outstanding job coordinating social events with Craig, Joyce, and Insurance Coordinator, Kurt Wirth. Terry Schieble, Ted Blacklidge, and Eric Spross have continued to do a wonderful job seeing that our Grattan HPDE weekend runs safely and smoothly. Terry, Frank Connor, and Don Sazama also see that our Tire Rack Street Survival students have an invaluable experience. Michael Betz has rejuvenated our IROC meeting at US131 Raceway Park. Gerry Arens keeps track of our membership roster and Lin Portoluri oversees our charitable contributions of which we can be proud. Marshall Walters’ enthusiasm and participation continues to be inspirational. Thanks to all the event sponsors, hosts, and volunteers that space prohibits me from naming and applauding. I’m also thankful for the work Michael Soriano has done as Zone 4 rep over the past few years in organizing the annual Zone Presidents’ Meeting in March and in organizing a zone party at Parade. I wish him the best as he moves on to work at the National level.

We can look forward to a familiar and exciting calendar of events for 2018. I wish you and your family good health, happiness, and tranquility over the holidays and in the New Year!

-Mike

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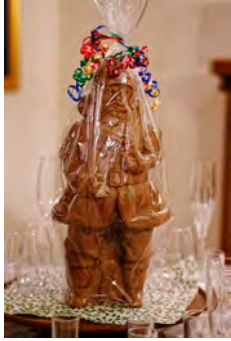
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# DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

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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# JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RICK RILEY

The Christmas Tree is down, the Mistletoe is gone. Time to have dinner/drinks with your WMR Porsche friends. Once again Charlie's Crab will be the site of our kick off Dinner Drive for 2018! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this low key fun event.

Hope you see you all there!

-Rick



**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
6:00pm cocktails, 7:00pm dinner



**WHERE:** Charley's Crab  
63 Market Avenue, S.W.  
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**RSVP By:** January 11, 2018  
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RSVP for the Charlie's Crab Dinner Drive

# IN REVIEW: NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

BY: RANDY PORTOLURI

PHOTO BY AMBER DOOR

Peppino's Sports Grill in Allendale came through for us this year in a commendable way. The area for our seating, the Italian food and service was great. I believe from what I heard that night they gained a few return patrons. We had 28 people and a few Porsche's in the parking lot which I understand filled up quickly with the GVSU home game.

We also had a special guest among us. Zone 4 representative Michael Soriano and his wife Lisa. Michael told me it got confusing with 3 Peppino's on the same road. We are glad he picked the correct one! Thanks to all who attended. We will see you again next year.

- Randy & Lin Portoluri



Michael Soriano (left) having a lively conversation with Host Randy Portoluri

Editor's Note: For all those GVSU Fans, GVSU had a resounding victory over Tiffin! Final score, GVSU 45, Tiffin 7.



## AROUND THE ZONE

BY: MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season. I have enjoyed another wonderful year as your Zone Rep, and would like to thank all of the region officers and members who helped to make this year in Zone 4 a successful one. I was honored to be invited to and welcomed at so many outstanding events; I only wish that I could have attended even more. I am extremely pleased to see so many regions working together to hold wonderful events, which has helped our zone to become a more cohesive unit, an important goal of mine since becoming Zone Rep.

During an unseasonably warm weekend this autumn, ARPCA held their first Club Race in 14 years at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex. The newly refurbished track is 2.8 miles with 19 turns and 128 feet of elevation change. On Friday night, the region hosted an Oktoberfest event at the track open to everyone. While we all enjoyed the wonderful German food and beer, we were entertained with live music. It was a truly enjoyable weekend. I also recently attended Northern Ohio and Eastern Buckeye Regions' Horsepower and Harness Racing Event. The evening included a car show, followed by a tech quiz, and we ate dinner as we watched the horse races. **I also recently traveled to Allendale, MI to attend Western Michigan Region's November Dinner Drive. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Italian buffet dinner as well as lively conversation at this well attended event.**

Just because many of us have put our cars away for the winter, it doesn't mean that we can't experience the same camaraderie and friendship enjoyed during the driving season. Many regions will be hosting Holiday Parties this month, and I plan to attend as many as I possibly can. What a great way to kick off the holiday season by celebrating with your PCA friends.

As the New Year begins, and the region calendars firm up, 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:

- Western Michigan Region's December Appetizer Party is December 2
- Join Michiana Region on December 3 for the South Bend Historic Holiday Walking Tour
- December 8 is Northern Ohio Region's Holiday Party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- MORPCA's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be at the OSU Faculty Club on December 9
- December 9 is Southeast Michigan Region's Holiday Party at Meadowbrook Country Club
- December 16 is Central Indiana Region's Holiday Gathering and Gift Exchange at Tom Wood Porsche
- ARPCA's Porsche Touring Crew Lunch is December 20 at Pig Iron Public House

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Michael



# Year in Review Events SnapSHOTS

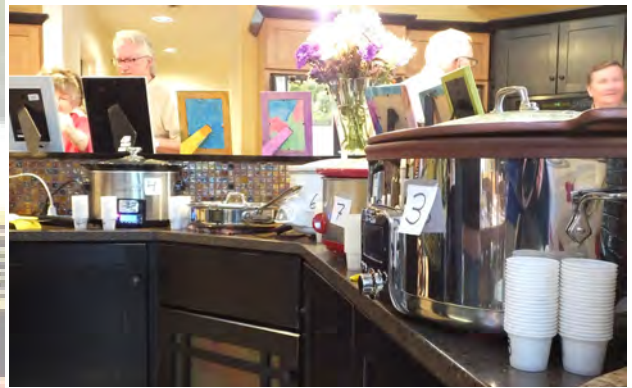
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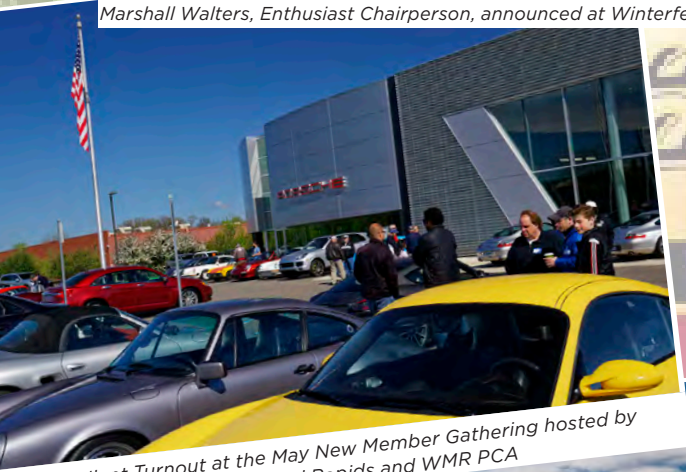
Festive First Event of 2017! Charley's Crab January Dinner Drive



2016 Enthusiast of the Year, Jerry Arens (center) with Mike Karluk, President WMR PCA (right) & Marshall Walters, Enthusiast Chairperson, announced at Winterfest



April highlights the Culinary Prowess of the WMR members at the Annual Cook-Off



Excellent Turnout at the May New Member Gathering hosted by Porsche Grand Rapids and WMR PCA



A walk in the woods at Blendon Pines Gun Club for Sporting Clays in May



Annual Spring Up Event in Traverse City, MI



August Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum



Annual High Performance Driver's Education at Grattan Raceway, Belding, MI

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# 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>JAN</b>	01-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	01-17	January Dinner Event	Charley's Crab, Grand Rapids, MI	Rick Riley
	01-26 to 01-28	Rolex 24 at Daytona	Daytona International Raceway, Daytona Beach, FL	Non-WMR PCA Event
<b>FEB</b>	02-01 to 02-04	Michigan International Auto Show	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	02-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	02-17	WMR Winterfest 2018	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	02-18	Morning-After Brunch	TBD	TBD
<b>MAR</b>	03-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	03-11	Sunday Brunch	Cygnus27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-21	March Dinner Event	Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth
	03-15 to 03-18	65th Annual 12 Hours of Sebring	Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, FL	Non-WMR PCA Event
<b>APR</b>	04-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	04-14	Annual Cook-Off	TBD	TBD
<b>MAY</b>	05-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	05-19	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
<b>JUN</b>	06-01 to 06-03	Belle Isle Grand Prix	Detroit, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	06-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	06-16	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher & Euro Autowerks
	06-23	Spring Up	Traverse City, MI	TBD
	06-27	Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In	Hickory Corners, MI	TBD
<b>JUL</b>	07-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	07-07	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-08 to 07-14	2017 Porsche Parade	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, Missouri	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	07-21	Pool Party!	Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman & Ted & Gabi Blacklidge





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>AUG</b>	08-04	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-24 to 08-25	28 <sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	08-25	TBD	TBD	Wolfgang Hofmann
<b>SEP</b>	09-10	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	09-15 to 09-16	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
<b>OCT</b>	10-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-20	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
<b>NOV</b>	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	12-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	12-11	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss



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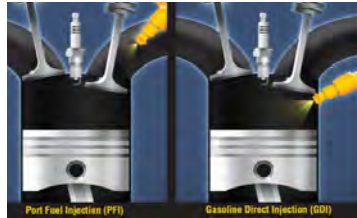


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## DIRECT INJECTION ENGINES AND CARBON DEPOSITS PROVIDING PROPER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Before we begin, let's take a quick look at the differences between a GDI (Gasoline Direct Injection) engine and a conventionally injected engine.

A conventional injection system injects the fuel into the intake system above the intake valves, however, on a GDI engine, the fuel is injected



directly into the chamber below the intake valve. Injecting the fuel directly into the chamber allows for a much more controlled burn which results in more power.

So what's the problem, we all want more power, right?

As a result of injecting the fuel directly into the chamber, we no longer have the cleaning action of fuel spraying on the back side of the intake valve and keeping them clean. Adding a container of injector cleaner once in a while also kept our valves clean, but not with GDI systems.

With our sealed crankcase vented engines, unburned fuel and oil vapors are vented into the intake side of the valves. In addition, since GDI engines operate at higher temperatures than normal, that can cause engine oil evaporation, which like the contaminants noted above, also ends up on the intake side of the valve and often before the throttle body.



With no fuel passing over the intake valve as in the past, the contaminants begin building up on the back of the valve.

We have seen this buildup get so bad that it holds the valves open, resulting in misfires and poor compression. The intake systems themselves can become compromised for flow, and throttle bodies become gummed up with deposits as well.

Other factors that contribute or cause carbon buildup by increasing oil vapors are low tension oil control rings, turbochargers and superchargers just to name a few.

So what do we do now to keep the GDI engines operation at the maximum level of performance while avoiding some of this buildup?



1. Keep your spark plugs fresh. Worn plugs cause poor fuel burn and are hard on injection coils, which results in more unburned fuel that causes more oil vapor which in turn creates more buildup. When changing plugs, remember to change the air filter as well.
2. Use a top level fuel. While my hemi powered truck runs fine on regular gas, my Mini does not; its direct injected engine only runs well on premium.
3. Use a quality fuel conditioner in your gas. Remember that the injectors are still exposed to combustion burn and can get carbon buildup as well as varnish on the inside (due to cheap gas!). This combination causes poor spray patterns which in turn results in more unburned fuel, more vapor and more gunk going into your intake, which in turn causes more deposits on the valves.
4. Use the proper grade of oil when getting an oil change. I have never cared for the 10,000 mile oil change interval. I have seen too many plugged oil filters and oil pump screens. Oils do break down and are pulled past the oil control rings and down the valve seals, all resulting in more unburned fuel, more vapor more carbon, more problems.
5. Software updates. If there are any software updates for your car, have them done. Maximizing engine management helps keep all those unburned vapors under control.
6. Consider having an intake throttle plate clean up performed. While there are some products that can be induced into the intake system to help keep things clean, these cleaners are not going to help if your buildup has become too severe. There's only one solution for that.
7. Thank goodness Porsche uses an oil and vapor separator; make sure they are functioning properly.
8. You may want to consider using an aftermarket oil and air vapor (moisture) system. They can be very beneficial. Here's my example. My 08 turbocharged Mini S was using a quart of oil in 800 miles and had moisture and oil in the intake. We drained the oil and replaced it with 5/40 Motul full synthetic oil. We then blocked off the one vent system that was directly going into the intake just before the throttle plate, the hose was full of gunk! We then installed the vent separator can and the result was amazing. After 2500 miles the oil on the dipstick was still at full level! No more gunk on the throttle body and no check engine light.

If your GDI has too much buildup causing run problems, mis-fires and check engine lights, there is no easy cure. The intake will have to come off to clean the valves and intake system. This is a time consuming operation. Some good prevention beforehand will keep you from this type of repair or at worst, extend the time it takes before the buildup becomes an issue.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Lina and Clyde for always making this article look great. I would also like to wish all of our readers a Very Happy Holidays! Ho ho ho

-Tim

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