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**Daylight Savings Brunch, Cygnus 27**  
**March Dinner Drive, Grattan Irish Pub**

### **Tech Spalte:**

**996 & 997 Turbos: Pinning the**  
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### **In Review: 2018 Winterfest**

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# IGNITION

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## AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ, ZONE 4 REP



Greetings Zone 4,

Football season is over - and the best news is that the racing season has begun! I know many of you had official and unofficial watch parties for the Daytona Rolex 24 Hour - even if we had to shovel snow to get there.

The following weekend the Porsche Club Racing Season kicked off with the 48 Hours of Sebring, at guess where - Yep - Sebring International Raceway. On St Patricks' Day weekend, the IMSA guys will be back on track again at Sebring for the 12 Hour endurance race. Well worth the trip to see.

Speaking of the Porsche Club Racing series - did you know that you can watch via your browser from the PCA.ORG website? Live feed, blogs, photos - catch all the action. Watch for future Club Races to have coverage as well.

Parade 2018 registration opened on January 29th. Are you registered? Well, about 94 of you are. The registration for events - such as the concour banquet, auto-cross, rally etc. - is scheduled to open on April 2nd. I would like to have a Zone 4 gathering at some point during the week - stay tuned for more information on that front.

After the winter PCA board meeting in Mid-February, I'll be updating the Zone 4 website and encourage everyone to post their events on the calendar. I know many of you do already - please keep up the good work. Let's venture out to visit other regions who may have different types of events, or on convenient weekends for you. Each region has it's own personality! A few examples:

- Mid Ohio Region April 14th - Autocross
- Southeast Michigan Region April 15th, Driver Education 101 at Waterford Raceway
- Central Indiana Region April 21-22 - Spring Color Tour - a great first timer event

And, once you attend an event, share your experience with an article submitted to your region editor with photos!

*Stay warm, and sweet Porsche dreams,*

*-Lori*

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**Uber Alles**  
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On the cover:  
 Chloe, waiting for "The Man" to exit Ole' Blue!  
 Claudio Kaempf, 2017 PCA Club Racing  
 National Champion  
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# RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

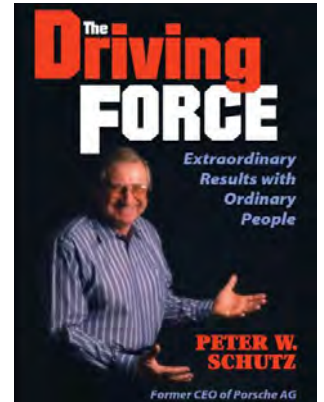


**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

I'm writing following a great time at WMR Winterfest 2018 last evening and an excellent if over-indulgent Morning After Brunch while awaiting the start of the Daytona 500. Winterfest drew sixty members, the highest attendance in at least the past five years, for an evening of friendship that featured a talk by past WMR member, Lori Schutz. Lori, a past WMR President and Editor of the Über, is now a member of the Southeast Michigan region and our Zone 4 Rep. Lori provided some fascinating anecdotes about her father, Peter Schutz, who as President and CEO of Porsche AG from 1981 to 1987 was responsible for ensuring the continuation of the 911 and, most likely, Porsche. She also donated a copy of her father's book on corporate leadership, "The Driving Force," that was signed by Mr. Schutz to our charity auction. It raised \$600 of the \$3,075 dollars members contributed to Feeding America West Michigan. Thanks to all of you who donated so generously and to Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Marshall Walters, and Amber Door for organizing this wonderful event. Upcoming WMR activities you should try to attend



include Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck's brunch at Cygnus 27 at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids on Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m.; Kurt Wirth's annual Grattan Irish Pub dinner on Wednesday, March 21 at 6 p.m.; and the Chili Cook Off hosted by the Blacklidges and Ackermans on Saturday, April 21.



I found Johannes Van Overbeek's column on electric cars in the April 2018 issue of "Excellence" to be thought provoking. He cited plans by the governments of Norway to end the sale of internal combustion engines by 2025 (7 years from now!) and Germany by 2030. Given recent proposals to rollback the US Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, it begs the question of who's over-reacting and who's under-reacting. I suspect the answer to both questions is everybody because there is no simple solution to the complex environmental, economic, and social issues we face today. Unfortunately, I don't think complexity or the possibility of scientific objectivity plays well in today's political climate. I read an analysis years ago that driving the presumably environmentally friendly Tesla in western Michigan was more harmful to the environment than driving an internal combustion engine with regard to carbon emissions because the electricity to charge the Tesla comes primarily from coal-burning plants. Accurate or inaccurate, we need to know to make informed decisions for the future.

-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](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net) · Phone: (616) 710-0122



# 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  
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# 27 CYGNUS

# 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  
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Grattan Irish Pub



# IN REVIEW: 2018 WINTERFEST

BY: BRENDA HILDON-KAEMPF

PHOTOS BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK & AMBER DOOR



Our celebration this year took place at Noto's Old World Italian Dining in Grand Rapids, for a wonderful evening of great food and camaraderie. Aside from a

light dusting of snow, the weather held out, and a couple of us were able to take our Porsches out for the evening.

Once everyone was seated for dinner, Mike Karluk

provided a toast and guests then enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert.

A short program followed, during which Lori Schutz, our new Zone 4

Representative

spoke about her late father, Peter Schutz. Amber Door was recognized as our 2017 Enthusiast of the Year, and received the coveted trophy.

All of our board members, chairpersons, and hosts of 2017 events were recognized, each receiving a pair of tall glasses, personalized with the WMR PCA logo.



*Lori Schutz, reminiscing and enjoying the evening with old friends*



*Excellent gathering of Porsche Enthusiasts!*

Following the program, a live auction took place, benefiting Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. Nearly \$3,100.00 was raised for charity from a combination of the live auction and generous donations. The evening finished with more smiles, laughter and fellowship.



*Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Hostess with the Mostest*



*Amber Door, Enthusiast of the Year 2017*

# IN REVIEW: MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

BY: AMBER DOOR

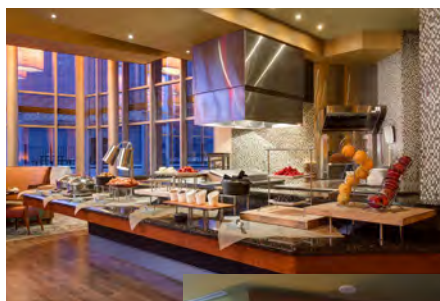
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Again in 2018 the weather was clear and sunny for our Sunday trip to the JW Marriott for the annual Morning After Brunch. Despite the smaller that

usual turnout - attributed to the flu that has been making its rounds of Western Michigan - the eleven members that were able attend were not disappointed in the enticing array of choices available on the Six.One.Six buffet.

The casual atmosphere, good food and Porsche friends made for a wonderful leisurely brunch where people were able spend some quality time together - some getting to know each and others catching up on their recent travels, going over plans for 2018 PCA events and of course there was talk about Porsches - most of whom are tucked away for the winter.



Despite the smaller group, good eats and conversation was had by all!



# FROM NOTICE TO NATIONAL CHAMPION

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PHOTOS BY BRADLEY S. PINES, DAVID KELLY AND CANDIS COLLICK



Claudio Kaempf bought his 1970 Porsche 911T in the late '90s to go racing in the Porsche Club of America Club Racing Series. "As soon as I got it, we started stripping it," Kaempf remembers. "The only thing left from the street car days is the steering wheel," he said. That same Miami Blue Porsche sports car helped Kaempf win his first National Championship in 2017, in the PCA's GT4 racing class.

Kaempf, 61, has owned and operated his repair garage, Foreign Car Services since 1987, following apprentice programs in his native Geneva, Switzerland, and jobs at a Porsche-Audi-VW dealership in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he settled. All of the work on his Porsche is done in-house in his new Portage, Michigan shop. "We do everything here," said Kaempf, "It (the racer) is made, not bought." Racing the same car for an entire career has its advantages. "You get to know every little detail on it," he said, "It's had several sets of bumpers and fenders, but no hidden secrets." The car was almost written off after a novice driver crashed into him at Daytona four years ago. T-boned from the passenger side, the other car pushed almost through to the shifter lever next to Kaempf. "I decided to bring it back rather than buy another car," he said.

When things don't break, things go very well. In 2008 Kaempf won every race he finished. "It's one of those once-in-a-lifetime type deals," he said. This season, he remembers moments of joy behind the wheel. "Everything just feels right," Kaempf said, "The car just does what you want to do."

PCA Club Racing is a Kaempf family activity. Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Claudio's wife, serves as the West Michigan Region [Porsche Club of America] Secretary as well as working in the pits for her husband. She chose his racing number, 66, and puts on a fire suit and helps refuel the car during endurance events. They attend as many WMI Region social events as their racing schedule allows. Longtime friend Barry Collick serves as crew chief at a few big events.

Away from the track, Claudio drives several Porsches on the street, including a 996 Turbo with winter tires for Michigan weather, a 993 Turbo and a classic 1967 912.

"I've been doing this a long time," said Kaempf, it's a passion thing, I just love doing it (racing)." "It feels good, (winning a National Championship)," he said, "There's nothing better than going to the racetrack."

Kaempf is planning to race the same Miami Blue 1970 911T in GT4 in 2018. Look for 66 on the sides and a Swiss flag on its roof, starting in February at Sebring.



*Claudio and Brenda at the 2017 National Championship Award Ceremonies*



*It's not all of us that have a bobble head doll of ourselves, especially with us standing alongside our race car.*

For the entire news magazine, go to:

<http://pcaclubracing.org/wp-content/uploads/crn/2018/CRN-2018-1.pdf>

(The article about Claudio begins on page 24)

# 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>MAR</b>	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
<b>APR</b>	04-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	04-21	Annual Cook-Off	Rockford, MI	Chris & Craig Ackerman Gabi & Ted Blacklidge
<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	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
<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







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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>SEP</b>	09-10	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	09-08 to 09-09	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>	12-01	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club

## APRIL CHILI COOK-OFF 2018

CO-HOSTS: CRAIG & CHRIS ACKERMAN AND TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE

It was a cold winter. Your chili recipes should be perfected by now! Craig and Chris Ackerman and Ted and Gabi Blacklidge will co-host a Chili Cook-Off Competition. A chef who brings a slow-cooker with at least two quarts of Chili enters at no charge and will vie for Judge's Choice and People's Choice prizes.



If you do not cook, please plan on a \$10 cover fee (collected at the event) to contribute to the feast. Judges will be selected from non-cooking participants. BYOB.

April is a great month to dust off your cars for a road trip and your palates for a taste test!



**WHERE:** Casa de Blacklidge  
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**WHEN:** Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

**RSVP REQUIRED BY:** April 19, 2018

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## 996 & 997 TURBOS: PINNING THE COOLANT PIPES

Many of you have heard of or possibly seen coolant hoses let go, causing a sudden loss of coolant. This is certainly one experience that is not pleasant.

The fix is to “Pin” various coolant system parts together. So what do they mean by “pinning” and why is it necessary?

Pinning (picture 1) is a procedure to assure that the cast coolant pipes which are glued together (picture 2) do not come apart, as often happens.



Picture 1



Picture 2

The cause of the problem is that over time, heat softens the glue and the pressure in the coolant system blows the coolant pipe out of the larger cast piece. This sudden loss of coolant will certainly end of your day at the track or drive around town. Some sanctioning bodies will not allow a car on the track until after pinning has been completed.

Another area of concern is the plastic elbow located under the oil coolers (pictures 3&4). Overtime, the plastic breaks down, causing these pipes to fail. 997 Turbos have the plastic elbows, 996's do not. Replacing the plastic piece with one of metal will prevent this serious issue.

Another method of repair is to have the pipes welded together rather than pinned. While this method may provide some degree of safety, it is expensive, time consuming and subject to pin holes and metal fatigue which leads to leaks under pressure. Pinning provides a perfect solution.

While there are a few pipes that can be pinned without removing the engine, it helps little when one of the pipes left un-pinned comes apart. The best repair is performed with the engine removed and all the pipes are pinned. In order to access all of the pipes that will need to be pinned, it is necessary to remove the intake and various other components

The process to properly pin pipes begins by drilling a 4mm hole through the casting and into the pipe, taking care that no metal enters the cooling system. Once drilled, the hole is tapped, Loctite is applied to the “pinning” bolt and it is installed thru the casting and into the pipe, firmly locking the two together (picture 5).



Picture 5

It would also be wise at this time to replace your water pump and expansion tank since both of these items are prone to failure as well.

March is typically the last month we have to prepare our cars for the summer, so schedule your repairs or maintenance early to avoid the last minute rush.

We look forward to a safe and beautiful summer for each of you.

- Tim



Picture 3



Picture 4

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Runs well. Odometer at 120K, does not turn. Some info from previous owner. New paint in 2008. Has rear defog, good tires. Feel free to call for more info. Located in Lansing. Mark (517)614-6074

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References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616)706-4421 or [ericpca911@yahoo.com](mailto:ericpca911@yahoo.com).

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