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Upcoming Events:

- November Annual Planning Meeting
- November Dinner Drive
- December Appetizer Party

Tech Spalte:

- Window Regulators

In Review:

- 70 Years of Porsche, Vineyard Tour & Fall Color Drive
- UP Michigan Drive



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AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



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Rennsport Reunion VI - what can I add that hasn't been in the press, on social media and everywhere about the fantastic celebration for the 7 Decades of Porsche. There were so many Zone 4 Regions represented, thanks to all who gave a shout out to me in the paddock, the vendor area, the PCA Pavilion, and in the stands. Great to see all of you. I volunteered to work as a Scrutineer for the Club Race sessions (they only had

budget for Bryan Gay, our lead scrut, so I offered to help). What a blast - 50 of our racers from all across North America participated. Notable mention to Western Michigan Claudio Kaempf.



Zone 4 team at Rennsport VI - Claudio Kaempf, left, joined by crew his wife Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Candis and Barry Colick and their pup Cloe. Photo by Lori Schutz

Then shortly after landing back in Michigan, after a few days rest, I headed down on Thursday Oct.

4th to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the Ohio Valley Region DE weekend, my final track event for the season. We were joined by our National PCA DE Chair, John Krecek, in his 911, for the weekend. He addressed the drivers meeting one morning to talk about the new minimum standards changes for next year, and enjoyed several on-track sessions.

On Saturday afternoon, John and I went down to Columbus Ohio to join the Mid-Ohio region for their Pig Roast to celebrate being named 2017 Region of the Year at Parade. I was joined by 4 former Zone 4 Reps!

The rest of the month were 2 color tours, with Rally Sport Region, and Southeast Michigan Region - to enjoy the local colors on the trees and nice country roads.

Our first Zone 4 DE Fall Planning Meeting took place in Toledo, with participation from most of our regions with DE events. Thanks to the DE Chairs, Chief Driving Instructors, and Presidents for joining. More to follow as we plan for 2019.

I finished the month with a trip across the border to Upper Canada Region to speak at their annual awards banquet. Quite the out of zone experience! Enjoy the holiday season coming up - stay warm!

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 Rick & Char Lemons' 2013 Porsche 911 at
 The Lovely Black Star Farms
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THANKFULNESS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. The practical demands of Thanksgiving can be strenuous; arranging travel to be with family, planning menus, and preparing the traditional meal. The spiritual demands of thankfulness are simpler; to reflect on those who've created and nurtured us, who've helped us become who we are and achieved what we've achieved, and to give thanks. Becoming a PCA member has made it much easier for me to be thankful. Every time somebody approaches me in a parking lot to talk excitedly about my Cayman or even when I walk into the garage and see it sitting there, I can't help but feel blessed. I'm also thankful at every monthly Board meeting and every time I sit down to write this letter that so many individuals volunteer their time to support our calendar of drives, dinners, and activities.

Many thanks go particularly to Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Terry Schieble, and Kurt Wirth who are stepping down from their respective duties as Secretary, Chief Driving Instructor, and Historian/Insurance Coordinator. Brenda has made the pilgrimage from Kalamazoo to Porsche of Grand Rapids for monthly Board meetings, Terry has shepherded experienced drivers and rookies safely around Grattan Raceway, and Kurt has maintained and edited an amazing archive of WMR events and people for years. Thanks to Lina Spross who continues Wolfgang Hoffman's prize-winning ways as Editor of the PCA Über Alles and to Craig Paull who works tirelessly to update and upgrade the WMR website. Thanks to Vice President Jim Chiavaras who will be accepting the mantle of President in the coming year. Thanks to Treasurer Amber Door for continuing her vigilant minding of the books in addition to registering individuals for Grattan and other events; to Ted Blacklidge and John Walters for bring in the advertising dollars that support the Über; to Joyce Lo who continues to expand our Social Media presence; and to Lynne Olenyk who makes sure events are scheduled and the paperwork required by the National office is completed. Thanks to Jerry Arens who continues to welcome and enroll new members in his role as Membership Chair, to Ted Blacklidge for his years of organizing the Grattan HPDE and to Eric Spross, the Grattan Safety Chairman. Thanks to Lin Portoluri, our Charity Chairperson, who has expanded our charity outreach this past year and for Michael Betz who has grown our IROC autocross event in recent years. And thanks finally to all the individuals too numerous to name here who host events and whose participation make the club what it is.

There are two formal opportunities left in 2018 to join your WMR friends. I hope you can join Randy and Lin Portoluri at Peppino's in Allendale on Saturday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. for a festive Italian dinner and join Barb and I at our West Olive home south of Grand Haven on Saturday, December 1 for the Appetizer Party.

Farewell and Godspeed to Enzo, The Wonder Dog! (see wmi.pca.org)



Have a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels!

-Mike

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[HTTP://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES/MINUTES-ARCHIVE/](http://wmi.pca.org/about-us/minutes/minutes-archive/)



We're looking for event hosts for 2019

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



ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

HOST: WMR PCA



Have you ever wondered how WMR's event calendar is put together? Have you ever wanted to suggest an event but weren't sure how to go

about it? If so, then we've got a great opportunity for you. Our November board meeting is an expanded session that includes laying out a tentative calendar of events for the next year. Even if you don't necessarily have any ideas right now but would like to be included in the process, please join us on Monday, November 5, in downtown Grand Rapids at Bistro Bella Vita. The meeting begins at 6:00; we will have dinner ordering off the menu around 7:00, and then conclude.

WHEN: Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: Bistro Bella Vita
44 Grandville Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP By November 2: Mike Karluk
mbkmd9198@charter.net



NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: RANDY & LIN PORTOLURI

On Saturday November 17 we will again sponsor a dinner at Peppino's Pizzeria and Sports Grille in Allendale. Because of its success last year, we will again go with the Banquet Buffet. This year's entrée will be Sicilian pork with sides of fettuccine Alfredo and breadsticks. A caesar salad will be included. Cost is \$18 per person.

WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2018 @ 5:30pm

WHERE: Peppino's Sports Grille
5065 Lake Michigan Dr.
Allendale, MI 49401

RSVP By November 15: Randy and Lin Portoluri at
rportoluri66@charter.net
or 616-842-9266



DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: MIKE KARLUK & BARB DOSS

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

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 1, 2018, 4 PM

WHERE: Barb and Mike's Home

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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.

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IN REVIEW: UP MICHIGAN DRIVE

BY: PETER STOTT

PHOTOS BY: PETER STOTT



Eleven Porsches and 22 Porsche enthusiasts made the October 3rd trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As in the past, it was a rainy trip north with stops at breezy Grand Marais, scenic & curvy ride west through Pictured Rocks and a lunch stop at Johnny Dogs in Munising. The group was hosted at Marquette's Landmark Inn...they have a great facility and are always very welcoming to our Porsche group. October 4th

was a beautiful/sunny "do what you want day": some folks visited local parks/museums, some went fly fishing, some enjoyed walking around the interesting town of Marquette and a group of 5 Porsches made the 3 hour scenic drive to Brockway Mountain. And it was again rain & cold for the trip home. A good time was had by all!

Participants included: Larry & Nancy Draper, John & Melanie Fisher, Bob & Jo Fitzgerald, Gail Mahan & Jay Dankovich, Paul & Max Rieker, Gary & Tricia Chapman, Jerry & Mary Dillinger, Jim & Pat Pomaranski, Brian & Deb Boyle, Jim & Kim Chiavaras, Pete & Sue Stott.



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2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	Bistro Bella Vita Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	Peppino's Sports Grille Allendale, MI 49401'	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

A wonderful array of Porsches and Porsche Enthusiasts at MFD Classic Motors

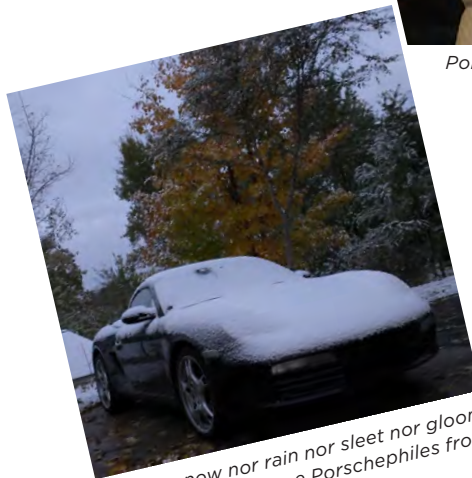


GINGER

Our host Bill Brown (right) with drive meister Gary Castile at Red Ginger



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IN REVIEW: 70 YEARS OF PORSCHE CARS, VINEYARD TOUR AND FALL COLOR DRIVE

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

BY: BILL BROWN

SESSION 1: A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS OF THE PORSCHE AUTOMOBILE

On October 20, it was still dark at 7:30 am in Traverse City, however 42 headlights and 21 Porsches (good when the numbers work out that way) piloted by enthusiasts from Traverse City, Suttons Bay, Northport, Cedar, Petoskey and Rockford staged under the massive and "official" Porsche 70 year banner in the parking lot of MFD Classic Motors. All were deftly marshalled into their warm and bright interior display area within the MFD building.

Over the next 210 minutes, 300 automobile and Porsche enthusiasts ogled, googled and canoodled the displayed cars and interacted with the Porsche owners and each other. There were 21 featured Porsches covering nearly all major models from type 356 to type 991. Additionally, there were another 10 Porsche residents within the building on display. To assist in the understanding and education for those non-Porsche addicts at the event, each of the display cars sported a "Tech Board" indicating production stats, body/engine specs and performance numbers for the model they represented.

- 1960 356 T5 Roadster -Tammy Hagerty
- 1962 356 T6 Notchback - Dave Dean
- 1965 912 Coupe - Corey Wade - Grand Rapids Auto Gallery
- 1967 911S Coupe - The Hagerty Garage
- 1971 914 - Darin Irvine
- 1978 911 (73 RS Tribute) - John Despaulders
- 1985 911 Coupe - Jean and Gary Castile
- 1985 944 - Wendy and Mark Stackable
- 1985 928 S - Neil Dumford
- 1987 924 S - Duane Schlueter
- 1990 964 C2 Cab - Pat Kondrat

Hagerty Insurance generously made available two of their Porsche Marque experts (Jessie Pilaski and James Hewitt) to impart to the attendees a brief history of the Porsche automobile and some valuable insight into current ownership trends and some valuation insights.

A Porsche parking corral was occupied by 20 additional Porsches during the event.

The event ended at 11:00 am sharp as we had to expedite the departure of many due to the Michigan/Michigan State game.

BIG thanks to Dawn and Mike Fisher for making their indoor space available and converting their October Cars and Coffee into a bespoke Porsche event.

Also, thanks to those who helped broaden the understanding and appreciation of Porsche cars and the Porsche brand by displaying their automobiles and sharing their enthusiasm with the many attendees:

- 1997 993 C4S Coupe - Bill Brown
- 2000 Boxster S - Jay Dankovich
- 2002 996 Turbo Coupe - Mark Allen
- 2006 997 Coupe - Dale Goby
- 2011 Cayenne S - Chris Hanford
- 2011 Panamera - Tom Boyce
- 2014 991 GT3 - Bob Steffens
- 2014 718/Cayman S - Karlene and Greg Curry
- 2015 718/Boxster GTS - Lynne and Chuck Olenyk
- 2018 Macan S - Cathy and Robert Pelc

SESSION 2: VINES, FALL COLORS AND RED GINGER

At 12:30pm, 22 cars and PCA members assembled at Black Star Farms near Suttons Bay. Porsches were given a VIP parking area in the circular drive in front of the majestic Inn. Two winery guides conducted tours of the 160-acre property focusing on the Inn, the Equestrian Center, the Winery and Distillery, the Tasting Room and by many accounts the most popular, the Wine Cave. It was a great time to see the winery as harvest was in full swing.

Gary Castile conducted the color tour briefing from the grand winding staircase in the Inn and all returned to their cars, fired up their engines, turned up their heaters and departed for the drive through beautiful Leelanau County.

The 46 mile route was designed to maximize winding tree lined roads and the fall colors while minimizing local traffic. By the time we departed the Inn, the weather had deteriorated significantly...rain, snow and high winds created leaf covered roads and at times the odd errant tree branch....so the group moved along at a sporting pace while at all times respecting the varied micro climates on the route.

At the end of the drive in Traverse City, we reconvened in a private upstairs room at Red Ginger. Acquaintances were made, stories were told, the taste of Red Ginger was consumed and future plans were hatched.

All in all a great day for Porsche in Northern Michigan!



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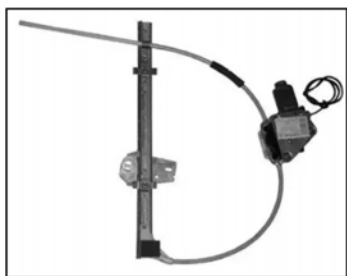
Early window regulators rarely failed due to their robust and simplistic design. About the only thing that would



Manual Scissor Style
 Window Regulator

happen to them is the knob would fall off the window crank. These regulators were most commonly a scissors style design made of real STEEL. They had two functions, window up and window down.

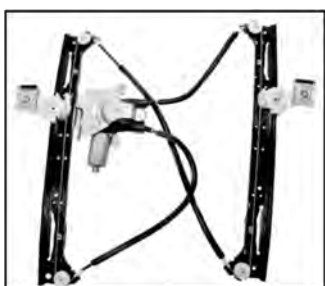
Today's window regulators have many functions and are normally a cable driven style, Bowden system, double Bowden system or a scissor style still driven by way of a cable. The new systems are made with plastic control wheels, cables inside of plastic housings and are driven by multi-functioning motors.



Bowden System Regulator



Double Bowden System Regulator



Scissor System Regulator

Some of the functions or duties of today's regulator are:

- Window drop at door open
- Window raise at door close
- Open or Close with key fob
- Open or Close with key in door
- Open or Close position with switch
- Automatic up or down function
- Comfort one touch operation with switch
- Courtesy operation with key off until you open the door or it times out
- Auto stop in case you put something in it (like your kids hands) that slows down the motor (in most cases, today's cars will reverse the motor preventing damage or injury)

These functions are controlled by micro switches, chips, processors and control units.

Some symptoms of regulator failure are:

- Abnormal noise
- Slow operation
- Does not fully close
- Does down while you are putting it up
- No longer does the down/up function properly with the door open or closed
- Window goes up and down crooked
- Finally, window drops into the door and stays there

Regulator failure can be caused by:

- Window felts or rubber seals sticking due to heat which in turn causes the motor to work harder
- Ice on the window freezing it in place or hanging onto the window while operation it

All of these cause the cables and plastic wheels to be stressed and fail prematurely.

You can head off early failure by giving your regulator some love. Pay attention to its operation, do not operate it if the window is frozen or binding and if you see symptoms of early failure, get it checked out and repaired before it completely fails.

As with the other systems in your car, good maintenance, proper use and early repair when necessary can save you time and money.

Time for winter storage is upon us and it's important that we properly store our rides. To help you properly prepare your car, we have placed previous Tech Spalte articles on our Facebook page. Please take a few minutes to review the suggestions we have made.

I'd like to wish each of you a great Thanksgiving and encourage each of us to take a moment to consider all that we have.

- Tim



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