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Upcoming Events:
Annual Cook-Off

Tech Spalte:
Spring Break!

In Review: Daylight Savings Brunch
Grattan Irish Pub
Amelia Island Concours



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June 16, 2018: Tech Session
Hosted by Euro Autowerks
Rockford, MI



June 23, 2018: PCA Rally on the Leelanau Peninsula
Hosted by Ted Vogt
Traverse City, MI

June 27, 2018: Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In
Hosted by Rick Riley
Hickory Corners, MI



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On the cover:
The WMR PCA Crew is all Thumbs Up after a
Fantastic Winning Weekend for "Mr. Miller"
Photo By: Deremer Studios

WE HAVE WINNERS!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

We have winners! Two WMR PCA members have been recognized for excellence since the last issue of "Über" was published: Claudio Kaempf captured the 2017 championship for the GT4 class of PCA Club Racing. Check out our wmi.pca.org website for the link to the current edition of the "PCA Club Racing News" that features Claudio and his blue #66 as the cover story. Paul and Marci Thieme's 962 racecar won two awards at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. See Page 7 for a write up of the event from Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Rep. Marci also has some great pictures of Paul, his car, and other WMR members of his "pit crew" in period racing livery. Check out the WMR PCA Website photo gallery for pictures from the event.

Thirty members joined us for two very different, but equally rewarding dining experiences at Wolfgang and Miluska Bubeck's Cygnus 27 brunch and Kurt Wirth's Grattan Irish Pub dinner. Craig and Chris Ackerman and Ted and Gabi Blacklidge are hosting this year's April Cookoff featuring chili on Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m., which promises to be another great event. I've come to the harsh realization that the time I spend every morning at the local YMCA before going to work serves only to maintain my current level of corpulence given these meals, rather than to reduce it. Luckily, the Saturday, May 19th Sporting Clays event is not predominantly an eating event!

I was speaking with Frank Connor at the Grattan Irish Pub dinner about the challenges of sculpting with steel. This brought to mind a piece of technical information in the May 2018 "Excellence" cover story about the 718 Cayman GTS. In comparing suspension pieces between the 718 S and GTS variants, the article reported: "To ease logistical issues, Porsche has cunningly created stiffer anti-roll bars [for the GTS] of the same diameter as standard by using steel with different characteristics." There was more fascinating material about the differences in intake and turbo systems between the two variants that should delight aficionados of such things. For those more interested in the bottom line, the author informs us that the 718 Cayman GTS set a lap time of 7 minutes 40 seconds around the Nurburgring, two seconds faster than the 2006 997 GT3 piloted by Walter Rohrl. Enthusiasts can argue forever about which model and generation of Porsches is the greatest, but there seems to be no denying that Porsches simply continue to get faster.

See you soon!

-Mike



Paul Thieme receiving his award in
Mr. Miller
(Photo by Bob Stander)

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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 2018

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMR PCA 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



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
2753 13 Mile Rd
Rockford, MI 49341

WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

RSVP REQUIRED BY: April 19, 2018

How many? Chili? Yes/No

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**BLENDON PINES
GUN CLUB**

SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT-OFF

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS AND AMBER DOOR

Join us on Saturday, May 19 for our 6th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot-Off at the Blendon Pines Gun Club.

Up for a little "golf with a gun"? Then plan to come out for this event. For those unfamiliar with Sporting Clays it is a form of clay pigeon shooting on a course that consists of shooting stations "holes" in natural terrain. Unlike traditional skeet shooting sporting clays simulates the unpredictability of live-quarry shooting, offering a great variety of trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations, and distances. Trust us when we say -- No skill or previous shooting experience is required to participate and have fun.

This event is outside along a groomed trail - Rain or shine. As part of the trail is in the woods even in the rain there is a lot of protection from the weather. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Eye and ear protection is REQUIRED. Regular glasses/sunglasses are adequate and they do have some protective eyewear available, but if it's busy they may run out. They also sell earplugs. Guns are available to rent for \$10.00 (2 people can share 1 gun) and of course ammunition is available for sale. The cash cost (\$2.00 higher for credit card use) will be

\$23.00, not including gun (~\$10.00) /ammunition (~\$6.95/box) - 2 boxes required. Of course you are welcome to bring your own shotgun. For those members that want to accompany another participant, but are not interested in shooting, you are also welcome to join us to spectate and wander through the woods or you are welcome to hang out in the indoor area. Additionally, if you would like to participate, but are unsure about the walking distance there are golf carts available if needed.

More to come via web and e-blast regarding possible lunch to follow.

WHEN: Saturday, May 19th @ 9:30am (arrive)

WHERE: Blendon Pines Gun Club
8455 88th Ave. Zeeland, MI 49464

RSVP BY: Thursday, May 17th

Jerry Arens or Amber Door

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IN REVIEW: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK

PHOTOS BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK

30 people celebrated the change of time and upcoming spring season on a sunny but crisp Sunday morning. A vast selection of lovely food, drinks to your desire and service to be matched were the main drivers for a successful event.

We also received positive feedback and stimuli to repeat the event. Therefore we thank all participants for making it an enjoyable morning.

Mark your calendar for the next Daylight Savings Brunch on March 10, 2019.



A wonderful meal made even better by a wonderful view and many Porsche Friends

The provided slideshow of past PCA events contributed to a casual atmosphere and helped to enhance some conversations.



The Exquisite Offerings at Cygnus 27



IN REVIEW: GRATTAN IRISH PUB

BY: KURT WIRTH

PHOTOS BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK

Well, the weather was on our side! By six fifteen, almost everybody was at the Irish Pub. It was great fun to see our Porsche Enthusiasts after such a wintery time enjoying each other, passing stories and ordering those famous homemade dinners from the Irish kitchen.

This event becomes a tradition, realizing that the driving season is in front of us! Track time is looming!

As your host, it has been my pleasure.

Thank you again for sharing my enthusiasm.

*Auf bald,
Kurt*



Porsche Enthusiasts enjoying the evening and the fine meal

MR. MILLER AT THE AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS

BY: LORI SCHUTZ

During the 2nd weekend in March, many Zone 4 members journeyed south for warmer weather and the 2018 Amelia Island Concours weekend. I was part of Marci & Paul

Thieme's entourage from Western Michigan Region as their Porsche 962 race car was invited to the concours. We affectionately refer to their Porsche 962 as Mr. Miller since Miller High Life Beer is the primary sponsor of the gold, white and green livery.



Mr. Miller arrives in Amelia Island
(Photo by Deremer Studios)

The others in the crew were WMR PCA members Rick Riley, Chuck & Lynne Olenyk, Bob Stander, former WMR members Dan & Neila Bird, and the Thieme's son Paul and his wife Mary.



Patrick Long and Marci Thieme
reminiscing about Rennsport III
and Mr. Miller
(Photo by Chuck Olenyk)

Marci and I had a great conversation with Patrick Long, who drove her Mr. Miller 962 at the Rennsport III race, and won! His comment in victory lane was, "if I knew how much strength it takes to drive this

beast, I may not have said yes. Yet, I'm glad I was able to drive Marci's car today."

Saturday morning was clear brisk and best of all, no rain. The day also represented the debut of Hurley Haywood's book and signing, *Hurley: From the Beginning*. This was a long awaited day, and the first of many scheduled autograph sessions throughout the year and across the country.



Hurley Haywood dedicates a copy
of his new book to Sheila.
(Photo by Sheila Schutz)

The concours this year had 305 total cars on display, we were in for quite a treat. The #67 teammate of Mr. Miller is in the row with the other racecars of the era.

Part of the competition for the concours was the authentication of the pit crew and support team members. We were quite the good-looking group!

The crew spent the morning in anticipation of the judges' decision, and announcement of the results. We wandered around looking at all the other beautiful entrants, waiting for Marci's text that we may be called to the podium.

And the announcements happen. Mr. Miller won 2 awards - Corporate Award - The Andial Trophy and an Amelia Award - Grand Touring Prototype. The Pit Crew gathered and followed as Paul drove to the Podium - Twice!



Marci and Paul Thieme - his and hers trophies! (Photo by Chuck Olenyk)

Rick Riley had the perfect toast to celebrate, "Al Holbert, couldn't do it, Derek Bell and Chip Robinson couldn't do it. Michael and Mario Andretti couldn't do it. It took Paul and Marci Thieme to make the Miller High Life Porsche 962 HR7 a winner!"

The concours activities wrapped up and then we enjoyed a formal evening at the Mercedes Black Tie dinner.

During the dinner, we were visited by Chip & Gerry Robinson, he was one of the drivers of Mr. Miller.

The weekend ended on Sunday with the panel presentation and book signing. Mr. Miller was proudly on display in the room Everyone was tired, happy and full of great memories and comradery from the weekend.



The Mr. Miller Crew: (left to right) Lori and Sheila Schutz, Lynn Olenyk, Neila & Dan Bird, Rick Riley, Marci and Paul Thieme, Paul and Mary Thieme, Bob Stander and Chuck Olenyk
(Photo by Deremer Studios)

To view additional photos, go to our WMR PCA Website <http://wmi.pca.org/pictures/> and select the Flickr! link.

2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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	PCA Rally on the Leelanau Peninsula	Traverse City, MI	Ted Vogt
	06-27	Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In	Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth & Rob Clark
JUL	07-01	IROC I	US-131 Motorsports Park Martin, MI	WMR PCA Club
	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
	07-28	IROC	Spartan Speedway Mason, MI	Motor-Stadt Region
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	IROC III	Tire Rack South Bend, MI	Michiana Region
	08-25	TBD	TBD	Wolfgang Hofmann
SEP	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
OCT	10-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-20	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD



ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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



AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ, ZONE 4 REP

I hope this finds you getting ready for spring, getting the Porsche out and washed and buffed for the new season, and already registered for a few events. Here is what I did while impatiently waiting for nice weather.

During the 2nd weekend in March, many Zone 4 members journeyed south for warmer weather and the 2018 Amelia Island Concours weekend. Through bad weather, planes, trains and automobiles – we all arrived safely and ready for some Porsche fun. I was part of Marci & Paul Thieme’s entourage from Western Michigan Region as their Porsche 962 race car was invited to the concours. We affectionately refer to their 962 as Mr. Miller since Miller Highlife Beer is the primary sponsor of the gold, white and green livery. The others in the crew were WMR PCA members Rick Riley, Chuck & Lynne Olenyk, Bob Stander, former WMR members Dan & Neila Bird, and the Thieme’s son Paul and his wife Mary.

Mr. Miller won two prestigious awards - Corporate Award – The Andial Trophy and an Amelia Award – Grand Touring Prototype. We met up with good friends Ray Shaffer from PCNA, and Hurley Haywood.

The following weekend I was joined by representatives from every region for the Zone 4 President’s meeting in Toledo, OH. Day 1 was focused on PCA National updates presented by Cindy Jacisin, Executive Council Secretary, Ron Carr National Procedures Chair and remotely we got a membership update from Minta Miller, our membership chair. Lori and Cindy discussed the new Touring Minimum Standards and an update on risk management and our

insurance responsibilities. We enjoyed a great exchange of ideas, plans for your regions, and great comradery. On Day 2 the focus was all about High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events, and we had the Driver Education (DE) Chair or a delegate from the regions who are presenting HPDE events this year, and some who might in the future. John Krecek, our national DE chair joined us remotely to discuss the new resources available to our regions, including a very fantastic track mapping presentation of Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. Then Vicki Earnshaw, Porsche Club Racing Chair, joined us remotely to discuss the transition from DE to Club Racing and how we can promote the path with our qualified DE drivers.



I look forward to seeing all of you at events this spring. Drive safe and love your Porsche!

Sincerely,
- Lori



Hurley Haywood, Racing Legend, with Lori Schutz



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SPRING BREAK!



Let's take time off to have fun with some choice derogatory auto acronyms, created by using the letters in each brand. Remember, this is for fun, no offense should be taken. Enjoy!

Acura: All Customers Undergo Repair Anxiety

Alfa-Romeo: All Loosely Fitted Accessories Remain On Motorway Enraging Others

Audi: Aging, Unfulfilled Dentists' Investment

BMW: Big Money Wasted or Bring Mama's Wallet

Cadillac: Can American Designers Invent Lovely Lines? Apparently, Can't

Chevrolet: Cheap Heaps: Expect Very Routine Owner Letdowns, Excessive Trouble

Chrysler: Can Hear Revs, Yet Sense Little Engine Reaction

Ferrari: Fragile, Expensive Rides Repel All Reasonable Individuals

Fiat: Fix It Again, Tony

Ford: Fix Or Repair Daily or Found On Road Dead

GMC: Great, More Crap

Honda: Has Only Normal, Dull Attributes or Horsepower Option Never Did Appear or Had One, Never Did Again

Hyundai: Hope You Understand No Dependable Autos Included

Jaguar: Just Another Gearbox Under Annual Repair

Jeep: Just Expect Excessive Problems

Lexus: Luxury Equipment Xeroxed, Used Seldom

Lincoln: Luxury Is Now Cheesy On Latest Navigators

Maserati: Mechanically Adept Souls Expect Repairs All Times, Indefinitely

Mercedes-Benz: Mechanical Engineers Regret Choices, Especially Designing Expensive Stuff, But Executives Need Zillions

Nissan: Nasty Import Styles Seem All Normal

Oldsmobile: Old Ladies Driving Slowly Making Others Behind Incessantly Late Everyday

Porsche: You fill in the blank. Send your acronym to admin@euroautowerks.com and we'll publish it in the next issue.

SAAB: Sadly Absent, Always Broken

Saturn: Slow And Tasteless: Upgrade Right Now!

Scion: Sad Cars Inspire Only Nausea



Volkswagen: Very Ordinary Looking Krautwagons Saddled With Apathetic German Engineering Now

Volvo: Violation Of Law: Vehicular Obesity or Vacuous Owners Love Vehicular Oddities

Credits: Each of the Acronyms above were taken from "The Guide To Derogatory Auto Acronyms" by Jason Jorchinsky and published on www.jalopnik.com

Next month we'll get back to work. Spring is coming and those of us here at the shop can hardly wait for some warm sunny weather. Drive safely and we'll see you soon

- Tim

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