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June 06, 2019
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Spring UP!
June 2019
Hosted by Robert Steffens

More information to come in the May 2019 Über Alles

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On the cover:
Delightful dessert offerings at the March 2019
Daylight Savings brunch at Cygnus27

Photo by: Wolfgang Bubeck

WELCOME TO SPRING

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras
President,
Western Michigan Region

Greetings and welcome to spring, it has finally arrived!

As the weather warms up and the snow disappears, I am enjoying having the Cayman out of storage and back on the road. There are a few brave souls who likely have their cabriolets out and probably with the top down, I however will wait for it to warm up a bit more before putting the top down on the Boxster.

With the weather warming and daylight savings time now in effect I can't help but get excited about upcoming Porsche club events.

The daylight savings brunch at Cygnus 27 hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck was yet another great time for all who attended. I am curious as to what is in the works for the space now that Cygnus has closed.

We unfortunately missed what I am told was a great time at the Grattan Irish Pub in Kurt Wirth's honor, including a toast to Kurt delivered by Wolfgang in German, what a great way to show how much he meant to the club.

I hope everyone has their cars out of storage and on the road, however, beware of potholes, I hear they are now legal in Michigan.

I hope to see everyone at the chili cookoff on April 13 if not sooner.

Safe Motoring,
-Jim



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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 · Phone: (616) 710-0122



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 or call 616.874.4085
by Wednesday, April 10, 2019

MAY DINNER DRIVE

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

It's about time to get our cars out of storage. Once we have, we will have a strong urge to enjoy driving them again. To help with this need, we are planning a near Northeast drive ending up at the [Timbers Inn & Tavern](#).

We leave from the Cedar Springs Tractor Supply parking lot, weave our way around the countryside to the Village of Sand Lake. From there we will go on a countryside and lake tour around Pine Lake, Little Myers Lake, Myers Lake, Bowers Lake, and Lake Bella Vista ending at Timbers Inn where we will have a dedicated parking area. At Timbers Inn we will be dining off a limited menu selected by the Hosts (the hosts are open to bribes if you have a favorite dish there!). Also, let the Hosts know if there are any special food requirements with your RSVP so they can inform Timbers Inn ahead of time.

RSVP: geisenbrandt@ssoe.com by Saturday, May 4, 2019

MEET UP: Tractor Supply - Cedar Springs, MI
131 and 17 Mile Road
4011 17 Mile Rd NE
Cedar Springs, MI

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2019
3:00 pm (Meet Up)
5:00 pm (Dinner)

DINNER: [Timbers Inn & Tavern](#)
6555 Belding Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341



SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT-OFF



HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR

Join us on Saturday, May 18 for our 7th 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

\$25.00, 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 18th @ 10:00am (arrive

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

RSVP BY: Thursday, May 16th

Jerry Arens or Amber Door

Jerry's cell (616)340-2192 / jdarens62@aol.com

Amber's cell (616)340-0971 / Amdoor242@aol.com



Hope to see you there!

IN REVIEW: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

BY: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK

PHOTOS BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK

Thanks to all PCA friends for rising early to join our brunch event on the first day of daylight savings time. The new requisite room charge did not hold back a crowd of 28 people. All were engaged in relaxed conversations, even to a point where no one was thinking to dig into the buffet with the usual excellent food offering. After a short reminder, everyone went downstairs to put some dents in the nicely arranged plates. The additional servings of Brazilian meats and clams were well received.

Cygnus is now closed for Renovation. Hopefully they will finish in time to continue the event beyond it's 8th anniversary. In the meanwhile we will be looking for alternatives as well.

Enjoy a happy and safe driving season.

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CYGNUS



Hello...Brunch is Served!



A Delicious Spread for Delicious Feasting Ahead

KURT WIRTH MEMORIAL GRATTAN IRISH PUB EVENT

BY: RICK RILEY

PHOTOS BY WOLFGANG BUBECK & MIKE MURPHY

We had 40 plus WMR members attend the Kurt Wirth Grattan Irish Pub Dinner Drive. The Bar had the North half blocked off for us so there was plenty of room for all. Teresa, Maria and Joe were Johnnie on the spot taking drink orders as people arrived and Frank Conner approved of the Manhattans! Win Win! The Kitchen put on extra help so they had food production covered as well. Wednesday night is Fish night and then there is always the Grattan Burger! Yum!

We had at least 4 Porsches driven to the event and all the talk was "When are you getting your car out"

We gave Kurt a proper salute. Thank you to every one that attended.

The driving season is upon us! Check the club calendar either in Über or online and pick some events you would like to attend.

Saturday, April 13th is the Annual "Cook off" at the Conners. Always a great time of food and Porsche camaraderie and an adult beverage or two.

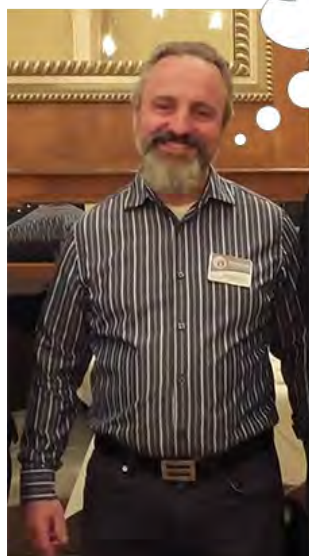


A Tribute from Our Host, Rick Riley



See you.....Down the road!

Rick



"A Toast"
A toast, a toast
To cheer and good times
A toast, a toast
To cheer and good times.

ONE! TWO! THREE! DRINK UP!



Wonderful Turnout to Celebrate the Life of Kurt Wirth

Wolfgang Bubeck gave a perfect toast to Kurt in German and then explained it in English. For more information on the Toast, go to <https://www.oktoberfest-songs.com/ein-prosit-lyrics.html>



Craig and Chris Ackerman taking turns smiling for the camera.

2019 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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	Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt, Frank & Raeni Conner
	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
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



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

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



AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



Hi Zone 4,

The month of March kicked off with our very successful Driver Instructor Refresher Training sponsored by Northern Ohio Region, run by Lori and Bob Bryant. We had over 65 in the room, and 20 via webcast for the morning of education and fun. The rest of the month I was actually mostly out of Zone 4 for PCA activities.



At Porsche Cars Canada and Upper Canada Region - with Tina McMullan, Lori Schutz, CEO Marc Ouayoun and Kathrin Menge.

On March 12th, I drove up to Toronto to present my father's story to the team at Porsche Cars Canada. In the evening I joined the Upper Canada Region for the monthly social at the Porsche Centre North Toronto Dealership.



DE Instructor Training Refresh led by Lori and Bob Bryant.
Photo by Lori Schutz

Then off to Austin, Texas to visit with good friends Ed and Tracey Gross from Hill Country Region PCA, to attend the inaugural IndyCar Classic at Circuit of the Americas. We are in for a fantastic Indycar season, setting records such as the youngest ever winner - congrats to Colton Herta.



Lori at Circuit of the Americas in Austin TX for the Indycar Classic weekend with Hill Country Region.

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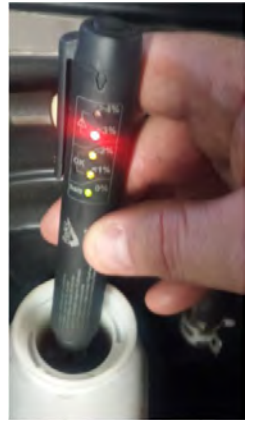
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A higher moisture content will lower the boiling point of brake fluid which in turn will create brake fade and spongy pedals. Not the sort of thing you want when braking from high speeds.

The best way to combat brake fluid contamination is to treat brake fluid as a regular maintenance item, changing it every two years. Just do it! The only exceptions to the two-year rule are track cars, they are done more often.



Checking Moisture Content

Also, brake fluid is not just DOT4 anymore. Always make sure the correct fluid is being used for your application. New brake fluids for ABS and Stability Control systems are thinner than past DOT4 fluids due to the valve assemblies.

Remember, if you take care of your braking system, your braking system will take care of you!



Next month... Loss of feel in the steering wheel on new cars.

Until next month,

-Tim



IT'S PORSCHE TIME!



It's Porsche Time!

With anticipations high and the sun showing up regularly, it's time to dust off our favorite ride.

As a friendly reminder before hitting the road:

- Remember to remove all of those dryer sheets from the engine bay
- Check all fluid levels
- Adjust tire pressures
- Torque the lug nuts on your wheels

I've written an article on brake system flushing in the past, but thought a reminder would be appropriate.



Checking pH

With today's vehicles, having brake fluid that just looks clean is not enough. The moisture content and pH levels of fluids must be kept under control and they cannot always be seen with the naked eye.

Modern break fluids contain an additive to control the pH levels, but they have a limited lifetime. Once the buffers in the additives deplete, the pH can go up very rapidly causing corrosion to lines and components.

Most brake lines are copper coated and when the lines corrode, the coating becomes suspended in the brake fluid. The hydraulic valving units used with ABS and Stability



Control Systems are very complex and can become easily contaminated, leading to trouble.

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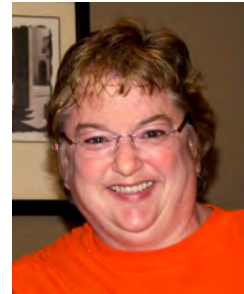
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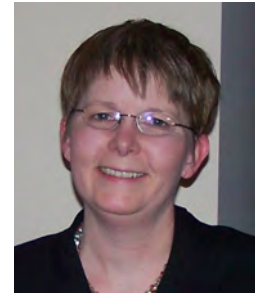
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I put my National Scrutineering gear on the final weekend in March, and joined good friends for the Zone 8 California Festival of Speed. This is a full weekend of a show featuring the 356 and 914 models, a taste of autocross, swap meeting, vendor fair, time trials and of course my favorite, the PCA Club Race on the Autoclub Speedway Roval in Fontana, CA. One of our Provisional club race endure co-drivers was Memo Gidley, who drives Prototypes in the IMSA series.

Looking forward to getting set for lots of great spring Zone 4 events including the Mid Ohio Club race May 17-19th, and the Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle Porsche Car Corral. Please contact me for more information or region websites.

And most of all, getting our Porsches back on the roads and tracks.

Cheers - Lori



Lori Schutz with Memo Gidley at the Zone 8 PCA Club Race.



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