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May 11, 2019

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Sporting Clays

May 18, 2019

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More information to come in the April 2019 Über Alles

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Mother Nature was much nicer in 2017...

Photo from February 2017 Winterfest

Rick Riley's 1962 356B "Fritze"

Photo by Rick Riley

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# WINTER WONDERLAND

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jim Chiavaras**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

Greetings Everyone,

As I write this letter, I can't help but wonder if we are ever going to see spring. Snow and ice covered roads continue, which means no Porsche sportscar driving in the near future, at least for me. Hopefully the last several weeks will soon be a memory.

We can still have good times as evidenced by the great turnout at Winterfest 2019. The wonderful venue at Thousand Oaks Golf Club added to the enjoyment of our yearly celebration.

The enthusiast of the year was awarded to Frank Conner for his involvement in Porsche club events and activities in 2018. Congratulations Frank!

A special thank you went out to Mike Karluk and Brenda Hildon-Kaempf for their years of dedication and service to our club. A fitting tribute and fun story was presented by Rick Riley in memory our friend Kurt Wirth.

A pictorial recap of Winterfest 2019 can be found on Page 7.

While looking at my email yesterday I read an article on Mlive that stated Cygnus 27 will be no more as of March 16, a new but unnamed restaurant will take its place in the spring of 2020 so everyone should join us at the daylight savings brunch hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck as well as the March dinner event at the Grattan Irish Pub hosted in years past by Kurt Wirth and this year the host will be Rick Riley.

All the best,  
-Jim



## PORSCHE PARADE 2019 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Everybody Boca!

## PORSCHE PARADE 2019 HEADS TO THE FLORIDA BEACHES

July 21 - 27, 2019

Even with the weather we've had of late, summer WILL arrive. When you think of summer, you begin to think about Porsche Parade. Registration opened Monday, February 4 at 12:00 pm EST. This is a deadline you DO NOT want to miss if you're planning to attend. To help you organize for registration, go to the [Porsche Parade 2019 Website](#) and visit the [Phase I Registration Guide](#) or you can head to our [WMR PCA Website](#) for more information.

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





## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

HOSTED BY: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK

Is it that time again? Yes! Daylight Savings Time is quickly approaching so let's begin it with a fabulous brunch at Cygnus27 in Downtown Grand Rapids.

Foods with a Latin touch and various other cosmopolitan touches will provide an unforgettable start-up to the new driving season.

Join us to form a fun-loving crowd with an edge to enjoyable culinary challenges on March 10.

Nevertheless there is a catch this year with our lovely spot on the 28<sup>th</sup> floor. They are now charging for the room. So please bring \$3 in cash per person to cover the charges. If we collect more than the room charge, our wonderful charity, Kids' Food Basket, will be the beneficiary from our annual get together.



**Where:** Cygnus27

Amway Grand Plaza, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor  
187 Monroe Ave NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**When:** Sunday March 10, 2019 at 11:00am

**RSVP:** [wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com](mailto:wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com) or  
text 616-780-6590 (please leave your name(s))  
by Monday March 4, 2019



## KURT WIRTH GRATTAN IRISH PUB EVENT

HOSTED BY: RICK RILEY

The snow better be gone by the time you are reading this! Once again, it's time to drive your beater for beans and wieners. Actually the food at the Grattan Bar is wonderful and it is now NO smoking! Wednesday night is fish night and then there is always the legendary Grattan Burger.

As many of you know, we lost our dear friend Kurt Wirth last November 2018. This was Kurt's event every year and he loved the hamburger, burnt, no bun! As a tribute to our dear friend, we are naming the Grattan Irish Pub Dinner Event in his honor to celebrate his life.

**Where:** Grattan Irish Pub

11817 Old Belding Rd NE  
Belding, MI 48809

**When:** Wednesday March 27, 2019

6:00pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner

**RSVP:** [Rick.Riley01@gmail.com](mailto:Rick.Riley01@gmail.com)  
by Monday March 25, 2019

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Grattan Irish Pub



# APRIL COOK-OFF

HOSTED BY: FRANK & RAENI CONNER AND GLENN & LANNIE EISENBRANDT

Owning a Porsche brings the unfettered joy of childhood into the adult world. Why not have a cook-off that does the same thing? This year, we challenge the members of the club to take a childhood staple, **Mac and Cheese**, and turn it into a grownup culinary delight!



The rules are simple, the main ingredients must be tubular pasta and cheese. Other than that, go wild!

A chef who brings a dish with at least two quarts of Mac and Cheese 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. BYOB!

**Where:** Frank and Raeni Conner  
3820 Egypt Valley Ave  
Ada, MI 49301

**When:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 6:30pm

**RSVP:** [connerfr@gmail.com](mailto:connerfr@gmail.com) or call 616.874.4085  
by Wednesday, April 10, 2019

# IN REVIEW: MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

BY: AMBER DOOR

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

The "Morning after" group for 2019 had the pleasure of traveling to brunch on a flurry of white flakes - that is all, but the few people that took the elevator to eat.

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The casual atmosphere at the JW Marriott, wonderful food and WMR friends made for another wonderful leisurely brunch where people were able to spend some quality time together - some getting to know each, others catching up on their recent travels and going over plans for 2019 PCA events.

The Sunday morning trip out in the weather was well worth it to spend time with fellow club members and enjoy the enticing array of choices on the Six.One.Six buffet.

We hope to see you at the "Morning After" in 2020. You will not be disappointed!



*Excellent turnout on a blustery day*

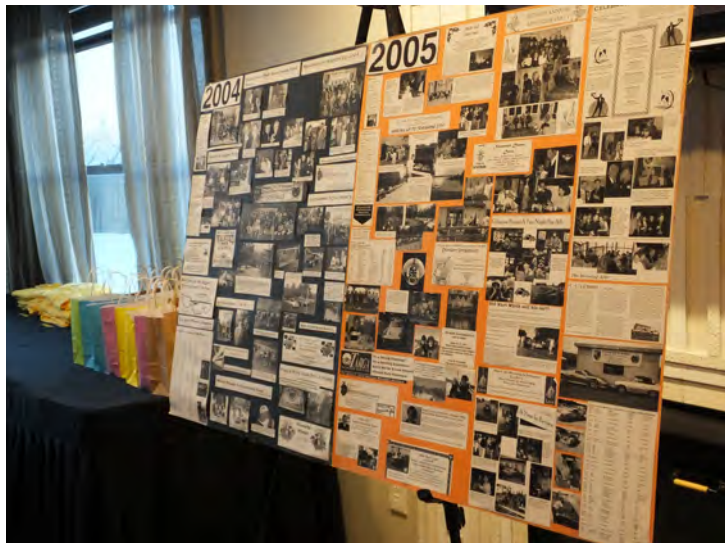


*Claudio Kaempf (left) "where's my food?!" with Brenda Hildon-Kaempf and Rick Riley*



# WINTERFEST 2019

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR



History of WMR PCA



Our 2018 Most Enthusiastic Member, Frank Conner, with 2018 Enthusiast Chair, Marshall Walters



Debbie & Tim Thatcher (left) and Steve & Niki Honhart



Rick Riley (left) and Michelle & Jack Fisher

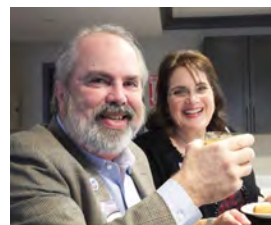
## Enjoying Winterfest 2019



Thank you Mike Karluk (former President) and Brenda Hildon-Kaempf (former Secretary) for your years of service to the Club!



Chuck & Lynne Olenyk (left), Clyde & Debbie Sinclair and Frank Conner (right)



Jeff & Missy Diffenderfer



Fred & Kim Wroblewski and their son, John

# 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>MAR</b>	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
<b>APR</b>	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
<b>MAY</b>	05-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	05-11	May Dinner drive	TBD	Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt, Frank & Raeni Conner
	05-18	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
<b>JUN</b>	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
<b>JUL</b>	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
<b>AUG</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise Kickoff	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>SEP</b>	09-04 to 09-07	Treffen Vermont Fall 2019	Woodstock Inn & Resort Woodstock, VT	PCA
	09-07 to 09-08	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blackledge
	09-09	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	09-21	Porsches and BBQ	Allegan, MI	CB & Kelly Bursk
	09-28	September Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
<b>OCT</b>	10-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	TBD	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
<b>NOV</b>	11-04	2020 Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA
	11-16	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	12-07	Annual Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss

# AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



Hi Zone 4,

The month of February for me was back to back administrative PCA meetings across the country.

The weekend of Feb 9-10th, I was in Seattle, Washington for the National Staff Meetings. Why Seattle you ask? And on the weekend of the epic 100-year snow storm that virtually stopped the city? Who knew!! I was lucky that I got in before the snow started, and flew home before the 2nd wave hit. The weekend included an afternoon and morning of the Zone Reps having time with many of the National Staff Chairs as well as the Executive Council, followed by the annual National Staff Assembly. The professional staff at National PCA HQ continues to grow with the addition of a Marketing and Membership Chair, Jim Hemig, and Digital Architect Robert Forsyth. Look for major changes to the PCA.ORG website coming later this year.

Then the next weekend I was in Dallas, Texas for the PCA Club Racing All Hands meeting. Many of you are aware, I also serve as a National Scrutineer for the Club Race program. I was joined by most of the Scrutineer team, all of the Stewards and the Timing and Scoring teams. We discussed new program changes, rules changes and overall strategies to grow and improve the program. We have a few new technology tricks to use to evaluate correct engine compression specifications. Oh boy!



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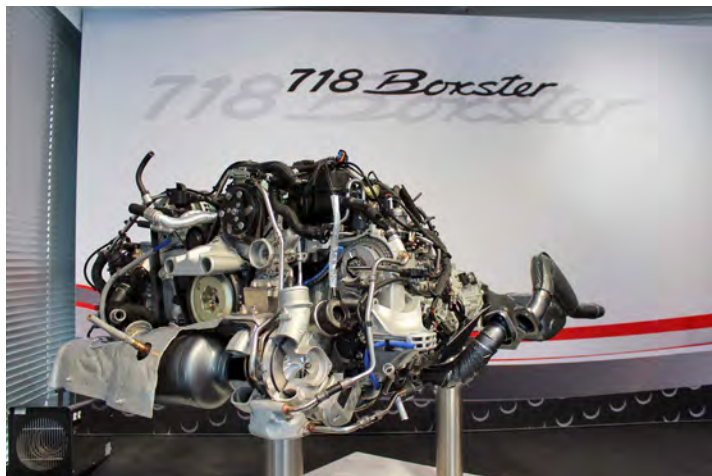
The Porsche Museum has chosen the following five engine sounds as their favorites:

- #5 The 911 Carrera RS 2.7 liter, flat 6-cylinder engine
- #4 The 550 Spyder 1.5 liter, flat 4-cylinder, 4 cam engine
- #3 The new 911 GT3 RS 4 liter, flat 6-cylinder engine
- #2 The 918 Spyder 4.6 liter, V8 engine
- #1 The Carrera GT 5.7 liter, V10 engine

Some of my personal picks would be:

- The 917 5.0 liter, flat 12-cylinder engine
- The 904 Carrera GTS 2.0 liter, flat 6-cylinder 4 cam engine
- The 1959 718 RSK 2 liter, flat 4-cylinder 4 cam engine

So, what prompted me to take the time to go searching for the great sounds of Porsches? Winter blues? Too much time in the seat of the plow truck? Or was it that someone compared the new Porsche 718 platformed Cayman and Boxster flat 4-cylinder, 4 cam Turbo engine sounds to a WRX?



After hours of a diligent and exhausting search, here is what I found, or rather heard:

1. There are too many great sounds to choose from
2. There are no sounds of WRX engines to be found
3. When comparing the sounds of the new 718 engines, I heard a little of the past, perhaps something similar to a 718 RSK Spyder.

There may be more than one reason Porsche badged it the 718, other than being a mid-engine, 4-cylinder, two-seater. Maybe, just maybe, it's also the sound it produces.

So, go ahead and take a listen online, just make sure your beverage is full, because I am sure you will get caught up on all those great sounds.

Come spring, I hope someone will come by with their new 718 and take me for a ride so I can hear those great sounds from the past.



P.S. I'm sure that when the Tuners get done upping the power on the 718, there will be no large soup cans hanging off the center exhaust dump.

Before I close, I want to take a moment to thank all who made Winterfest such a great event. The meal was great and the company the best. It's always a great time to reminisce and share stories about our Porsches.

We're looking forward to an early spring and a long summer.

Drive Safe,

-Tim





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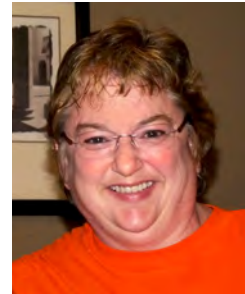
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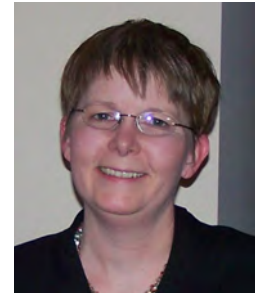
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## AROUND THE ZONE (cont'd from page 9)

The next weekend I was in Toledo, Ohio, for the Zone 4 Presidents meeting, and Driver Education Planning Meeting. We were joined by our National PCA President-Tom Gorsuch. Also with us was the National DE Chair-John Krecek and National Awards Chair- Michael Soriano. Thanks to Chip Henderson for sharing the story of how Mid Ohio became 2017 region of the year. 11 regions were represented out of the 12, and we had a packed agenda with remote participation from National Marketing and Membership Chair- Jim Hemig, National Autocross Chair Kathy Thorp, and PorschePlatz queen Lynn Friendman. We reviewed the highlighted region events for 2019 in the Zone - please check your calendars for these dates and check the region websites and newsletters for details:

- Allegheny - Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix - July 19-21
- Central Indiana - Automobilia Charity event August 24
- Eastern Buckeye - Falling Water Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tour July 20
- Maumee Valley 0 Auburn Cord Museum tour April 13
- Michiana - 5 autocrosses throughout the summer at Tire Rack in South Bend
- Ohio Valley - Porsche Corral at the Ault Park Concours June 9
- Rally Sport - Yankee Air Museum Tour Summer, TBD
- Southeast Michigan - Summer Picnic
- Western Michigan - Gilmore Car Museum Red Barn Spectacular - August 3

Cheers - Lori



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