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Porsches and BBQ: Before the crowd arrived.
Photo taken by WB

GREETINGS TO ALL

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras

President, Western Michigan Region

Although things are not yet back to normal, at least we're having a few events that we can enjoy together. Thanks to Michael Betz and everyone involved in the setup and running of the auto cross at the new venue at Kentwood Community Church. Although I was out of town I was quite pleased that we had 47 cars considering everything that has been happening with the shelter in place orders that we have had to endure. Please see Michael's write up about the event. We now have Grattan to look forward to on September 12th and 13th. I for one am looking forward to future events where we can get together albeit even with social distancing to enjoy each others company.

Kim and I had quite a surprise when we decided to take a drive in the Boxster with the top down and had a warning light that said system failure. As it turns out mice had invaded the vehicle and not only filled the cabin under the carpet with various seeds and nuts but also shredded several wires which was not a pretty sight. Repairs required removing both seats and carpeting in order to fix the issue. Needless to say, several hundred dollars later the Boxster is again road ready. Warning to all that this occurred in spite of putting cedar balls and dryer sheets in the car while it was stored. Lessons learned the hard and expensive way.

Hope to see everyone soon,

Jim



Mouse Work

OCTOBER DINNER DRIVE #1

HOSTED BY: RANDY & LIN PORTOLURI



It's been a crazy year so far with everything shut down and few opportunities to drive our Porsche's and meet as a club. Here is a chance to do such if everything cooperates with the present pandemic in our state. Lin and myself invite you to join us on Saturday October 3rd on a drive to a wonderful 50's style drive in restaurant called the Dogs & Suds off the beautiful White Lake in Montague. Service right to the car with the option to eat at their picnic benches. Social distancing 101.

RSVP: rportoluri66@charter.net by September 30, 2020 so the restaurant has an idea of the number of cars.

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 3:00pm

WHERE: We will meet at 3:00pm at the Russ' parking lot just off N. US 31 at the M 120 Holton Rd exit. (1499 E River Rd, Muskegon, MI 49445) There will be a talk about details and forms to sign. Dogs & Suds is expecting us at 5:00.

THE AUTOCROSS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

BY: AUTOCROSS CHAIR MICHAEL BETZ

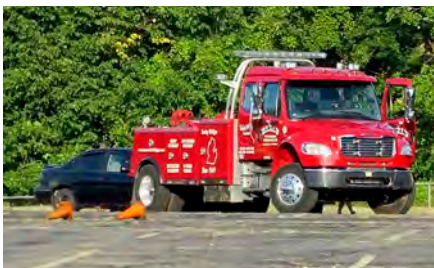
On a beautiful, sunny Saturday in late August, the 46th annual running of the IROC autocross series was – against all odds – held.

This was a challenging year. Western Michigan Region searched for a new location and after investigating a dozen possibilities – including one venue that wanted a \$4,000 rental fee – we found a new home at Kentwood Community Church. The fact that Pastor Tricia Chapman and her husband Gary are WMR members sweetened the deal. Thank you, Chapmans!

Due to pandemic concerns, this was nearly the year that IROC wasn't. All three regions in this inter-regional rivalry were planning their competitions when COVID-19 hit. Motor-Stadt Region was the first to bail. They held two socially-distanced autocross events, but neither was an official part of the IROC series.

Then Michiana Region canceled, when Tire Rack decided it would be safer not to have autocrossers crossing paths with their customers in the rest rooms. Fair enough. We were delighted that we could follow safe practices and still hold our event.

More than a dozen Club members are part of the team that put on this event. Colin Carpenter along with his son Arie and Doug Tepper were largely responsible for the diabolical new course design. Amber Door handled registration and pen sanitation. Craig Paull was Safety Chair and our official starter. Ted Blackledge filled his Volvo to overflowing with orange cones and fire extinguishers. We also want to thank Curt Rosenstengel from the Furrin' Group who volunteered to grid the many cars that took part. And many other WMR members arrived at 7:30 AM to make this all happen. It truly takes



a village to put on a first-class event like this!

In the "It's Always Something" category, Autocross Chair Michael Betz

arrived at 7:00 and discovered ONE vehicle left in the gigantic parking lot. It was parked precisely in the run-off area of a fast left-hand sweeper. It could have been nearly anywhere else in the parking lot, and not been an issue. The Church had reminded their members for weeks that we would be using the parking lot all day, so it wasn't

one of them. The Kent County Sheriff's Department was summoned. They advised since the car was on private property there was nothing they could do. They wouldn't even run the plate and call the owner to ask them to move. Merl's Towing Service to the rescue! Impounding the vehicle would be a big hassle but towing it from the west end of the parking lot to the distant east end was a piece of cake. We wish we could have been there when the owner came to retrieve their car!

We were astounded when 47 drivers arrived and registered. This is a new record in our recent history and suggests people were desperate to find a safe way to get out and have some fun. 15 drivers piloted Porsches around the challenging course, and 32 'OTHER' drivers added to our fun, including an incredible vintage Cherokee.



Normally, we assign experienced drivers to novices for in-car instruction. COVID-19 ruled that out, so we had a couple of lead/ follow parade laps to orient drivers. As expected, there were a number of DNFs (Did Not Finish) early on as drivers learned their way around this new course.



The time to beat was 40-seconds, while most cars averaged 45-seconds. The Fastest Time of Day trophy in the 'Other' class went to Jack

Heideman in the four-cylinder category with a blistering 36.572. The fastest Porsche was a Cayman R driven by – surprise, surprise – Doug "Target" Tepper. He delivered a 40.550. We won't suggest Doug has been autocrossing a long time, but he started with a single horsepower named "Sea Biscuit." The Ladies' FTD trophy went to Nikki with a competitive 54.700.

If we presented a "Most Improved" trophy, it would likely have gone to Emily driving a six-cylinder 'OTHER' car.



See pic's on page 7

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A LOOK BACK

INTO OUR PORSCHE PAST

BY CLUB HISTORIAN
CHUCK OLENYK



1980



Chuck Stoddard shows off his 917 at Elkhart Lake Chicago DE Autocross. Chassis number 018 was originally owned and raced by Alex Soler-Rolg notably winning three races of the Spanish Sports GT Championship at the Jarama Race Circuit in 1970. The photo below was taken at the 2015 Parade at French Lick. The red 917/10, chassis number 017 was used by privateer Georg Loos in the 1973 Interserie. Under the Gelo Racing Team banner, it was campaigned for several seasons by the likes of John Fitzpatrick, Bob Wollek and Tim Schenken. The latter proved particularly successful, scoring several victories in 1975. The driver/owner here is unknown, but the car is now part of the Bruce Canepa collection.



1985



We name our upcoming Grattan event in honor of Lloyd HaHuis. Here is "Mad Dog" ahead of his time drifting his 1.7L 914 at a MIR autocross showing us that horsepower is over-rated.



1984

As he was back in 1984, Jeff Kolk is again our Chief Driving Instructor for the Grattan DE. The caption for this photo from Ubers back then notes his "bodyguard" was the late Bill Moses. Jeff, we have few suggestions for that position for this September. Clockwise from the left.

Lin "say hello to my little friend" Portoluri. Lin hit 11 out of 10 targets with nine shots! Whenever Arnold says, "I'll be back" in any of his movies, he means that he's just going to quickly ask Lynne for advice.

Gary "Blazing Saddles" Butth. He can stand faster than anyone can run. He once ordered a steak in a restaurant. The steak did what it was told. Gary has a little sister. Her name is Chuck Norris.

The buddy duo of Jerry "Furious Hooch" Arens and Craig



"Fast Turner" Ackerman. One makes the other one look good. And, they were first to line up alphabetically according to height.



2020 Summer Events

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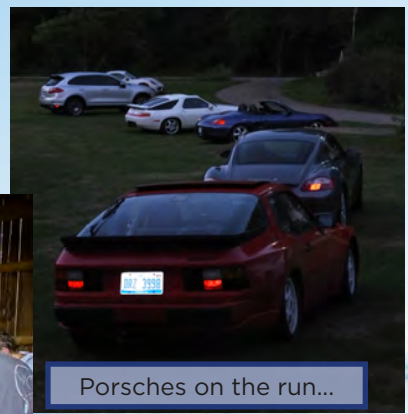
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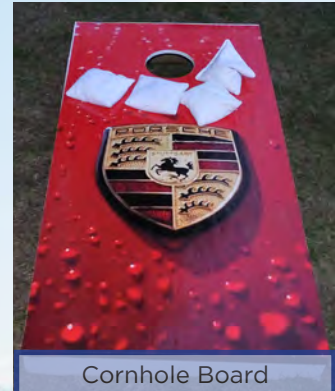
Eric Edwin on Stage



Congrats to Amber and Jerry



Porsches on the run...



Cornhole Board

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Cherokee with capabilities



Doug collecting his trophy



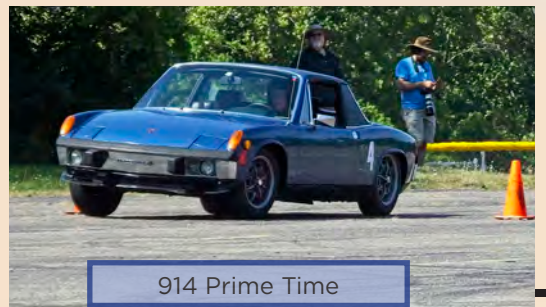
Mike on duty



Need more power?



Frank in his shady spot



914 Prime Time

2020 EVENT CALENDAR

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| | Date | Event | Location | Host(s)/Event Chair(s) |
|------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| SEP | 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 CANCELED | Bill Brown Gary Castile Jay Dankovich |
| OCT | 10-03 | Dinner Drive | Dog n Suds Drive In | Randy & Lin Portoluri |
| | 10-05 | Monthly Board Meeting | Porsche Grand Rapids | WMR PCA |
| | 10-10 | Dinner Drive | Cedar Springs Brewing Company | Paul & Renee Krapp |
| NOV | 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 |
| DEC | 12-07 | Monthly Board Meeting | Porsche Grand Rapids | WMR PCA |
| | 12-12 | Annual Appetizer Party | West Olive, MI CANCELED | Mike Karluk & Barb Doss |

We'll be back in 2021!

OCTOBER DINNER DRIVE #2

CEDAR SPRINGS BREWING COMPANY

HOSTED BY: PAUL & RENEE KRAPP



Come join Paul and Renee Krapp for a drive to Cedar Springs Brewing Company where we will enjoy wonderful German cuisine!

Menu: csbrew.com **Phone:** (616) 696-2337

RSVP: pkrapp59@hotmail.com

or (231) 245-3756 by October 09, 2020

WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2020 @ 3:00pm

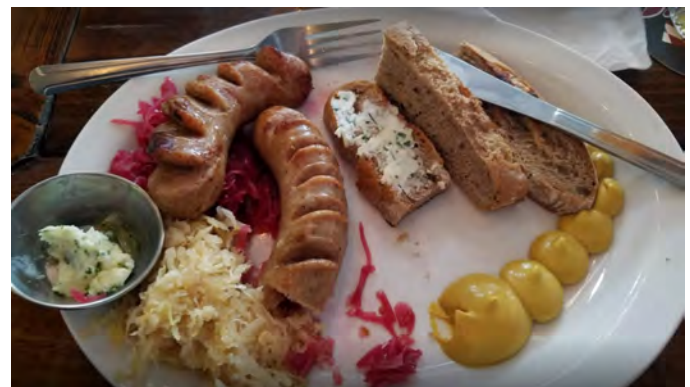
WHERE: 95 N Main St NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319



The drive will start at AJ's Family Fun Center 4400 Ball Park Dr. NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321 next to 5/3rd Ball Park.

We will meet at 3:00PM for sign-up and drivers meeting on AJ's parking lot. The drive starts promptly at 4:00PM arriving at Cedar Springs Brewing Company approximately 5:00PM.

Special Note: AJ's owner is graciously offering special discounts to club members that arrive early. Due to insurance reasons, any activities at AJ's are not part of the Dinner Drive.



Check out the drive here:

[Google Map link: https://goo.gl/maps/LJL6RV5hdw2LJA3y9](https://goo.gl/maps/LJL6RV5hdw2LJA3y9)

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AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,



August was a great month for Zone 4 - our High Performance Driver Education program is getting back into high gear, albeit somewhat adapted to COVID



restrictions, with solo only events from Southeast Michigan, Rally Sport and more. Mid-Ohio Region and Northern Ohio Region teamed up for the 25th Annual Porsche Club Race / DE weekend at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. A commemorative photo and special swag were the highlights, in addition to a very well executed weekend.

While the National Porsche Parade was canceled, the National Awards were presented in an online video event. Zone 4 was well represented with the following winners. Congrats to these regions! And a special congrats to Amber Door for the Zone Rep Award for her many years of service and contribution to PCA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXMI2jFTb-Q&feature=youtu.be>



Best Newsletter Cover

Class II: der Rückspiegel
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Class IV: 2nd: P4 - Porsche Pushers Private Papers
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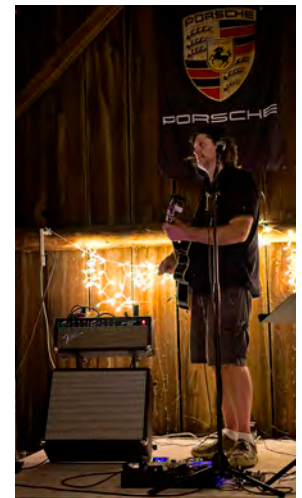
BY: CHARLES BURSK



The Porsche BBQ at the Bursk's featured a spectacular Michigan evening and a great turnout of Porsche friends! It was awesome to finally be able to get together again and enjoy a close to normal evening! This year we had a special treat with live music by Eric Edwin. We would like to thank everyone who joined the event. We saw lots of familiar faces and just as many new ones! The barn is all cleaned up so we are already starting the planning for next year!

See you around...

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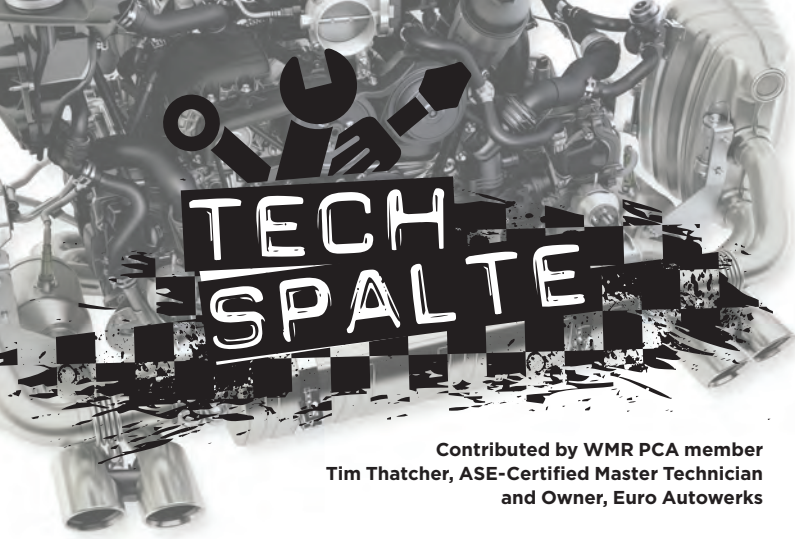
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We're looking for event hosts for 2020

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 · Phone: (616) 710-0122





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BELTS, HOSES, PLASTIC COOLING SYSTEM PARTS

Today's engines are truly engineering marvels, and while great progress has been made in extending the life of an engine and improving performance, some of these changes have created conditions that adversely affect some materials.

We are all used to preventive maintenance for oil service, air filters and spark plugs, but it's easy to overlook items such as belts, hoses and miscellaneous plastic parts. And since most belts, hoses and plastic connectors used on today's cars fail from the inside out, it's important that these parts are carefully and regularly inspected for signs of wear.

According to the Car Care Council, nearly 30% of the vehicles they have inspected have belts and/or hoses that need replacing. Yet in most cases, the vehicle owners were totally unaware of the condition of these parts.

Cooling System Hoses & Plastic Cooling Components

A modern engine is often built using multiple types of metal and is referred to as being "bi-metallic". As you may remember from your High School science class, metals used in a bi-metallic state often create an electrical charge. Such is the case in today's engine. The bi-metallic engine produces a current that travels through your cooling system causing plastic connectors and hoses to deteriorate from the inside out.

Since the damage is inside the component, it can be hard to detect. However, by carefully pinching the hoses on your car, you may be able to locate voids or ridges on the inside that indicate internal damage or wear.

Plastic connectors and components used in the cooling systems also suffer the same fate as hoses due to the electrical current. Often the first indication of wear or potential failure shown by plastic parts is softness and splitting of the ends. Often you can determine this condition by gently squeezing the ends of the connector. With regular and careful examination of hoses and plastic connectors, you can often detect these conditions and avoid total failure of the part.



Plastic coolant pipes & junction

Belts

Though new technology and design has made the V Belt a thing of the past, belts still require careful inspection and occasional replacement. It's important to remember that belts generally deteriorate from the inside out, just as hoses do. While they may appear to be in good shape, they may be close to failure.

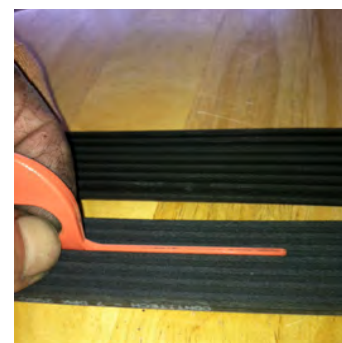
Consider the path of a belt as it travels over and under your engine's pulleys. Each time it goes around a pulley it is being flexed and bent. In addition the flexing causes heat to be built up within the belt. Together, the flexing and heat breaks down the internal cords causing them to become brittle and hard with age. To avoid failure and subsequent damage to your engine, it is highly recommended that belts be replaced at the mileage interval recommended by the manufacturer.

The grooves in today's flat ribbed "serpentine" belts can also become worn, allowing slippage at the pulleys. Wear in the groove can be measured using a special gauge designed for that purpose. If the grooves are worn, the belt must be replaced.

Often overlooked during a belt inspection are the tensioners and pulleys that they ride on. Inspection of these items are a must to prevent belt failure. A bad tensioner will allow a belt to slip, causing premature wear. A worn pulley bearing can allow a belt to wear unevenly and begin to shred on the edges. Worse yet is when the bearing fails completely causing the belt to come off the pulley and cause damage to other components. If you're a NASCAR fan, you've probably seen the damage caused when a tire shreds as it tears up the fender and other nearby components. Your belt can cause the similar damage under the hood where it damages hoses, wiring and other components.



A worn serpentine belt



Checking with a belt gauge

But what happens if you never replace your belts or hoses? Hopefully nothing. But if a failure does occur, the consequences can often be far more serious and expensive than a breakdown and a tow. Overheating is the biggest danger. Depending on how hot an engine gets, the consequences may include a blown head gasket, a cracked or warped cylinder head and/or broken or frozen overhead camshaft. While visual inspections can help avoid trouble, replacing critical parts in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations is your best insurance against engine failure. Waiting until there is a problem, is a very expensive strategy. Happy driving...

Tim

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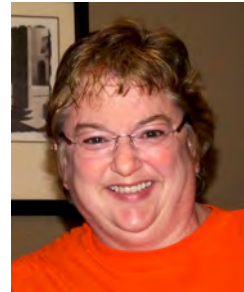
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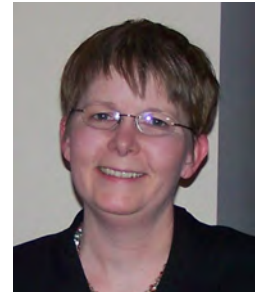
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THE AUTOCROSS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

BY: AUTOCROSS CHAIR MICHAEL BETZ

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She started with a 64.118 in her first run, then a 54.539, then a 50.773. Her fourth run was her best, 48.039. Tremendous improvement. Her smile tells us she'll be back next year.



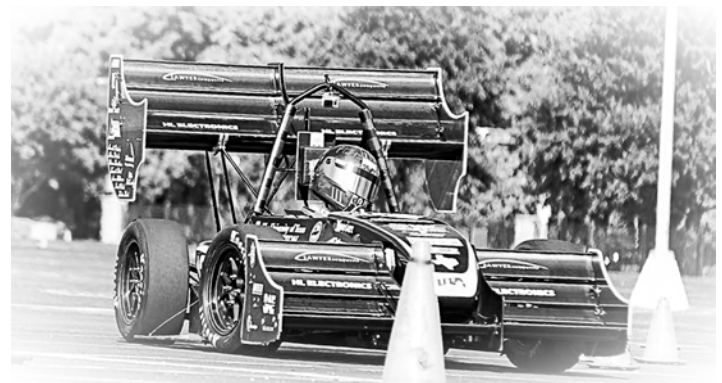
In total, 14 drivers took home sparkly trophies as a great memory of a fun day.

Normally, we like to thank everyone for their contribution to a "safe" event - meaning there were no incidents

involving people, property or vehicles. There were not. But this year, we want to thank everyone for following safe health practices. We hope we'll never have another year like this! And we are looking forward to our 47th season next year.

One more time, thanks to our AMAZING IROC team!

Michael



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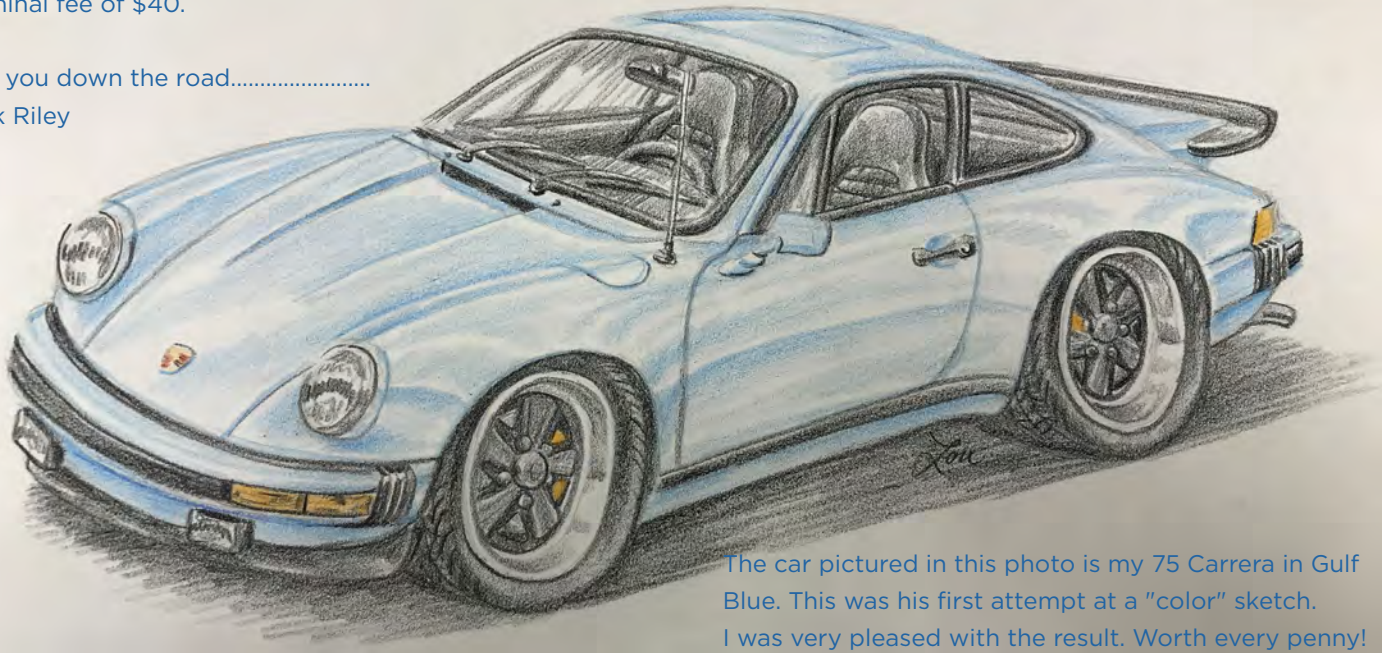
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