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## April EVENTS

### ANNUAL COOK-OFF

April 18, 2020

Hosts: Frank & Raeni Conner

## May EVENTS

### GR AUTO GALLERY LUNCH DRIVE

May 09, 2020

Hosts: Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt

### SPORTING CLAYS

May 16, 2020

Hosts: Jerry Arens & Amber Door

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On the cover:  
Charley's Crab dinner event  
Photo taken by WB



# 2020..... IS NOW

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jim Chiavaras**  
President, Western Michigan Region

So far, the weather in February has not been too bad. No polar vortex to deal with and winter seems to be speeding by as yet another Winterfest has passed us by. We had a great turnout at Thousand Oaks Country Club for Winterfest 2020 with over 50 people showing up for a wonderful evening of friendship, food and drink. Congratulations go out to Jerry Arens and Tom Lyon for winning the enthusiast of the year award, a well-deserved recognition for all you do for the club throughout the year. Although not a PCA event, another get together in February was held at Garage Kept Motors, where they had several Porsches as well as several other marques on display. Thanks to AJ Dufendach for hosting the event. Looking ahead in February we have the leap day dinner on February 29 at Schaendorf Brewing Company in Allegan hosted by CB and Kelly Bursk, March 8 is the Daylight savings brunch at One Trick Pony hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck and then the Kurt Wirth Memorial Dinner at Grattan Irish Pub hosted by Ted & Gabi Blacklidge on March 11. I am looking forward to all of these events but also excited to see spring getting closer. Frank Conner and I just returned from beautiful Rossford, Ohio after attending the annual PCA Presidents meeting and we met people from other regions in Zone 4. Everyone we met was friendly and personable, but I have to say that WMR is quite an active club compared with some of the others which I would directly attribute to our strong membership as well as our members volunteering and always willing to step up and help when needed.

All the best,

*Jim*

## ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR

BY: GLEN EISENBRANDT

Every year WMR selects an Enthusiast of the Year. The enthusiast is recognized at Winterfest and has their name engraved on a pin that is added to the roving trophy that they get to keep for the year.

The selection process uses a standard point system based on attendance to WMR events and newsletter involvement. The point system is:

**For attending a WMR event:**

- Parties/Dinners: 10
- Autocross/Drivers Ed/Club Race: 10
- Driving your own Porsche to an event: 5
- 50 or more miles one way: 10

**For participation in a WMR event:**

- Chairing an event: 20
- Autocross/Drivers Education: 15
- Members who bring new members to an event: 10

**For contributions to the Über Alles:**

- Pictures/write-up submitted of WMR event: 10
- For other articles/pictures: 10

Once you're selected as an Enthusiast you cannot be selected again for the following two years.

For 2019 we had 193 members participate in 1 or more events. The ten members with the most total points for 2019 were:

475 - Amber Door	240 - Raeni Conner
335 - Frank Conner	235 - Randy Portoluri
325 - Jerry Arens	225 - Wolfgang Bubeck
275 - Rick Riley	210 - Jim Chiavaras
260 - Glenn Eisenbrandt	210 - Marshall Walters

With Amber the 2017 and Frank the 2018 enthusiasts, the 2019 Enthusiast of the year is **Jerry Arens**.

This year the board decided to award a New Member Enthusiast with an engraved name tag. New members are eligible the year they join and 1 full year after joining. The 2019 New Member Enthusiast of the year is **Tom Lyon** with 65 points.

**ACCESS THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE.**

[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 2020

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





# IN REVIEW:

BY: AMBER DOOR

Winterfest is WMR's annual celebration of and testament to the PCA mottoes - "it's not just the cars, it's the people" and "Fueled by Volunteers".

Good food and camaraderie was enjoyed by all as we celebrated those members who played a direct part in the planning and execution of our 2019 events. Following Jim Chiavaras thanking all of the volunteers that keep our Region active and vibrant as we head into our 59th year as a Region, Glenn Eisenbrandt presented the 2019 WMR Enthusiast of the Year award to Jerry Arens. Additionally, a new award was presented on Saturday - the New Member Enthusiast of the Year - which was the member that had joined WMR in the last year and attended the most events during that time. The award was presented in absentia to Tom Lyon. Congratulations to both Jerry and Tom!

# WINTERFEST 2020

Our Zone 4 Representative, Lori Schutz, was also in attendance and provided us not only an update on what was being planned in the Zone for 2020, but donated a copy of her father's book and a custom T-shirt for our auction to benefit Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank.

The WMR Board would like to thank those members that donated items for the auction, as well as to Lori and Porsche Grand Rapids for their generous donations to the auction. WMR raised \$2,150.00 with the items donated. We would also like to thank EuroAutowerks for providing custom 2020 calendars highlighting our Regions members and the upcoming Club event.

**See Snap Shot pictures on the next page.**

# IN REVIEW:

BY: AMBER DOOR

# MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

Unlike some of our travels to Winterfest the evening before, the drive to the "Morning after" Brunch was a sunny, bright February morning. For the first WMR "Morning After" of the new decade we returned, after many years away, to one of Grand Rapids best brunch buffet's at Charley's Crab.



As we all arrived and were escorted to our table we had to walk right past an array of desserts. This seemed to be a reminder to all of us to make sure that we paced ourselves at the buffet and save room for the dessert! The buffet was spread with selections to please any palate from omelets to carved meat. For over 2 hours we casually grazed through the award-winning buffet and enjoyed great conversation with our fellow club members, which included the 1984 WMR president and now our Zone 4 Rep, Lori Schutz.



Based upon observation of the number of times each person took "the walk" nobody left hungry, although I don't know if every had room for dessert. We missed all of you who were not able to attend.

Were your ears burning? We may have been talking about you and how sorry we were that you could not make it. We hope you can join us in 2021!



# IN REVIEW: CHARLEY'S CRAB DINNER EVENT

BY: RICK RILEY

PHOTOS BY: WB

The first event of the Western Michigan Region Porsche Club was a great success and a new track record! 41 WMR members gathered at Charley's Crab in downtown Grand Rapids for a nice evening socializing and camaraderie.

The overheard conversations encompassed gardening, art, remodeling up grades, children, grandchildren, dogs, wine, metrology (look that one up) and of course Porsches! (Do you think an electric Porsche is in your future?)

The Charley's staff, Chef Ross, and servers Janelle, Sabrina, Nicole handled our group with ease. The food was excellent as was the service. I was impressed.



WMR Dinner Drives are typically on Wednesday evenings so they don't interfere with other weekend activities. Also, they start and end early so most can be home by 10:00pm! Some true D+Ds are weekend affairs during the driving season in order to capture some of our Michigan beauty roads and enjoy your Porsche, hence the name, Dinner Drive! D+Ds are an easy way to enjoy the club and meet new people. The perfect conversation starter is "What do you drive?"

Check the club calendar in Über Alles or on-line and mark off some drives that you might enjoy.

Our next event is Winterfest. If I don't see you there, I will see you.....Down the road.





# Winterfest 2020

# Snap SHOTS

Photos by Wolfgang Bubeck





# 2020 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>FEB</b>	02-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	WMR PCA
	02-15	Winterfest 2020	Thousand Oaks Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Winterfest Committee
	02-16	Morning After Brunch	Charley's Crab Grand Rapids, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	02-29	February Dinner Event	Schaendorf Brewing Company Allegan, MI	CB & Kelly Bursk
<b>MAR</b>	03-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	03-08	Daylight Savings Brunch	One Trick Pony	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-11	Kurt Wirth Memorial Dinner	Grattan Irish Pub Grattan, MI	Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
<b>APR</b>	04-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	04-18	Annual Cook-off	Ada, MI	Frank & Raeni Conner
<b>MAY</b>	05-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	05-09	Lunch Drive	GR Auto Gallery of Grand Rapids	Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt
	05-16	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
<b>JUN</b>	06-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	06-06	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks Rockford, MI	Euro Autowerks
	06-13 tentative	Spring Up	Traverse City, MI	TBD
	06-21	Start of Porsche Parade	Palm Springs, CA	PCA
	06-27	End of Porsche Parade	Palm Springs, CA	PCA
<b>JUL</b>	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	07-11	Deutsch Marques: A German Auto Event	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corner, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-18	Pool Party	Ackerman's House	Craig & Chris Ackerman
	07-22	Gilmore Cruise In	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
	07-29	Gilmore Cruise In rain date	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
<b>AUG</b>	08-01	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	08-15	Porsches & Barbeque	Allegan, MI	CB & Kelly Bursk





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>SEP</b>	09-12 to 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	WMR PCA, Ted Blackledge
	09-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	09-26	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City	TBD
<b>OCT</b>	10-03	Dinner Drive	Ceder Springs Brewing Company	Paul & Renee Krapp
	10-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	10-10	Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
<b>NOV</b>	11-02	2021 Planning & Board Meeting	Linear Restaurant Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA
	11-21	November Dinner Drive	Railtown Brewing Company Dutton, MI	Jim & Kim Chiavaras
<b>DEC</b>	12-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	12-12	Annual Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss

# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

HOSTS: MILUZKA & WOLFGANG BUBECK

A new brunch experience in 2020! Cygnus 27 is now history and will be hard to beat. Nevertheless we chose a completely different setting in a historically charming building. Please join us for a great experience at ONE TRICK PONY.

The historically charming setting is a fusion of 2 buildings. It had 17 different businesses and is one of the oldest occupied buildings in Grand Rapids.

Chef Bob is sourcing the finest ingredients locally whenever possible. We will have a large menu variety from citrus poached jumbo shrimp to a traditional breakfast in addition to the buffet style servings.



The cost of the brunch is \$45/p with mimosas and a bloody mary bar included. Food sensitivities can be accommodated.

Let us know in advance or contact them directly.

Parking is available at the church and various locations around the building.

**Where:** ONE TRICK PONY  
136 Fulton St E  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**When:** Sunday March 08, 2020 at 11:00

**RSVP:** [wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com](mailto:wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com)  
by March 4, 2020



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HOSTS: TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE

We know the spot from our Grattan weekends in the fall, but an Irish pub is a fine way to celebrate the promise of spring! Please join your Porsche club friends once again at the Grattan Irish Pub to enjoy a fun and friendly atmosphere. A toast will be raised to honor Kurt Wirth, who hosted this event for many years.

**Where:** Grattan Irish Pub  
11817 Old Belding Rd NE  
Grattan, MI 49909

**When:** Wednesday March 11, 2020  
5:30 pm social time  
6:30 pm dinner

**RSVP:** by Monday, March 9, 2020  
Ted @ (616) 635-7997 or  
[gabriele4143@yahoo.com](mailto:gabriele4143@yahoo.com)



Kurt hosting his dinner on March 21, 2018





# A LOOK BACK

INTO OUR PORSCHE PAST

BY CLUB HISTORIAN  
CHUCK OLENYK



## 120 YEARS AGO - 1900



Working for the Jakob Lohner & Company, 25 year old Ferdinand Porsche introduced the "The Lohner-Porsche Mixte Hybrid" in 1900. Instead of a massive battery-pack, an internal combustion engine built by the German firm Daimler drove a generator which in turn drove the electric wheel hub motors. As a backup a small battery pack was fitted. This is the first petroleum-electric hybrid vehicle on record. Notice the wheel hub design.

## 50 YEARS AGO - 1970

The class of the field at the 1970 Rolex 24 At Daytona was the Porsche 917 driven by Pedro Rodriguez of Mexico, Leo Kinnunen of Finland and Englishman Brian Redman. The No. 2 John Wyer Gulf Porsche 917 dominated winning by 45 laps over its sister car, the No. 1 Gulf Porsche 917.

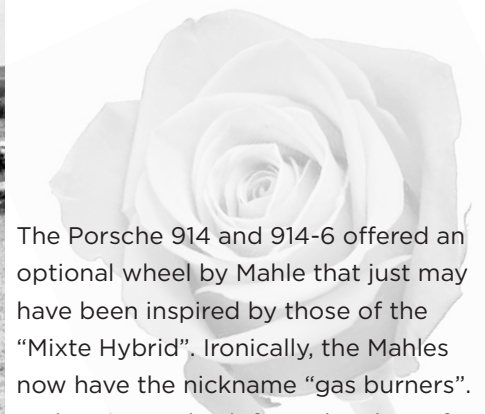
Rodriguez, who scored his third of four Rolex 24 victories in 1970, won his first at the 24-hour distance. He was behind the wheel when the No. 2 Gulf Porsche 917 took the lead two hours and 35 minutes into the race and never looked back.

Redman holds the unusual distinction of driving on both the first and second place cars. Redman and Jo Siffert teamed up to drive the No. 1 Gulf Porsche 917. But the No. 2 Gulf Porsche crew was having difficulty communicating with Kinnunen and Redman filled in for a shift.

Later that year at the BOAC 1000 km at Brands Hatch, Pedro's magnificent ability in the rain to a 5 lap victory prompted fellow driver, Chris Amon, a pretty good racer in the wet himself to say "Can someone tell Pedro that it's raining?"



## 50 YEARS AGO - 1970



The Porsche 914 and 914-6 offered an optional wheel by Mahle that just may have been inspired by those of the "Mixte Hybrid". Ironically, the Mahles now have the nickname "gas burners". In the picture, both from the class of 1970 is our first Porsche and our Social Events Coordinator, Lynne Olenyk, up on the Belknap Lookout, in Grand Rapids.



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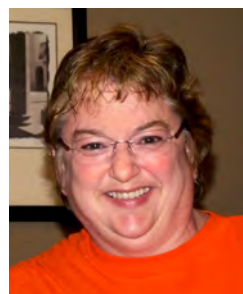
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# ANNUAL COOK-OFF

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**Where:** Frank and Raeni Conner's Home  
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**When:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 6:30pm

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**Wheels:** O.Z. Leggera HLT Bright Race Grey

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**Rear:** 11.0 x 19 with 50mm offset 23.5 lbs

**Tires:** Pirelli Winter Sottozero Series II  
**Front:** 235/40R19 26.4" diameter, 24 lbs  
**Rear:** 295/35R19 27.13" diameter, 29 lbs

Will fit all 2012 through 2016 911 Carrera 4 (991) models, may also fit 2009 through 2011 Carrera 4 models. **\$1000 for the set.**



**Wheels:** BBS SR Anthracite

**Front:** 8 x 18 with 21mm offset 27 lbs

**Rear:** 9 x 18 with 21mm offset 26 lbs

**Tires:** Pirelli Scorpion Winter

**Front:** 235/60 R18

**Rear:** 255/55 R18

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Contact Charlie: [ccdunn@comcast.net](mailto:ccdunn@comcast.net) or call (616) 446-6966.

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References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616)706-4421 or [ericpca911@yahoo.com](mailto:ericpca911@yahoo.com).

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### Willkommen! – New Members & Transfers

#### January (2020)

Timothy Brown, Harbor Springs, '11 Boxster Spyder  
Nicholas Nelson, Richland, '87 924S  
Vickie Watts, Kalamazoo, '99 Boxster  
Mark Looman, Ada, '03 911

#### February (2020)

Richard Bucknam, Grand Rapids, '14 911  
Chad Coberly, East Grand Rapids, '17 911 4S  
Alain Fabi, Kalamazoo, '18 911 Targa 4S  
John Koryto, Portage, '88 924S

### Glückwünsche! – Anniversaries

#### February

**5 year (2015)** Thomas Sax  
Robert Shuster & Diane Whechter

**20 year (2000)** Robert & Sllison De Vilbiss

#### March

**1 year (2019)** Corey Finkler  
Charles Floyd  
Tom and Cindy Lyon  
Jim and Harrison Palmer  
John Piombo

**30 year (1990)** Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt



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