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Happy Holidays to All from the WMR Officers and Chairpersons!

Have a Joyous, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season with Friends, Family and Loved Ones. Looking forward to meeting up with everyone again in the New Year!



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THE YEAR TO FORGET

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras *President, Western Michigan Region*

It's hard to believe that 2020 is about over. I for one will be glad to see 2021 arrive. Although we had a few drives and get togethers, it sure has been a different way so socialize with one another. It is also difficult to see the Porsches go into storage for the winter and to imagine the snow and cold that awaits us. I did however appreciate the warm weather recently even if it was only a teaser. We usually try to fly somewhere warm for at least a week to get away from the cold however it is not looking too good at this point. Hopefully we will see a decline in COVID numbers in time for spring events, and with a vaccine on the forefront one can only hope.

The only event for November was the 2021 virtual planning meeting which was well attended. At the meeting we not only planned for events in 2021 but we also held officer elections and I will remain as president for 1 more year, Frank Conner as vice president,

Amber Door as treasurer and Marshall Walters as secretary, a fine team if I say so myself.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy, and I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday season.

Happy Holidays to All,

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When: Tuesday, December 29, 2020
Where: Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps

Car: Porsche 911 RSR (open setups) (no fuel limit)

Race Length: 90 Minutes

Format: Team Endurance (2-drivers per team*)

Schedule:

- Practice @7pm EST (75 minutes)
- Qualifying @8:15pm EST (45 minutes/open)
- Race @9pm EST (90 minutes)

(*driver with best qualifying time starts the race) (65f - 78rh - 5mphE - 10% track state - afternoon)

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We're looking for event hosts for 2021

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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A LOOK BACK

BY: CHUCK OLENYK

Before our newsletter was named "ÜberAlles", it went by a number of names. In March 1962 it was all of two typewriter pages long and it was called, hold on to your seats - "Newsletter"! It was a simple catchall and statement of information including for sale ads.

This paragraph caught my eye - "We have a few items up for sale; one of these is a 1957 Carrera GS 1500, Michelin X tires, 4,500 mile since overhaul, Blaupunkt radio for the price of \$2,500....Art Jones, Kalamazoo,....1926 Bugatti Type 40, real good running condition for \$1,900....Michael Morris, Lansing....Fiat Abarth Zagato coupe, 6,000 actual miles, is for sale from Tom D'Archangel."

Now, I could be wrong in assuming that Art's Carrera was a coupe, and not the much more valuable Speedster, only because he ice raced it February 1961 in a Kalamazoo Sports Car Club event at Austin Lake! And if we guess that Tom was asking about \$1K for his Fiat, the total for all three would be about \$6K. I found similar examples that have been sold at auctions in recent years.



A 1927 Bugatti Type 40 sold in 2019 for \$362,500



A 1959 Fiat Abarth 750 Zagato sold in 2019 for \$93,500



A 1957 Porsche 356A Carrera GS sold in 2020 for \$428,500

Therefore, today's value for all three cars is pushing \$1M, which gives us a return after 60 years of about 9% per year on our initial investment of \$6,000. Of course, this does not take into account maintenance, insurance, licensing, storage, etc., and probably a restoration or even TWO. But you did get to 60 years of enjoyment with them, if you are still alive of course. Right here under our noses. What great investments! Or are they?

How does this compare to investing your \$6K into the boring old stock market? I found an 2016 article at Love Money (love money.com) entitled "Stocks your parents should have bought in the year you were born". So, these figures will be probably be somewhat higher at the time of this writing.

In 1962 - Coca-Cola: \$6,000 invested then is worth \$1.33 million today.

In 1961 - Lowe's: \$6,000 invested then is worth \$37.2 million today. Probably a low figure now due to the Covid precautions resulting in all the stay-at-home-improvements. All the big box store stock prices are skyrocketing.

In 1964 - Berkshire Hathaway: \$6,000 invested then is worth \$108 million today. BTW, found a rare photo of the Buffett "brothers" together.

Some people claim that there's a woman to blame for me going all in with Kodak, Polaroid or some other "Blockbuster" of a sure thing! But I know, it's my own damn fault!



The Buffett "brothers", Warren & Jimmy

As Historian, I would be very interested in any old "vintage" WMR material you still have. If you have old ÜberAlles newsletters, articles, and especially photos or slides, would you consider letting me carefully scan and promptly return them? Email: olenyks@chartermi.net



Charly's Crab...the first event of the New Year



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Morning After anyone??



Leap Day Let's Do it Again!





Daylight Savings Fun



Bringing out the German at Cedar Springs Brewing

As we head into 2021, we hope to come together again as a WMR PCA Family to enjoy each other's company, talk about Porsches and reminisce about what we didn't do in 2020.



The Masked Crusader brings in FTD at IROC



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2020 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
DEC	12-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	12-12	Annual Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss



Dear Members of Zones 2 and 4.

THE CARS AREN'T REAL BUT THE RACING IS!!

Rose Ann Novotnak, Zone 2 Rep, and Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Rep, are pleased to introduce the Zone level competition of the PCA Sim Racing Program. Visit the website at https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/ for specific information on the zone challenge.

To learn about the basics, please visit the PCA Sim Racing site at https://pcasimracing.com/reference/ for everything you need to know. Hone your driving skills for the off season, or make this YOUR racing venue on the best tracks in the country, and even the world. Or, log onto the races and cheer on your region and zone favorites.

Thanks so much to our zone coordinators. You can contact them directly from links on the website.

- Jared Rodeheaver Zone 2 Riesentöter Region
- Igor Soykher Zone 2 Chesapeake Region
- Josh Vieira Zone 2 Potomac Region
- David Palmer Zone 4 Allegheny Region
- Rusty Pruden Zone 4 Central Indiana Region

We look forward to watching, and enjoying the fun.

Schedule						
Location	eDE	Prelude	Race			
IMS Road Course	Dec. 8, 2020	Dec. 9, 2020	Dec. 10, 2020			
VIR	Dec. 15, 2020	Dec. 16, 2020	Dec. 17, 2020			
Summit Point	Jan. 5, 2021	Jan. 6, 2021	Jan. 7, 2021			
Watkins Glenn	Jan. 12, 2021	Jan. 13, 2021	Jan. 14, 2021			

Sincerely,

Rose Ann and Jori



AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year everyone. This is a special time of year when we normally would look forward to getting together to spread goodwill and cheer. This year, we are all feeling



a bit sad in that we aren't able to gather in our traditional ways. The COVID virus seems to enjoy our getting together as much as we do, and yet that is exactly what keeps us apart. So I certainly respect and agree with postponing events until we can be safe again.

Our regional Social Media sites such as the region Facebook pages are extremely active with postings of tours and other activities that we can do individually, and then share. How about your favorite Porsche holiday decoration or culinary specialty? Join in!

Have you checked out the Sim Racing online? The zone challenge is underway! https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/ Still many races before the end of the year .

The Region presidents, presidents elect and vice presidents will be having a conference call to discuss next year. If you have any ideas, please let them know - we are always looking for new event chairs and ideas.

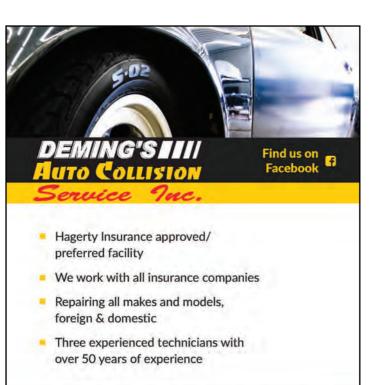
I wish everyone a happy winter holiday season and best wishes for a great start to 2021. Thank you to all of our members who are the heroes among us in the medical profession, and of course our military veterans and those currently serving our great country.

Stay safe

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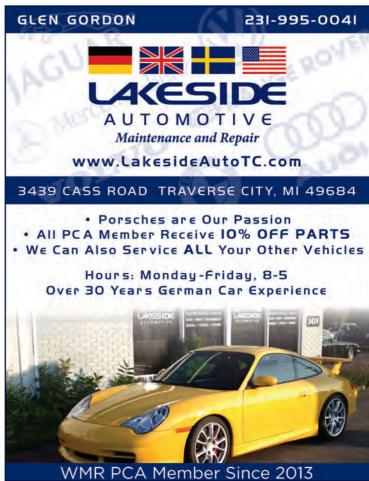
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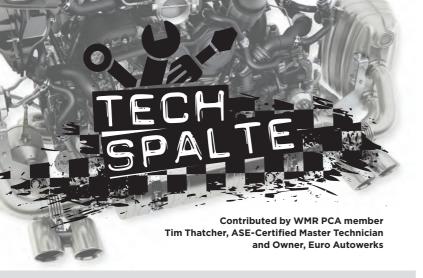
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Cooling System Debris

For your enjoyment, I thought I'd share some pictures of what we all too often run into. Note the radiators, this is why we recommend cleaning them on a regular basis.

The water pump pictures are an example of common failures. Sometimes preventive maintenance works, sometimes I doesn't. In the case of the broken impellers, this pump had just been replaced. Even new parts fail at times.

Cabin filters are a favorite breeding ground for rodents. Review previous Tech articles we've published for suggestions to keep them out of your car.

Check out the 911 oil cooler, it appears that the undercoating has been on it for years. I guess they didn't want the car to outlast the cooler so they sprayed them both. We did manage to get it cleaned up and preserved, retaining an original part for the customer.

We hope each of you had a great Thanksgiving with your family or friends. We each have much to be thankful for.

See you soon,

Tim



Catastrophic Water pump failure. Not only are the impellers broken, the impeller wheel was spinning freely on the shaft. This new pump had just been installed.



Note the stain on the hose neck caused by coolant leaking under the pulley on the pump.



Just beginning the job and seeing leaves and other debris in the radiator ductwork.



After cleaning you can see the corrosion that has started due to the wet debris.



Debris was packed in between the condenser and radiator.



We removed this debris from between the condenser and radiator.



Early signs of the nesting period.



Your cabin filter makes a great dining experience for mice enjoying peanuts.





Raising a family on your cabin filter.



This is the front oil cooler from a 1970 S 911. It was completely packed with what appears to be body undercoating from years earlier.

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to our new members and transfers.

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