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# HELLO TO ALL MY VIRTUAL FRIENDS

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jim Chiavaras**

*President, Western Michigan Region*

I had high hopes of a spring filled with events and getting together with friends. Little did I realize that the Taycan unveiling at Porsche GR would be the last event attended as a group in over a month.

I was able to get the Cayman out of storage and enjoy driving for a short time.

As COVID 19 continues to keep us all from gathering due to social distancing we have found new ways to interact and see friends and family with technology such as Zoom and Facetime. Although virtual cocktail parties and meetings are not quite the same as interacting in person, it will have to do for now. I am trying to remain hopeful although I am doubtful that

we will be able to salvage our May events and possibly some of our June events. We now find out that Parade 2020 has been canceled. If that was not enough, it has now snowed and been cold enough to make me scrape the windows on the Audi a few times this past week since the Cayman sits in the garage space after coming out of storage. I was at least able to drive the Cayman to and from work several times for a round trip total of 10 miles.

On the bright side of things, everyone from the club that I have spoken with seems to be doing well which is of the utmost importance so we can resume our festivities at some point this summer.

Until we meet again, please stay healthy, Zoom on and I look forward to meeting face to face soon.

All the best,

*Jim*

## FROM THE EDITOR

### WOLFGANG BUBECK

Hello Porsche fellows,

Due to the COVID-19 situation there will be no reviews of current events or any new socializing pictures available for the next Über. Hopefully we are learning to understand our planet better and how to spend quality time with the family in a lock-down situation. Nevertheless it has been hard to realize that you can not always do what you desire. Going out and driving our cars was a big part of it. What are our alternatives to socializing?

In order to have a nice evening I resurrected some old photo equipment, opened a bottle of wine and played around with a strobe light and some color gels. The cover photo of this issue is the result of that evening together with some other nice shots.

Since we don't know exactly when we can return to

our club event schedule I would like to encourage you to share a story on how you cope with the lock-down situation and what your alternative actions are. Please feel free to provide a story and if possible some photos to be published in the next Über.

Any ideas, questions etc.? Contact: [uberwmr@gmail.com](mailto:uberwmr@gmail.com)

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# IN REVIEW: 25TH ANNUAL AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURSE

BY: RICK RILEY

The 25th Annual Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance was held the first weekend in March on the golf course of the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island Florida. WMR members Paul, Marci Thieme and myself were in attendance. This years honoree was none other than Roger Penske. Just reading his introductory bio took several minutes. It's enough to take your breath away. His latest challenge, the Indy 500. Wow! As an aside, when RP spoke of his accomplishments he always referred to his people and what a wonderful job they had done. His words of wisdom were when hiring people, "make it hard to get in and make it real hard to leave."

The Amelia Island area and the Ritz Carlton are always packed for this event. There are between 5-7 auctions going on during the weekend as well. Cars of every description were everywhere. By way of example, one gentleman pulled up to the Ritz entrance in his Porsche 959 and flipped the keys to the valet!

Saturday the day before the Sunday Concourse it's lunch time! Where to eat? The main dinning room of the Ritz of course. Marci put our name in for the 30+ minute wait for a table. After about 40 min we got a perfect table for 4 dead center of the dinning room.

We are seated, have our menus when none other than Derek Bell walks in at the entrance. I expected that he was meeting someone and would be hailed in short order. The place was packed, even the coffee bar was shoulder to shoulder. Derek stood there for minutes finally receiving a menu while he stood. My question to Paul and Marci, "do I invite him to sit with us?" (If you don't ask the answer is no) Derek drove the Thieme's car at Sebring for a charity event a few years back. I've meet him several times over the years through Porsche, Schutz and the Thieme's, so basically he met all of us one time or another.

I made my way across the dinning room, "Derek we have an extra chair if you would like to join us, you know everyone at the table" "that would be wonderful" was his reply.

For the next hour and a half Derek regaled us with amazing racing stories. The one that stood out is when he was in a Rolex 24hr race at Daytona driving the MOMO 962, I didn't catch which year. They had just pitted and fueled the car. Back on the track, he had a right rear tire blow in NASCAR turn 4 at full speed. The tire blew, he hit the wall, the car flew up in the air and landed upside down

skidding on its roof toward the inner wall where it came to rest, Fuel leaking, upside down. You can't get out of a 962 that is upside down because the doors open up and out. I'll tell you the rest of the story over an adult beverage. Needless to say it was hair raising and he was OK.

During lunch several other drivers came over to say hello to Derek in different languages. Other folks would walk buy, see Derek and wonder who we were! Ha!

It was the chance of a life time. We all had fun, including Derek. After lunch we went our separate ways. Paul, Marci and I marveled at our luck and what a wonderful gentleman Derek Bell is. How does that saying go? It's not the cars it's the people!

If you haven't been to the Amelia Island Concourse I suggest you put it on your bucket list. The big challenge is finding a hotel room. Planning a year in advance is advisable.

I hope this article finds you all healthy and happy in these trying times.

This too shall pass...

See you >>>> down the road.



Marci Thieme with Derek Bell, former F1 and endurance racer, 5x Le Mans winner

# A LOOK BACK

INTO OUR PORSCHE PAST

BY CLUB HISTORIAN  
CHUCK OLENYK

WITH TOM AARDEMA

## The Marvelous Mr. Dunn

If you dig into the WMR/PCA newsletter archives at our website, you'll find the Club's very first newsletter. It includes the names of the people who attended the first club meeting at the America Legion Club in Holland. One of these attendees was Norman A. Dunn. He became the club's first "Newsletter" editor and vice-president. This from the March 1961 issue sounds straight out of TV's Madmen; "As you have already noticed, we have abandoned our three column justified format for the newsletter. The patient doll, who used to set it up, threw in the sponge on the cold weather and headed to Florida. Hence, we're back to our standard hunt and peck layout." There was no doubt to me that Norm was a quite a character.

After mid 1961, his name is gone from the "Newsletter". And unfortunately, we currently do not have any Club event records, newsletters, or membership lists for the 60's decade. I started Googling his name, checking obituaries, and sending out Facebook requests to known relatives. Then a big time hit! The Porsche Club of America, for its 60th anniversary, published a list of the 190 charter members who joined the club prior to January 31, 1956. There he was "Norman Dunn, Holland, MI".

More digging connected him to a company started by his father. The W. E. Dunn Manufacturing Co. in Holland was one of the largest producers of concrete molding machinery in the world. The block long building still stands on the corner of 24th St. and Ottawa Ave. They also made the Dunn Heavy Oil Engine. As the name implies, this engine was "specifically designed to consume the cheapest grades of fuel oil, and its ability to accomplish this-together with its elimination of electrical ignition, carburetors and many other trouble-making devices-has revolutionized the entire engine field".

And from the January 8, 1962 Holland Evening Sentinel, "Norman Dunns to Mark Their 25th Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dunn, 556 Washington Ave., will hold an open house ....The Dunns have seven children...two grandchildren ....beginning at 5 p.m".

Then a brief mention in a 1965 issue of the in-house POA newsletter, Porsche Strasse, "PORSCHE PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY...Norman Dunn, President of Dunn Mfg. Company has been driving Porsche's since 1954 when he bought his first, a Coupe. He switched to a Cabriolet in 1957 and now drives a 1963 Super 90. Norman uses his Porsche for both business and pleasure. He appreciates the way the Porsche gets him around in the snows of Michigan during the winter. He says, "It's a great car... wonder-fully engineered... and fine people driving them".

I posted a question at the "Remembering Holland" Facebook page about the company's history. Tom Aardema got back to me. A former 911 owner and WMR/PCA member himself! "I have fond memories of the post war years and fifties mixing it up with the Dunn family. My father's oldest sister Maike married Norman after they met in Holland High School." I messaged Tom if he would consider sharing any Porsche related information about Norman for an article I was researching about our early club members. He graciously replied with reminiscences that more than confirmed my first impressions about Norman!

According to Tom, "Norm was definitely an early adopter. As an example, I clearly remember seeing television for the first time on a giant round tube. It was his new 1950 16 inch Zenith Porthole TV and it had to be one of the first in town. Baseball was big in the family. They were Chicago Cub fans and for several years the company supported a baseball field near Holland's old power plant. I must mention that Norm was a big fan of Midget auto racing and frequently went to the Speedrome in Grand Rapids to see the action and smell the methano! But, Norm was not as interested in the company as his father was. He was known as a "play-boy" likely due to his position in father's business, smoked cigars, loved Hoagy Carmichael, had his own 4 piece band, the Norm Dunn combo and he was the drummer. Had a "cottage" on Lake Macatawa. He was "into" sports cars, bought a new MG-TD. Even one of his kids had the envy of every kid in town, a turquoise Cushman Eagle. He became the first Porsche owner in Holland. More 356's followed and later an early 911."

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# A Look Back - Mr. Dunn

# Snap SHOTS

Photos provided by Tom Aardema



W. E. Dunn Mfg. Co.'s New Plant in Holland, Mich, Where the Dunn Cement Tile Machine and Dunn Combination Cement Block Machine is now being manufactured.



# 2020 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>MAY</b>	05-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Virtual Zoom Meeting	WMR PCA
	05-09	Lunch Drive <b>CANCELED</b>	GR Auto Gallery of Grand Rapids	Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt
	05-16	Sporting Clays <b>TBD</b>	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	Spring Up <b>CANCELED</b>	Traverse City, MI	No Host
	06-21	Start of Porsche Parade <b>CANCELED</b>	Palm Springs, CA	PCA
	06-27	End of Porsche Parade <b>CANCELED</b>	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
<b>SEP</b>	09-12 to 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	WMR PCA, Ted Blacklidge
	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



# AROUND THE ZONE



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BY: LORI SCHUTZ

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

Well we are sure in interesting times. Little did I realize that the DE Instructor Refresher Training in Cleveland on March 14th would be the last Zone 4 event for the foreseeable future. Depending on when this appears in your region publication, we may still be 'sheltering-in-place' until the COVID -19 threat is past us.

We sure did have a fun filled event with our instructors and presenters. Thanks to Mid-Ohio Region for sponsoring the venue, and to Lori and Bob Bryant from Northern Ohio Region for their work in organizing the presenters, registration and catering. We had a strong turn out of over 50 in the room (capacity of 150 - social distancing!) and 20 attended remotely via Zoom (that's a web conferencing platform, in case you didn't know). On April 2nd, I had a Zoom meeting with most of the region presidents to check in and see how everyone is doing. A lot of common themes, with events being canceled and discussion of the newsletters and websites. The good news, is that everyone is healthy and safe. Some groups are using Zoom and other video platforms for monthly meetings, happy hours and social interaction that is safe and keep us connected.

As we are spending more time at home, I hope you have seen the announcements about the SIM Racing program. Check out the latest at <https://pcasimracing.com/>. By the time you read this, the spring season may be complete. There will be more to come. Even the IndyCar series has gone iRacing this season. Stay tuned for more. Please stay safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing everyone when we can gather once again.

Lori - Your Proud Zone 4 Representative

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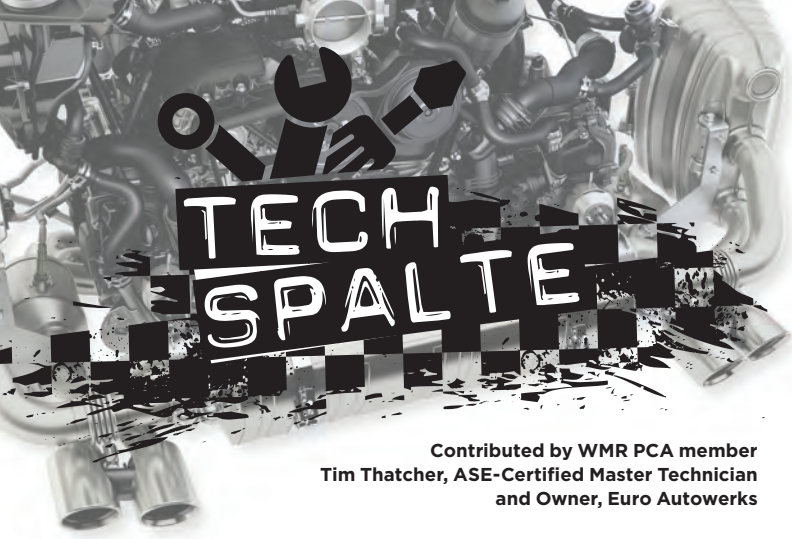
## IN MEMORY:

## TED VOGT

### OBITUARY

Theodore J. (Ted) Vogt, age 71, passed away Friday April 24, 2020. Ted was born to the late Theodore J. Vogt and Eileen (Rooney) Vogt and is survived by his sisters Mary (Petterson), Anne Vogt; his children Jesse (Sara) Bladey, Tracy (Darren) James, Suzanne Bladey, Nick Bladey, Stephanie (Roberto) Mata, Lily Vogt, Libby Vogt, Amelia Vogt, Jocelin Vogt; 19 grandchildren; his beloved Aunt, Val Rooney; and dozens of cousins with whom he remained close throughout his life. Ted was very proud of his big family, his German/Irish heritage and Westside upbringing. He was a faithful member of the Catholic Church and was proud of his time in the US Army where he spent two years in what he always referred to as "sunny Europe". Ted had a zest for life, was fiercely tenacious and greeted each new day with enthusiasm. He was a loving father, enjoyed golf, was passionate about cars, politics, his vacation home in Traverse City, and the investment business where he enjoyed a successful, nearly 40 year, career. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and business partner of 33 years, Carol Dehen. Due to Covid 19 private family services will be held and a celebration of Ted's life will be planned at a later date. Memorial contributions to West Catholic High School will be appreciated.





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I want to extend a special “Thank you” to all of the Porsche folks who have kept our lights on during this difficult time.

You have helped me keep my sanity by providing service work on your cars, while we have been working reduced hours and with reduced staffing. I’ve learned that the novelty of working alone wears off after a couple of days. Thanks to you, I no longer have to talk to myself.

I encourage each of you to stay safe and be confident that this crisis will end, the sun will shine and our cars will be even more enjoyable.

Thank you,

**Tim**



**Tim Thatcher**

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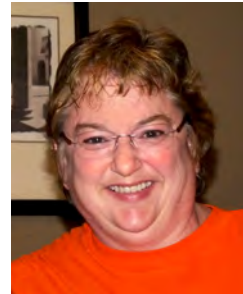
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## A LOOK BACK

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The characterization was definitely not what I was expecting. The Amazon Prime TV series, the Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, about an affluent housewife and mother of two in late 1950s and early 1960s who discovers she has a knack for stand-up comedy and pursues a career in it strikes me as a parallel. The Marvelous Mr. Dunn he was. Norman was born on November 14, 1908. He died in 1988.

This may have been his last contribution to the club, an editorial from May 1961:

"We want to make this Region a success and much is planned for the future. Rome wasn't built in a day and it took a lot of brains and hard work to produce the Porsche you are driving. In fact, it was only a few years ago that domestic automobile manufacturers were whistling while walking through the graveyard. Today the shoe is on the

other foot, and, in some cases, employees of American car manufacturers placed crude signs on Volkswagens, etc., such as, "Volkswagen go home". For this reason we should be proud of the car we drive and operate and take special care on the highway and in town when parking not failing to explain to our fellowmen what would happen should higher embargoes and tariffs be placed on foreign cars. America still produces, and ships more exports than imports and if higher tariffs were placed on American manufacturers exporting to foreign countries, more people would be out of work than there are at the present time."

"I remember my uncle Norm as generous fun loving guy who had a warm smile, loved music, sports cars and life in the fast lane." - Tom Aardema

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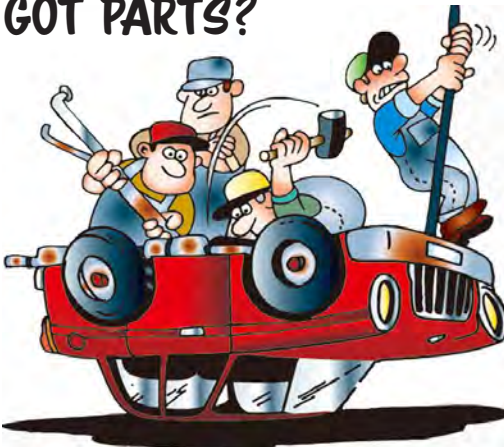
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**Tires:** Pirelli Winter Sottozero Series II  
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**Front:** 8 x 18 with 21mm  
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**Front:** 235/60 R18

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Tires replaced in March 2015 at 55k. Sunroof & headliner alignment issues fixed to make them operate & appear as designed. All gauges operate properly. Mostly original paint is in exceptional condition. Original radio was changed. History traces this Carrera back to California and then to Michigan in 2001 with about 41k miles. The COA numbers match the car. No signs of abuse or accident when viewed on a rack. This classic is garage kept and stored during the winter months. This car has been completely sorted under my ownership so all you have to do is enjoy the ride!! Asking: **\$51,000**  
Contact: Gary Castile,  
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