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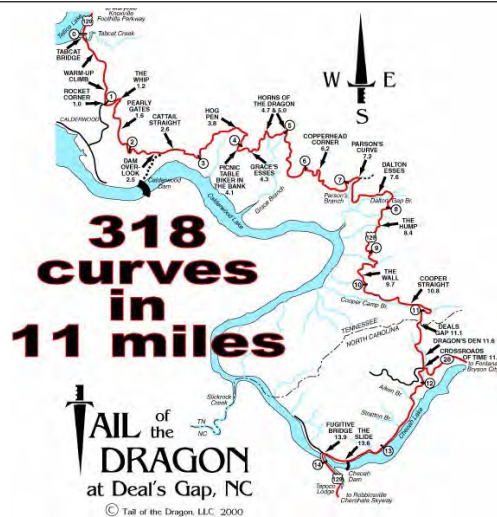
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

I've never driven any portion of US Route 129, otherwise known as the Tail of the Dragon, a destination in and of itself for sports car and motorcycle enthusiasts renowned for its twists and turns that runs from Tennessee to Florida. I did drive through some twisties on US 40 and 23 while driving through the Smoky Mountains recently while ferrying Barb and our two killer Papillons, Butzi and Trixie, to Barb's first snowbird adventure in Hilton Head, SC. No disrespect to Barb's Beetle, but I really missed the Cayman on that particular leg of the journey. While on the subject of Caymans, Car & Driver named the Cayman and Boxster to their Top 10 Cars list once again.



There was another great turnout of 34 members for the year's first dinner event at Charlie's Crab on January 17th. Thanks to Rick Riley for organizing an excellent event with great fellowship, food, and service. Next up on the WMR calendar is Winterfest 2018 on Saturday, February 17. It will be held in Noto's Old World Italian Dining this year and will feature a presentation from past WMR President and new Zone 4 Rep, Lori Schutz. If you're committed to something else that evening (gasp!), do try to join us for the Morning After Brunch, held again this year at six.one.six in the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids on Sunday, February 18. March also has two great events, Wolfgang and Miluzka's Sunday brunch at Cygnus 27 at the Amway Grand on March 11 and Kurt Wirth's dinner event at the Grattan Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 21.

I have four different magazines sporting cover stories on the new GT2 RS on the desk as I write. Perhaps the most evocative quote to me given all the buzz about autonomous vehicles is from Sam Smith in the February '18 issue of Road & Track: "Decades from now, when we are all chauffeured by robots and have evolved beyond dementedly powerful person transportation, we will remember this thing...So tell your children: For a moment, we knew beasts like this. They were monstrous, but not monsters. Fierce but not fearsome. Ridiculous but oddly normal. And that may have been the best part." On a more quantitative note, Adam Towler in the February '18 Evo points out that the '18 GT2 RS driven by a Porsche test driver is nearly as fast around the Nordschleife as the fully race-prepared 1983 Porsche 956, an "800 kg, 650 bhp, monocoque-chassis, full 'ground effect' racing car on slicks" driven by Derek Bell. Say no more.

-Mike

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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



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!



For any questions about Winterfest 2018, contact Brenda at bhildon-kaempf@greenleaftrust.com.



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))



CYGNUS 27 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

HOSTS: WOLFGANG AND MILUZKA BUBECK

Just in case you are not in sunny Florida, but eagerly awaiting warmer weather, there is no better way than to celebrate the upcoming car season with a variety of great foods at a great location in downtown Grand Rapids.

Cygnus 27 provides some of the best brunch buffets in town. If you are not convinced yet, the view for sure can not be topped in our area, and..... of course the great crowd from the Club.

Please reserve a spot in your calendar and RSVP by March 4, 2018 to Wolfgang.



WHEN: Sunday
March 11, 2018 at 11:00 am

WHERE: Cygnus 27
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 28th Floor
187 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP By: March 4, 2018
wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com
or
Call or Text to (616) 780-6590



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GRATTAN IRISH PUB DINNER DRIVE

HOST: KURT WIRTH

With spring in the distant, and cabin fever at home, it is time to break the cycle and join us for a dinner drive to the Grattan Irish Pub. Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday for our favorite all-you-can-eat fish and chips and other great home cooked meals. Let's make it another great fun event!

- Auf dann, Kurt



Photo by Neil MacDonald, Chicago Region PCA

WHEN: Wednesday, March 21, 2018
6:00pm social hour, 7:00pm dinner

WHERE: Grattan Irish Pub
11817 Old Belding Road NE
Grattan, MI 48809

RSVP By: March 14, 2018
kurtwirthsc356@comcast

or
Call (616) 942-5076

Fáilte



Grattan Irish Pub



IN REVIEW: CHARLEY'S CRAB DINNER

PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

BY: RICK RILEY

The first Dinner Drive of the 2018 season was held at Charley's Crab in downtown Grand Rapids. Thirty-four (34) Western Michigan members came out to enjoy the good food and camaraderie. As was the case last year, we had the main dining area all to ourselves and a much better seating arrangement. It was more open and easier to move around. Dinner drives are a good opportunity to meet new people. I had a great conversation with "Jim" about how his 928 would just "shut off" if he went over a big bump! (It's been fixed!) Fun stuff. There was no lack of conversation. The other Dinner Drives usually include a picturesque tour of the wonderful Michigan landscape to the restaurant. Not so in January in our winter cars.

Take a look at the calendar of events in the Über Alles or on-line and pick out the Dinner Drives or other events you may be able to attend. The best opening line if you don't know anyone is "What kind of Porsche do you drive?" The conversation will take care of itself from then on.



*Smiles Everyone!
Our host, Rick Riley (r) with fellow
WMR Member Bob Baker*



Good Food, Camaraderie and Conversation

AROUND THE ZONE



MEET YOUR NEW ZONE 4 REP: LORI SCHUTZ



I am thrilled to be your new Zone 4 Representative, transitioning from Michael Soriano and his wife Lisa, who have served so well for us these past 4 years. I have long, fun history with Zone 4 and look forward to meeting you at events throughout the year in our Zone.

A bit about my history - I attended my first Porsche Parade in 1983, joining my father, then President and CEO of Porsche AG, Peter Schutz, at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. My first PCA event was the Road America PCA Driver Education (DE) with Chicago Region, then part of Zone 4. The spring of 1984 was my first autocross with Motorstadt, and I became hooked on PCA. I served as editor of the Western Michigan Region (WMR) newsletter Porsche Über Alles for 5 years, and held board positions of WMR including 2 years as President.

I have been a member of many regions and received the Enthusiast of the Year from 3 since leaving Michigan in the early 90s. I most recently spent 10 years in Dallas with the Maverick Region, and after instructor and instructor team lead roles, became DE Chair. I am currently a member of Southeast Michigan Region for the past 4 years, where I participate as a DE instructor and attend social events in my 2005 Boxster S and 1988 928 S4. As a member of the PCA Club Racing National Scrutineer team, I have worked races across the country over the past 5 years.

I hold a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from Michigan State University, and am an Account Executive for a software company serving the higher education market for a Midwest territory which nicely overlaps Zone 4. Other hobbies include walking in the Komen 3-Day event to raise funds for breast cancer research, and I enjoy playing the piano and time in the exercise studio.

And now about YOU - Mark your calendars now and plan to join me and other Zone 4 members at the 2 Nationally sponsored PorschePlatz / Car Corral events this spring:

May 4-6: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Mid-Ohio Racetrack, Lexington, OH

June 1-2: Chevrolet Sports Car Classic, Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park, Detroit, MI

Stay warm, and sweet Porsche dreams,

-Lori



2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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	Cygnus 27 Daylight Savings 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
	04-21	Annual Cook-Off	Rockford, MI	Chris & Craig Ackerman Gabi & Ted Blacklidge
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 Blacklidge





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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

THE PORSCHE EFFECT HITS THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM
50 COOL PORSCHE: THE NEW PETERSEN DISPLAY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC FEB. 3

By Mark Vaughn

Reprinted From: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/car-life/porsche-effect-hit-petersen-automotive-museum>

Porsches are cool. I think we can all agree on that, right? Those who have driven them, those who are lucky enough to own one, can attest to their remarkable roadholding, perfect balance and powerful engines. The rest of us can at least say that they look beautiful. Why do we all love them? Who can say? We just do.

So seeing 50 of the coolest of the cool all together in one big gallery would perhaps be cause enough for swooning, or at least shortness of breath. The Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles will host a new exhibit called, "The Porsche Effect," opening to the public Feb. 3, and you should book your flights to LA now.

"We are looking forward to sharing the story of Porsche through rare and seldom-seen artifacts and display elements, in addition to some of the most iconic cars of all time," said Klaus Zellmer, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America.

PCNA and the Petersen have been working on the exhibit for over a year. It took that long to get all these great Porsches together. There will be classics like you see in the [\[Autoweek Article\]](#) gallery: a 550 Spyder, the Jagermeister 962, a Gulf-liveried 917K and a modern 919. But there will also be "seldom-seen" cars: the 1938 Berlin-Rome Type 64 race car, a 906, the Petersen's own 901, an X83 Turbo S Flachbau 964, a rally-spec Type 953 911 and Bruce Meyer's own 935 K3 Le Mans winner. There are even two 928s: the 928 H50 study and a four-door prototype 928, which we saw in Weissach last summer.



The Porsche 906
(photo by Ted Steven)

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BRAKE FLUID: THE CRITICAL LINK

Though extremely important, brake fluid is possibly the single most neglected component of the automobile, often overlooked by the owner and repair shop.

Why is this fluid so important?

Because we depend upon it to stop our vehicle safely. The purpose of brake fluid is to provide an incompressible medium, by which pressure can be transferred to your brake friction material, i.e. brake pads or shoes. When we depress the brake pedal, we compress the brake fluid inside the master cylinder ABS system (found on most cars today), which transmits pressure through the brake lines and into the calipers or wheel cylinder, stopping the car via the brake pads or shoes.

When brake fluid is new it is almost incompressible, but over time, the heat caused from braking, breaks the fluid down causing air bubbles and allowing moisture to be absorbed into the fluid. This process is accelerated as pads wear and become thin and the fluid is “overworked” due to additional heat. The combination of contaminated brake fluid and normal wear of the hydraulics components, can create poor pedal pressure (soft/spongy pedal) and begin corroding your car’s hydraulic components, which in turn equals poor braking performance.

Contamination and overwork can also cause the fluid’s max boiling point to drop, which in turn creates less effective braking under extreme conditions, such as on hills or during panic stops. This decrease in efficiency can often occur without affecting the “feel” of your pedal.

To maintain the integrity of your car’s braking system, we recommend that brake fluids be changed every two years or anytime you need a brake job, such as replacing pads and rotors. In addition, using brake fluid with the correct viscosity and boiling point is critical to proper brake function. We recommend that you always use the correct fluid per the manufacturer’s recommendation or application, such as with D.E. or race cars.

In summary, it’s important to have your braking system inspected and maintained by a qualified technician, familiar with your car’s systems. Proper maintenance of this system can go a long way in assuring the safety and performance of your car.

- Tim

The chart below lists the various brake fluid types along with specifications and a comment regarding each.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMON BRAKE FLUIDS

Type	Dry Boiling Point	Wet Boiling Point	Viscosity Limit	Primary Constituent	Comment
DOT 2	190°C (374°F)	140°C (284°F)	?	Castor Oil/ Alcohol	Rarely used any longer
	205°C (401°F)	140°C (284°F)	1500 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether	Most common on early drum brakes
	230°C (446°F)	155°C (311°F)	1800 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether/ Borate Ester	Most common fluid on today’s cars
	260°C (500°F)	180°C (356°F)	900 mm ² /s	Silicone	Not recommended for most applications
DOT 5.1	260°C (500°F)	180°C (356°F)	900 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether/ Borate Ester	Some racing applications. Entering the new dye can be used to upgrade from DOT 3/4.

NEVER SUBSTITUTE OR MIX ANY DOT 2/3/4/5.1 WITH DOT 5 SILICONE!

Silicone brake fluid, at first glance, seems like a good idea, but here are some reasons to not use it:

- **Compatibility** – Never mix with other fluids! If you want to use it you must change ALL hydraulic components.
- **Compressibility** – Silicone fluid is more compressible, giving you a softer/spongy pedal
- **Incompatible** – It is not to be used with ABS Systems
- **Moisture** – It does not absorb moisture so any moisture present in the system “puddles” at low points in the hydraulic system.

- **Sealing** – Silicone fluid can pass through small pores and/or gaskets, making it difficult to seal or prevent leaks.

Other Braking Performance Considerations:

- **Pad material** – The type of pad material (ceramic, semi-metallic, etc.) affects pedal pressure and stopping ability.
- **Rubber Brake Hoses** – Hoses swell with age, become brittle and crack, or can collapse inside. Hoses should be inspected with every brake job and replaced as necessary.

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