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Upcoming EVENTS SAVE THE DATE!

MORNING AFTER (NOTHING) BRUNCH

February 28, 2021

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

Information will be sent out via E-blast

Pending due to upcoming dining regulations

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

March 14, 2021

Hosts: Miluzka & Wolfgang Bubeck

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March 27, 2021

Hosts: Gabi & Ted Blacklidge

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On the cover: Valentined 911 Turbo from GR member Photo by: WB

THE WAIT CONTINUES...

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras *President, Western Michigan Region*

Greetings everyone,

As we enter February, I realize how much I take for granted, such as seeing a good number of people from our club at events that allow us to socialize with and share stories not only about cars but our lives, jobs and general activities that keep us all busy and help us get through the winter months. So far I have no complaints that we have not had appreciable snow on the ground, I do however think that it is coming soon as of this writing. I prefer warm sunny weather rather than cold, there are however, plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy and the cold weather would not matter as much if we could all gather for dinner, drinks and camaraderie. Unfortunately there are no events planned for the near future.

Every year I look forward to attending Winterfest and it is quite disappointing to not be able to hear stories of the past year, even if there are only a few to share.

In lieu of our traditional get together I would like thank my fellow board members, Past President-Mike Karluk, Vice President-Frank Conner, Secretary-Marshall Walters, Treasurer-Amber Door, as well as all of the chairpersons serving roles that keep our club running smoothly.

It has been fun seeing a good number of people at our zoom monthly meetings but will be much better to be together in person which is hopefully coming soon.

Until we meet again, stay safe, warm and healthy.

All the best,

Jim





Zone Group Challenge

Porsche 911 RSR

Friday, March 5 - Watkins Glen

Friday, March 12 - Sonoma

Friday, March 19 - Road America

Friday, March 26 - Sebring

Zone Group Championship

Porsche 911 RSR

Friday, April 9 - Spa-Francorchamps

Friday, April 16 - Road Atlanta

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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

A LOOK BACK

BY: CHUCK OLENYK

Three stories connecting Porsches and Packards. Even combining their motto's sounds relevant, "There is no substitute, just ask the man who owns one!"



First, thank you to long time member, Peter Dykema, who shared one of his memories about last month's featured member, John Vander Heide.

"Some time ago on the Friday in June before the Classic Car Grand Experience at the Gilmore Car Museum, our phone rang. It was John VanderHeide calling to ask if he could bring his Packard to our shop for overnight storage to enable his Saturday morning start to be a bit less hectic. We said, "Yes absolutely". Sometime later, a huge Packard came up our driveway with an extremely

distraught driver at the wheel. John emerged from the car and explained that the car's radiator cap had failed en route and resulted in a huge mess on the front fenders, grill, under the hood, and all over the entire engine compartment.

We told John that we would tend to the cleanup and urged him to just go home, calm down with a good scotch, and pick up the car in the morning. His wife and taxi picked him up and off they went back to G.R.

The cleanup was monumental and took us the rest of that day and most of the night. It turned out that our biggest challenge was finding a replacement for the faulty radiator cap. After several failed attempts, we called our friend, Dale Wells, who was in charge of the Classic Car Club of America Museum at the Gilmore. He said "you folks have a farm, don't you with a tractor?" We confirmed that we had a 1949 Allis Chalmers WD45. He then suggested that its radiator cap might just work. Work? It not only worked, but it was an exact match to the Packard cap, and it was in perfect condition. The problem was solved and by early predawn the big Packard was all clean with fresh coolant and nothing under the hood which would raise suspicions of persnickety concours judges.

With the car all set and before John returned to pick it up, we decided to sit in the back seat, soak up the ambience of a magnificent automobile, and have a "Grand Experience" of our own before the big show. What a car and what a view out the front window over the hood hiding a spotless V-12 engine.

By 8:00am John returned to pick up the car and was most pleased and relieved that his problems were solved. As he drove away he was all smiles and went on to have his own Grand Experience at the Gilmore Car Museum."

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



2021 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
FEB	02-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	02-20 to 02-21	Zone 4 President's Meeting		
	02-28	Morning After (Nothing) Brunch	TBD	J. Arens & A. Door
MAR	03-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	03-14	Daylight Savings Brunch	TBD	W & M Bubeck
	03-27	Grattan Bar	Grattan	T & G Blacklidge
APR	04-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	04-24	Meat Cook-off	Conner''s Residence	F & R Conner
MAY	05-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	05-15	Dinner Drive	TBD	G & L Eisenbrandt
	05-22	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club Zeeland, MI	
	TBD	Street Survival	TBD	C. Bursk & J. Baillargeon
JUN	06-05	Tech Session	Euro Autoweks Rockford, MI	Euro Autowerks
	06-05 to 06-06	Belle Isle IMSA	Detroit	None PCA event
	06-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	06-12 to 06-13	Belle Isle NTT IndyCar	Detroit	None PCA event
JUL	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA
	07-10	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum	None PCA event
	07-07 to 07-17	Porsche Parade	French Lick, IN	PCA
	07-21	Gilmore Drive-In	Gilmore Car Museum	R Riley
	07-24	Pool Party	Ackerman's Residence	Ackerman's & Blacklidge's
AUG	08-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA
	08-07	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum	J. Arens & A. Door
	08-20	Metro Cruise	GR Porsche	GR Porsche
	08-21	Nascar INFINITY 250	MI International Speedway	None PCA event

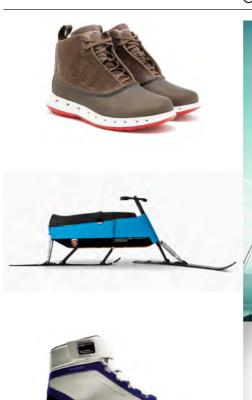
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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-04	Dinner Drive	Brew Works	P. Krapp
	09-11 to 09-12	Drivers Education	TBD	WMR PCA, Ted Blacklidge
	09-13	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA
	09-18	Garage Crawl	TBD	Kiebert
	09-25	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City	B. Brown
ОСТ	10-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA
	10-09	October Fest	Gilmore Car Museum	None PCA event
	10-16	Boardwalk Reunion	NJ	
NOV	11-01	Planning Meeting (2022 events)	TBD	WMR PCA
DEC	12-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA

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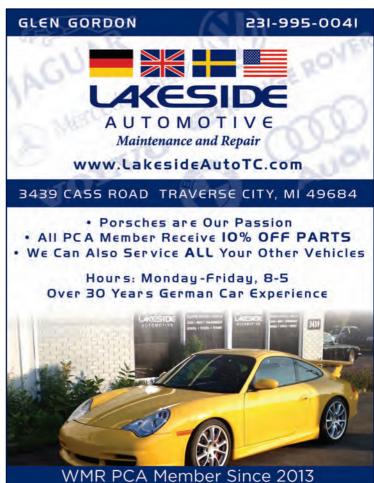














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BY: CHUCK OLENYK

Porsche built a car for the Studebaker Corporation in August, 1952 with a 120-degree V-6 engine. This was the Porsche Type 542, also known as the Z-87 car at Studebaker. By the time the cars arrived Studebaker was in serious financial trouble and were in take-over negotiations with Packard. It wasn't until 1956 that the director of experimental engineering, John DeLorean—yes, THAT DeLorean— evaluated the prototypes. He didn't like the Porsche effort and compared it unfavorably to the comfort and ride of the 1956 Champion and Commander. He did not approve the project. In 1959 a Studebaker 'Lark' was modified and fitted with a rear-mounted Porsche 4-cyl



1500cc air-cooled engine. Further development plans to replace this with a small Wankel engine were never realized. Two years later in 1961 Studebaker would once again visit Porsche with plans for a small compact saloon with a rearmounted 4-cyl air-cooled engine, but this never progressed beyond artist sketches, but was known as the Porsche 633. Interestingly, this appears to have been the only 4-door Porsche until the Cayenne SUV was introduced for 2003.



This is Lou Fageol's twin-engined Porsche 356, shot in August 1953 during the Seattle Seafair SCCA races. The race went as described in "Sports Car" magazine, "The main event featured two of California's top drivers, Bill Stroppe in a Kurtis and Bill Pollack driving Joe Henderson's XK 120 C. Lou Fageol, world famous speedboat driver, was on hand with his (believe it or not) twin engined Porsche. Not particularly concerned about carrying luggage, Lou has added a second Porsche engine in front, giving it four-wheel drive. Going through curves, the rear engine is cut out, allowing the front wheels to pull it through the turn. For twelve laps of the main event this high powered little

Porsche proved to be quite a bomb, but was retired to the pit with clutch trouble. The day following the race, Lou piloted the 1953 Gold Cap winner "Slo-Mo-Shun IV" in its second heat in Seattle." Just why "Leadfoot Louie" used a Packard grill, spare tire rear trunk lid, and white-walls is not known. Regretfully, we can no longer "ask the man who owns (this) one". But a number of racers followed including a twin Porsche engine Indy car in 1966. He is also infamous for his 1955 Seattle Gold Cup race when he pushed "Slo-Mo-Shun V" to over 120 mph at which point the hydroplane flipped in Unlimited Racing's

first "blowover" accident. Hurled from the boat, Lou was injured but recovered. He never raced on the water again. Fageol's boats were powered not by the Allison V-12's other racers were using, but in 1945 he picked up 25 much more powerful Roll-Royce "Merlin" V-12 engines at a war surplus price of \$500 apiece, built under license to aid the British war effort by the Packard Motor Car company.



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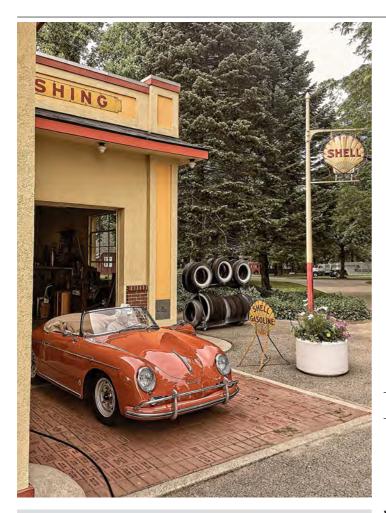
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