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Daylight Savings Brunch at Cygnus27
Grand Rapids, MI
Hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck
March 10, 2019

Dinner Event at Grattan Irish Pub
Grattan, MI
Hosted by Rick Riley
March 27, 2019

More information to come in the
February 2019 Über Alles

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Porsches were built to drive all year long!
Fall in Northern Michigan
Photo By: Amber Door
Taken during the Fall Color Tour
in Traverse City, MI & Suttons Bay, MI

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras
President,
Western Michigan Region

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I am pleased to be the new President for the West Michigan Region of PCA. I look forward to attending events, meeting new members, seeing current members at upcoming events for the new year as well as promoting our club.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Club Officers who have completed their tenure. Mike Karluk, for all the work he has done for our club as president and for a job well done; it has been a pleasure working with him these past few years and to Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, our Secretary, who has kept accurate meeting minutes and traveled to Grand Rapids for our board meetings each month. I would also like to thank our current Treasurer, Amber Door, for her hard work and for her ability to coerce me into accepting the vice-president position a few years ago; look where that got me.

Finally, I would like to thank our current Chairpersons for their hard work and efforts to keep our club running smoothly. I look forward to continuing to work with them and the incoming Officers, Frank Conner and Marshall Walters and incoming Chairpersons Chuck Olenyk and Ty Roelands.

Owning and driving a Porsche has been a dream of mine since the early 70's after seeing my friend's father's 911 Targa. Kim and I joined PCA in 2002 after purchasing our first of many Porsches in 2001. Due to work schedules, we did not become active members until attending the orphans drive in June 2014. Since then, we have attended several drives, met so many wonderful people who have diverse backgrounds and careers which makes for great camaraderie and conversation as well as sharing their love of Porsche cars and of course, fine food and drink.

Let's enjoy another great year of driving events, camaraderie, food, drink, and meeting new members.

As I look out the window at ice and snow and see the car covers on my vehicles every time I enter my garage, I can't help but hope that the next few months will speed by and we will be back in our Porsches for yet another great driving season.



Happy New Year to all and safe winter motoring,

-Jim



Mike Karluk
Outgoing President



Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
Outgoing Secretary

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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



JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RICK RILEY

Are you ready? It's time to kick off the 2019 season of the Western Michigan Porsche Club! Our first official event will involve eating, drinking and socializing (imagine that)! We will gather at Charley's Crab in downtown Grand Rapids (Free Parking). Please mark your calendars and plan to join your Porsche friends for a fun evening of camaraderie.



WHEN: Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:00pm Cocktails, 7:00pm Dinner



WHERE: Charley's Crab
63 Market Avenue, S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP By: January 11, 2018
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Call 616-459-0145 and speak with
Kelli; mention you would like to
RSVP for the Charlie's Crab Dinner Drive

AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



Hi Zone 4,

2018 closed out with a few more Holiday parties and monthly business meetings.

I had the pleasure of joining my local regions for their final meeting of the year the first week in December - First

for Rally Sport Region who wrapped up a very successful year with a new activities chair committee who stepped up the end of 2018 with several well attended events - Father, mother and son - and are planning several great events for 2019. Next to Southeast Michigan Region, with nice succession planning passing the baton for President, Vice President and newsletter editor.

Then onto the Holiday Awards banquet at Mid-Ohio region, in Columbus Ohio on Dec 8th. I had the pleasure of telling the story of my father's time at Porsche between dinner and the annual awards. The 2017 Region of the Year had plenty to celebrate, and cast of volunteers to thank. The PCA final banquet of the year for me was for my home region Southeast Michigan Region on December 16th. The silent auction raised funds for their charity and everyone had a great time.

So now, a look forward - Happy New Year - and off to a great 2019. Your presidents, chief driving instructors and DE chairs will gather in late February for the Zone 4 President's meeting. I look forward to lots of great idea sharing and planning for our multi-region events, and 3 Zone events. Please mark your calendars for these wonderful times, and come make memories with us.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2019 - please let me know what events and when & where they are happening in your regions, I'll do my best to plan to join you.

Cheers - Lori



WinterFest 2019

Mark your calendars for the
Western Michigan Region Porsche Club's annual gala event.
This year we look forward to celebrating at a new venue -



Enjoy fellowship and Porsche enthusiasm over cocktails, followed by dinner and a brief presentation. Formal invitations and RSVP cards will be going out in January 2019 with all of the details.

**Where: Thousand Oaks Country Club
Oak Leaf Lounge
4100 Thousand Oaks Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49425**

**When: February 16, 2019
6:00pm Hors d'Oeuvres
7:30pm Dinner**

MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOSTED BY JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR



Join us the "Morning After" Winterfest for brunch at Six.One.Six.

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.

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Where: Six.One.Six in the JW Marriott
235 Louis Campau St. NW
(NW corner of Louis Street and Campau Avenue)
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

When: Sunday February 19, 2019 -- 11:45am

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

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(text or call - but, please leave your name(s))
by Thursday February 14, 2019



IN REVIEW: DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

BY: MIKE KARLUK

It seems earlier is better for the December Appetizer Party, which was held on December 2 this year, as we had our largest turnout in however many years we've been hosting it. Forty-four members showed up despite the cold, rainy weather which may have diminished the panoramic view of Lake Michigan, but did little to diminish the warmth of excellent food, spirits, and camaraderie. Furthering the holiday spirit, our raffle and donation can garnered \$950 on behalf of Family Promise - Grand Rapids, an organization whose mission is to combat homelessness. Special thanks to CB Bursk who donated two framed posters from this year's Petit LeMans race at Road Atlanta, one signed by the winning Porsche team. Regrettably, the 5-pound chocolate Santa's we've been raffling at our Appetizer Parties looked more like Humpty Dumpty thanks to the delicate handling of Federal Express. Fortunately, their winners viewed this as a hastening the enjoyment of the fine chocolate. Barb and I are looking forward to hosting the party again this year on Saturday, December 7.



*Signed Petit LeMans Frame Poster
Thank you CB!*



*Our gracious Host, Mike Karluk
with Jane Boettjer*



A festive feast!



*Our gracious Hostess, Barb Doss (right)
with new WMR PCA VP, Frank Conner
and Missy Diffenderfer*



*Peekaboo!
Gabi playing camera shy?*



*Having a great time!
Ward & Robin Granger*



2019 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	01-16	January Dinner Event	Charley's Crab, Grand Rapids, MI	Rick Riley
	01-26 to 01-27	Rolex 24 at Daytona	Daytona International Raceway, Daytona Beech, FL	Non-WMR PCA Event
FEB	01-31 to 02-03	Michigan International Auto Show	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	02-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	02-16	Winterfest 2019	Thousand Oaks, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA
	02-17	Morning After Brunch	six.one.six (JW Marriott) Grand Rapids, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
MAR	03-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	03-08	WERKS Reunion - Amelia Island	Omni Amelia Island Plantation, Fernandina Beach, FL	PCA
	03-10	Daylight Savings Brunch	Cygnus27, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-27	March Dinner Event	Grattan Irish Pub, Grattan MI	Rick Riley
APR	04-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	04-03 to 04-06	Treffen Santa Barbara Spring 2019	Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort	PCA
	04-13	Annual Cookoff	Ada, MI	Frank & Raeni Conner, Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt
	04-27	PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz	Farmington Hills, MI	SEM,RSR and Motorstadt Regions
MAY	05-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	05-11	May Dinner drive	TBD	Frank & Raeni Conner, Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt
	05-18	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
JUN	06-01 to 06-02	Belle Isle Grand Prix Porsche Car Corral	Belle Isle Detroit, MI	PCA
	06-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	06-08	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks Rockford, MI	Euro Autowerks
	TBD	Spring Up	Northern Michigan	Robert Steffens



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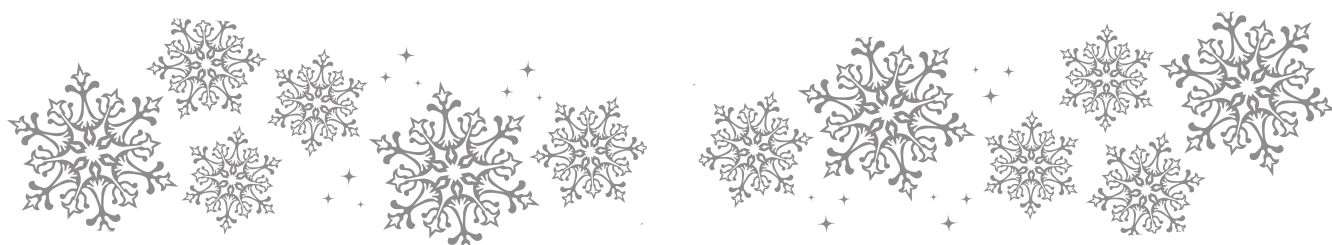
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUL	07-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	07-06	Deutsch Marques: A German Auto Event	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corner, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-03	TBD	TBD	Barb Doss
	07-17	Gilmore Cruise In	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
	07-21 to 07-27	2019 Porsche Parade	Boca Raton Resort & Club Boca Raton, FL	PCA
AUG	08-03	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-16	WERKS Reunion - Monterey	Corral de Tierra Country Club Salinas, CA	PCA
	08-17	August Dinner Drive	TBD	Tyan & Lisa Roelands
	08-23 to 08-24	28 th Street Metro Cruise Kickoff	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids
SEP	09-04 to 09-07	Treffen Vermont Fall 2019	Woodstock Inn & Resort Woodstock, VT	PCA
	09-09	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	09-14 to 09-15	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-21	Porsches and BBQ	Allegan, MI	CB & Kelly Bursk
	09-28	September Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
OCT	10-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	TBD	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
NOV	11-04	2020 Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA
	11-16	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	12-07	Annual Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss





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AVOIDING THE SPRING SURPRISE!

Now that our cars are all put away and the dust has settled from Santa's sleigh, there's not much more to do than think about a spring project for your Porsche. Winter days are a great time to research some of those performance ideas you've been thinking about, or planning a three-day road trip for early spring.

Meantime, it's winter. Your car is stored and life seems good, but this is no time to let your guard down.

Last month we gave you some pictures of what you do not want to see. Though we covered a number of categories, one I did not cover is the damage rodents can do to your car while it's in storage. Silently, while we're inside looking out or sitting by the fireplace, rodents are planning an attack on your car.



This is one topic that we cannot mention too many times. Every spring we end up repairing the damage rodents have made during the winter. Cabin and air filters make great nesting materials and with the addition of some chewed up wiring and smells in the heating and AC systems, a winter home is made. Rodents are no respecter of who you are or what you drive. If it's parked, it's a target. We've seen cases where rodents have eaten and destroyed the undercar wiring overnight.



We've all been told that mice can get through the smallest hole, but perhaps we don't realize just how small of a hole they can manage. Check out the picture of the mouse working its way through the 1/2" holes in a piece of wire mesh.



It's amazing to see the broad spectrum of automobile parts that mice destroy. I've determined that nothing is safe from the little beasts as they search for the perfect cozy spot for a winter nap. With that said, I've often wondered why they enjoy eating wiring like they do?

Some say they eat wiring to sharpen their teeth or to make nesting material. (There's nothing like a short piece of wire to scratch that mid-winter itch.) Perhaps a more practical reason wiring is a target, is that in an effort to "go green", wiring manufacturers began making the insulation for their wiring out of soy (as in soy beans). Consequently, the insulation became a potential meal.



So how do we stop rodents from snacking on our cars? Here are just a few suggestions -

- **Dryer Sheets** - Place plenty of dryer sheets in and around your car, making sure you place them under the hood, in all door pockets, tail pipes and any place mice may travel. Replacing the sheets each month during the winter improves your odds of keeping rodents away. One caution: remember where you place them and make sure you remove all of them in the spring.
- **Electrical devices** - There are some electrical devices such as "Pest Destruct" which emit ultrasonic waves that rodents dislike. I personally have not tried these items but I have a noise generator for barking dogs which works very well. It's activated by a barking dog, but once activated, they become very quiet and hide. My dog Mokey hates it, so does our neighbor's dog.
- **Bird Seed** - Keep birdseed out of your storage area if possible and remember to keep it tightly sealed no matter where you store it.
- **Cedar balls** - Cedar balls seem to work okay when spread around and in your car. Moth balls work very well but in either case your car will absorb some of the smell they create. I place tin cans containing moth balls, around the inside edges of my garage to deter any pesky critters.
- **Mouse (Snap) Traps** - Setting mouse traps by the front and rear edges of your tires will help keep mice out of your car. Mice use the tires to climb up and into your car.
- **Peppermint Spray** - Rodents pee on everything and mark their path to and from their destination with it. Using a peppermint or similar spray around your tires, under the hood and in similar areas, can help cover their path and possibly prevent their travels. Such sprays should be reapplied periodically.

Unfortunately, Porsches are not immune to rodent damage, so take care of that stored car by planning and implementing a good defensive plan. Note: Members of the club who have received this issue will be charged a surcharge for the removal of rodent debris in the spring. (LMAO)

Enjoy the coming season and we'll see you in the spring. This time of year is a good time to discuss any projects or special maintenance you may be thinking of. If you have something you'd like to discuss, please give me a call.

See you at Winterfest!

-Tim

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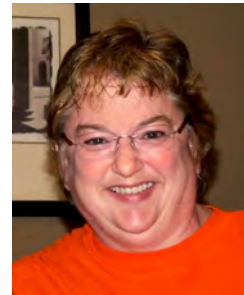
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Frank Conner
instructing at the WMR PCA Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School making sure our kids are safe on the road.

I'm honored to be asked to assist the club as Vice President. Because we are "Fueled by Volunteers", I've tried to do what I could over the last few years to maintain WMR PCA's sixty years of excellence. Examples of my involvement has ranged from being the classroom instructor at the Street Survival school, hosting a drive, to managing new name tags; while attending as many club events as possible - always aided, and usually accompanied, by my wife Raeni. I am a psychologist by training and a college professor by vocation. But like most of us in the club, Porsches are a passion!



Marshall Walters in her 2014 Cayman taking IROC 1 Lady's Fastest Time of Day

Who am I? I lived in multiple western states growing up, but consider myself to be from Kalamazoo (although I've lived in Allegan county for 30+ years now). I'm a consultant for a large HR consulting firm. And I have minor addiction to a certain car marque.

John and I joined the club in the summer of 2001, right after we picked up our first Porsche - a silver 1988 911. We started attending board meetings from the start (we were pleasantly surprised to learn club members weren't all "uppity", but were regular people) and quickly got pulled into the various social activities, which led us both to get involved in hosting events and I eventually took over the Enthusiast Chair position from Lina Spross.

Years of exposure to German art on wheels led to my purchase of my 2014 Cayman, which then led to exploring track events and the introduction to even more of our club members!

Brenda has done a fantastic job as secretary for about a dozen years. My goal is not to hold this new position for another 12 (I signed on for 2!), but I hope to carry on her great heritage. Possibly fitting that I follow in her footsteps, as the silver 911 was once a car that Brenda drove! But since I'm taking over this new role, the Enthusiast Chair position is open and looking for a volunteer.

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