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2018



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- January Dinner Drive
- WinterFest 2018
- Morning After Brunch

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- March 11, 2018:** Sunday Brunch at Cygnus27
Hosted by Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
- March 21, 2018:** March Dinner to the Grattan Irish Pub
Hosted by Kurt Wirth

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On the cover:
 Happy New Year From
 The Western Michigan Region Porsche Club

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

I hope you all had pleasant and memorable Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's celebrations. Upcoming events include Rick Riley's dinner at Charley's Crab in downtown Grand Rapids on Wednesday, January 17. Last year's event was a huge success as nearly fifty members enjoyed excellent food and service, so contact Rick and reserve your seats! Winterfest 2018 and the traditional Morning After Brunch will be held on February 17 and 18, respectively, though Brenda Hildon-Kaempf and Amber Door are still working to secure the best venues. Established favorites returning in March include Wolfgang Bubeck's Cygnus Brunch at the Amway Grand on Sunday, March 11 and Kurt Wirth's fete at the Grattan Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 21.

The automotive press is alive with articles on the new 911 GT2 RS, which is the fastest production Porsche of all time and as of the moment holds the production car record at the Nurburgring of 6-minutes, 47.3-seconds, 31 seconds faster than the 2010 iteration of the GT2 RS. The February 2018 issue of "Automobile" noted it was electronically limited to 211 mph: "Without the limiter - something about saving the Michelin Pilot Sport Cub 2 tires - top speed would be about 221 mph." The article also quoted Porsche GT boss Andreas Preuninger as quipping: "We said, OK, let's make [the car] with 666 horsepower, so that's the number of the Beast, and that was how we began on the project almost three years ago." It wound up with 700 bhp and 553 lb-ft of torque and with the refinements of chassis, aerodynamics, and rear-wheel steering, it has drivability unlike its predecessors who were referred to as widow-makers. Andrew Frankel wrote in the January 2018 issue of "MotorSport": "If the looks fail to scare you, the sound will finish the job. Andreas Preuninger...told me



with unconcealed glee that the car sounds the way it does because, 'It does not pretend to be something else, and is allowed to sound like a late 1970s 935 race engine.'" Porsche Grand Rapids' Gareth White told me several months ago six people had deposits down for one. Maybe we'll see, or hear, one on the streets of our town in the future.

Stay warm and drive safely!

-Mike

**ACCESS THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE.
[HTTP://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES](http://wmi.pca.org/about-us/minutes)**



We're looking for event hosts for 2018

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



IN REVIEW: DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

BY: MIKE KARLUK

Forty-six WMR members took advantage of the early December date and cooperative, snow-free weather to attend the Appetizer Party. All enjoyed WMR "camaradity," as my college football coach would say, and excellent food and spirits. The four-pound chocolate



Santa raffle won by Lin Portoluri netted \$400 for the club's food bank charity, Feeding America West Michigan.

Barb and I are grateful to everyone who helped with the clean up and hope you will join us on December 1 for the 2018 edition.



Food, Fun and "Camaradity"

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.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP By: January 11, 2018

Rick.Riley@Grandxray.com or
Call 616-459-0145 and speak with
Kelli; mention you would like to
RSVP for the Charlie's Crab Dinner Drive

WINTERFEST 2018

HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION PORSCHE CLUB

Mark your calendar for the Western Michigan Region Porsche Club's annual gala event - WinterFest 2018! This year we will celebrate at a new venue - Noto's Old World Italian Dining. Noto's is a family-owned business that began in 1982. As a fine-dining restaurant, they feature Old World Italian family recipes presented skillfully in casual elegance. Enjoy fellowship and Porsche enthusiasm over cocktails, followed by dinner and a brief presentation. Formal invitations with RSVP cards will be mailed out in late January, so please watch for it!



WHERE: Noto's Old World Italian Dining
6600 28th Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-493-6686

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018
6:00pm Hors d'Oeuvres / 7:30pm Dinner

MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR

Join us the "Morning After" Winterfest for brunch at



Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest mark your calendar to join us Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriott Grand Rapids.

If you have never been there, Six.One.Six is the signature restaurant within the JW offering highly inspired cuisine in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting. If you have been there, you know you want to go again. The Six.One.Six brunch promises to deliver us a fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor.

Mark your calendars for what will prove to be another great meal with friends. No worries about downtown parking or the weather -- Complimentary valet parking is available at the front door.

WHERE: Six.One.Six in the JW Marriott
235 Louis Campau St. NW
(NW corner of Louis St. and Campau Ave.)

When: Sunday February 18, 2018 at 11:45am

Why: Food, Fun & Porsche friends - what else do we need!?

RSVP By: Thursday, February 15, 2017
Amdoor242@aol.com or 616-340-0971
(text or call - but, please leave your name(s))



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA CLUB RACING SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

BY: KATE TAYLOR (ADAPTED FROM NOV. 15, 2017, [HTTP://CLUBSPORT.PCACLUBRACING.ORG/NEWS/](http://clubsport.pcaclubracing.org/news/))

The PCA Club Racing Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport Trophy East Series' prestigious Spirit of Excellence award was presented to Autometrics' David Baum in 2017. This award honors a driver who embodies the values of Porsche Club of America. Baum - who always had a smile on his face, win or lose - was a class act throughout the season and a consistent, positive force within the series.



Baum and wife Susie after hearing he won the Spirit of Excellence Award

Drivers, teams and families celebrated the winners at the eventful end-of-the-season championship banquet at the Goodyear 500 Club following their final endurance race on October 29 at the Daytona International Speedway. The event included awards, prizes and sports car racing legend Elliott Forbes-Robinson as the featured guest speaker.

For the entire article, go to: <http://clubsport.pcaclubracing.org/2017/11/swearingin-craig-celebrate-2017-championship-wins-in-pca-club-racing-porsche-cayman-gt4-clubsport-trophy-east-series/>



David Baum and wife Susie have been members of the Porsche Club of America since January 1992 and part of the Western Michigan Region PCA family. David got bit by the Porsche bug and has been a PCA racer for twenty plus years!



About PCA Club Racing Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport Trophy East Series

The PCA Club Racing Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport Trophy East series, which debuted in 2016, highlights the spirit of PCA Club Racing and the skills of its drivers at major road racing venues east of the Rocky Mountains. The series provides a bridge for Porsche racers to climb to the professional ranks through this semi-professional racing series.

2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	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
FEB	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	Noto's Old World Italian Dining Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-18	Morning-After Brunch	six.one.six (JW Marriott) Grand Rapids, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
MAR	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 Irish 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
APR	04-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	04-14	Annual Cook-Off	TBD	TBD
MAY	05-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	05-19	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
JUN	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
JUL	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	2018 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 Blackledge



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	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 th Street Metro Cruise	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	08-25	TBD	TBD	Wolfgang Hofmann
SEP	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
OCT	10-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-20	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
NOV	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-01	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club

PORSCHE DRIVING EXPERIENCE WINTER

ARE YOU GAME?

As a child, were you always the first one out in the snow with your winter sports gear? Even if a few years have elapsed, there is still no reason for this to change. The glorious, breathtaking white landscape is not the only motivation. There is also the urge to have fun and the prospect of experiencing sporty driving on snow and ice from a completely new perspective: that of the driver's seat, which is the exact aim of the Porsche Driving Experience Winter.

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PORSCHE FUN: FACTS OR FICTION, YOU DECIDE

Regarding Ferdinand Porsche

- Ferdinand Porsche was born in 1875.
- Ferdinand Porsche made a hybrid electric car in 1899.
- He was the first to prove that small cars with less power could be faster than large cars with more power.
- He designed the auto union with a 16 cylinder engine for Grand Prix racing.
- He built the first VW Beetle at his private villa.
- He designed the type 80 Mercedes Benz with estimated top speeds of 470 MPH in 1939.
- He developed a 385 HP, 200 MPH four wheel drive formula one car.
- His first sports car for the road was a mid-engine 356/1.
- Ferdinand was once the personal driver for the Prince of Hungary.
- The German government ordered him to build the "people's car".
- He built military tanks
- He launched his first production car in 1948
- His involvement with the Nazis landed him in jail.
- He passed away at the age of 75 due to heart failure.



Regarding Porsche Vehicles and Miscellaneous

- The prancing horse on the crest is close to the horse in the Ferrari crest.
- Early 356 cars were built in a saw mill and had aluminum bodies.
- The 356 was used as a police car by the Dutch.
- Early bodies were made by Recaro.
- The Porsche 911 was almost the 901.
- The first 917s were built by secretaries.
- In 1972 Porsche developed the first chronograph watch.
- Porsche built a 1000 HP, 1.5 liter V6 for formula one racing.
- Porsche's have won over 30,000 races.
- Porsche designed tractors just for coffee farmers.
- Porsche makes a forklift.
- More than ½ of the 76,000 356s produced still function.
- Porsche began using its official logo in 1952.
- 2/3 of all Porsches produced survive to this day.
- The 904 Carrera GTS had a power to weight ratio of 330hp per ton.
- The Porsche Cayenne has been Porsche's most successful commercially used vehicle.
- The Porsche 911's visual style has been produced for over 48 years.
- The Porsche Panamera was named due to the success of Porsche in the Carrera Panamericana race.
- The 918 Spyder hybrid is the fastest and most powerful Porsche on the road today.
- Ferry Porsche completed the build of 356 #1.
- Max Hoffman was the 1st U.S. importer of Porsche.
- The Porsche crest/logo was 1st designed on a napkin.
- The 1st Porsche Parade was held August 29, 1956.
- Porsche LMP1 car recuperated and used 8 mega joules per lap, that's approximately 3 months' worth of electricity for a family home.
- The 5.3 liter 12 cylinder 917/30, produce 1200 BHP with a top speed of 240. That's faster than the 919 hybrid by 30 MPH. Insane!

Though the temperature has been low, our spirits are high with anticipation of another driving season around the corner. In the meantime, stay warm and make your plans for a great Porsche experience this summer. We look forward to seeing you at Winterfest!

-Tim

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Trivia!

December Question: Where and when was the First Annual Winterfest held?

Bonus Point: How much was the per/person cost?

Answer: Elks Country Club, 2715 Leonard NW, Saturday January 12, 1974, Cost: \$10.00/person

And the winner of the 2017 Trivia Contest is: Rob and Barb Clark - Congratulations!

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Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their WMR PCA Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

1 year (2017) Andrew Bowman, Eric & Leah Buckland,
Mark DeBernardi, Mary Mishler,
Michelle Mullins, Thomas Quellet,
William Shaw Jr

35 years (1983) Douglas McDonnell & Lucas Korth-McDonnell

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

None for the Month of December



With deepest sympathy to Rick Riley, long time active member of WMR PCA, on the loss of his mother, Dorothy. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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