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Upcoming EVENTS

GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

September 11 - 12, 2021

Host: WMR PCA - Ted Blacklidge

GARAGE CRAWL

September 18, 2021 (tentative)

Host: Caleb Kiebert

FALL COLOR TOUR

September 25, 2021

Host: Bill Brown

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Tech Session at Euro Autowerks
Original Porsche Trans-American Racer
from "Jim"

Photo: WB

READY FOR PARADE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras
President, Western Michigan Region

July has arrived with great weather for driving and outdoor fun. On June 5th Tim Thatcher held his annual Tech Session at Euro Autowerks which had a great turnout with approximately 50 people in attendance, thanks Tim.

The parade is only 4 weeks away as of this writing and I am looking forward to seeing many West Michigan friends and meeting new members from the various regions. Everyone who has attended has said what a great time they have had in the past and we are looking forward to seeing it first hand this year. Looking at online maps it appears it is approximately 350-360 miles from Grand Rapids. Let's all hope for clear weather, smooth roads and minimal construction projects along the way. Upon return from parade we have more summer fun activities on the schedule including the Gilmore drive-in hosted by Rick Riley on July 21,

the pool party hosted by the Blacklidges and Ackermans on July 24, on July 31 we have the WMR IROC, and on August 7 is the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore.

Treffen at The American Club Touring the Autumn Colors of Wisconsin



Autumn in Wisconsin is all about the color and getting out to see it. Wisconsin comes alive in the Fall with gorgeous vistas of colorful foliage, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls. Take in Mother Nature's show as you cruise the beautiful ribbons of asphalt leading through these scenic wonders. Join us in October 2021 as we explore America's Dairyland.

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All the best,

Jim



Dates: October 13-17, 2021
Venue: The American Club
419 Highland Dr, Kohler, WI 53044
Website: treffen.pca.org
Registration: Opens August 4, 2021 @ 3:00 PM (EDT)

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



EVENTS >>> WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

HOSTS: RICK RILEY & ROB CLARK

July 21st we are going to drive independently and meet at the Gilmore Car Museum for one of their "Cruise-ins". Every Wednesday evening during the summer the Museum hosts a come one, come all car gathering on the Museum grounds. You can see everything from a Rat Rod to a steam car and everything in between. They serve burgers, brats and beer! Other tasty morsels are available at "George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner." like Ice Cream and Root beer floats. There is usually live music as well. We will all park on the street as you enter the Museum grounds proper beyond the gate in front of the Franklin and Ford Model A buildings, so let's have a street full of Porsches!



Let's see how many we can get! If you haven't visited the Museum come early and check out the Corvette display in the main gallery. There are prototype Corvettes that you may never have seen before as well as a brand new one.

There is an entry fee of \$15.00 for the Museum but the Cruise-In is no charge. Line up past the main museum building entrance, you will see the line of cars. They will start letting us in at 5:00pm. There is no formal program. Come, eat, drink, listen to live music and check out all the interesting cars. If you are coming from the Grand Rapids area I suggest you try the Yankee Springs road. Very scenic and fun. Rob Clark and I will be there early so mark your calendar and come down and join us for a no stress, relaxing evening!



PORSCHE POOL & PATIO PICNIC

HOSTS: CHRIS & CRAIG ACKERMAN, TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE

WHEN: Saturday, July 24, 2021. Open House, 3:00pm to ?

WHERE: 10085 Edgerton NE, Rockford, 49341



Pool Party 2016

Keep your fingers crossed for summer weather and a continuation of relaxed social distancing guidelines to gather at Chris & Craig Ackerman's beautiful setting around the swimming pool, patio and fire pit. Bring bathing suits and towels to enjoy the afternoon with a dip in the salt water pool or just relax and enjoy catching up with your fellow Porsche fanatics.

Financial donations are encouraged for the Kids Food Basket, a charitable organization WMR has supported for several years.

Dinner is served at 5:00pm. BYOB. Food will be supplied with safety as a priority.

Note: To lessen congestion, on-street parking is suggested.

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 21: Craig Ackerman
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Watch WMR email blasts in the event the picnic is rescheduled or canceled.



Premium parking for Porsches only

2021 GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

Lloyd LaHuis Memorial Grand Prix of Grattan Driver's Education, September 11 & 12, 2021

HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION PCA

Join us for an exciting weekend at Grattan Raceway, one of the finest road courses in America, located just 20 minutes Northeast of Grand Rapids for our annual High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) event. Learn how to maximize your driving performance on the two-mile course through the challenges of twists, turns, hills and valleys.

Instructors are now available for a limited number of students, track and classroom instruction included. **Register early** to reserve a spot. Experienced drivers are welcome also in performance cars. Registered drivers may share a car if they have different skill levels, as they will be assigned different run groups. Single day registration also available.

Can't commit to a weekend? Join us on Saturday or Sunday (or both days!) for the Noon Hour Charity Laps. For a donation of \$20 per vehicle, experience the track at controlled speeds with family and friends.



Charity Laps

All proceeds from the Charity Laps will go to Family Promise of Grand Rapids. The mission of Family Promise of Grand Rapids is to end homelessness, one family at a time, by engaging faith-based and community organizations to provide emergency shelter and basic needs to families with children who are homeless and to provide additional programs to assist them in finding housing and sustaining their independence. Charity Laps will begin promptly at 12:00pm. Be at the gate by 12:00pm.



When: September 11 & 12, 2021

Where: Grattan Raceway
7201 Lessiter Rd NE
Belding, MI 48809

HPDE EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

Helmets: Mandatory Snell SA 2010 or newer. Motorcycle helmets are OK.

Vehicles: All cars must be inspected by a mechanic with a completed pre-event Inspection Sheet, available on the WMR website or contacts below.

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Registration: Open July 1 at ClubRegistration.net.

Cost: \$340 for 2 days; \$200 for 1 day
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Tech Session

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Snap SHOTS



The master explains why you shouldn't.....



"Jim's" original '67 Trans-American race car



2021 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
Any	All	Everything	WMR	You
	Let us know what your plans are. We can add events down the road or send short term blasts. See contact options on page 13 for Social Events Coordinator or editor email.			
JUL	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom) this is a Tuesday	WMR PCA
	07-10	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum	Non PCA event
	07-11 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
	07-31	IROC Autocross	Kentwood Community Church	WMR PCA
AUG	08-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	08-07	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum	J. Arens & A. Door
	08-20	Metro Cruise	GR Porsche	GR Porsche
	08-21	Bursk's BBQ	Allegan, MI	CB & Kelly Bursk
	08-21	Nascar INFINITY 250	MI International Speedway	Non PCA event
SEP	09-04	Dinner Drive	Brew Works	P. Krapp
	09-11 to 09-12	Drivers Education	Grattan Raceway	WMR PCA, Ted Blacklidge
	09-13	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	09-18	Garage Crawl	TBD	Kiebert
	09-25	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City	B. Brown
OCT	10-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	10-09	October Fest	Gilmore Car Museum	Non 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)	WMR PCA



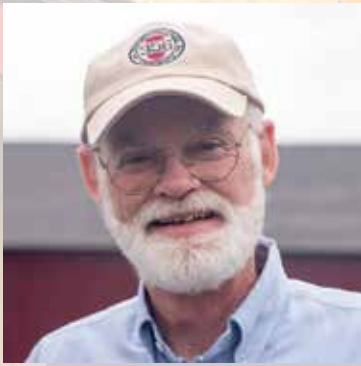
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A LOOK BACK

BY: PETER DYKEMA



Peter Dykema

I concluded last month's article by hinting that "Fritz" just could be WMR's longest-tenured member. Time to answer why, and for those who don't already know, who is Fritz!

In Germany 1962 something was happening which also would have a major impact on me and PCA/WMR, 11 years later. Col. Jesse Lockaby, U.S. Army, was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany near the Porsche factory. Familiar with



Jesse Lockaby 1962

sport cars he decided to learn about Porsche 356's as a possible replacement for his Austin Healy 100 back in the states. All of his informal visits to the factory resulted in a friendship between him and the fellow who guarded the paddock which contained all the new pre-delivery 356's. Jess was granted access to the paddock on numerous occasions to see new 356's up close and personal, look in, sit in, and start up engines. Can you imagine that experience: the sound, smells, feel of Normals, Supers, Super 90's, & Carreras of all colors. The ultimate result, the Austin Healy was replaced by a new silver Porsche 356B Super Coupe (Fritz), which Jess purchased at the Porsche Dealership in Stuttgart, owned by Ernst Strähle, a race car driver in Germany, on May



Ernst Strähle, owner of Fritz in 1962

31, 1962. After enjoying "Fritz" in Germany and the Alps, Jess returned state side to Fort Monroe, VA to teach at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg VA. "Fritz" got washed regularly, and this was noticed by a young lady who lived and worked nearby. The more she watched, the more "Fritz" got washed. The end result is probably obvious. "Fritz" became the cleanest 356 in Gloucester County and eventually transported Jess and his new bride Jane on their honeymoon on the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive through the Shenandoah National Park.

I was growing a bit weary of the Hirth roller bearing crankshaft in our Speedster, which we used mostly for pleasure driving rather

than competition events, I began perusing the Mart in Panorama. In the May 1973 issue, my eyes fell upon an ad for a 1962 356B coupe located in Hampton, VA. Several phone calls disclosed that the car's owner was an army officer named Jesse Lockaby, a Charter Member and newsletter Editor of the Palmetto Region of the PCA in Charleston SC. The car was located at Fort Monroe VA., its name was "Fritz", and the asking price was \$2,250 firm. There was no negotiating, not even \$50. I decided I liked the story and having already sold the Speedster, my garage was empty and needed a 356 to fill the void. On a limited budget my son David, age 12, at the time, and I took a Greyhound bus to Hampton, VA. where we met Jess & Jane Lockaby and "Fritz". I was shown the car. It was described in great detail and I was treated to a tour around Fort Monroe. But, I was not allowed to drive "Fritz" until payment was made and the purchase was completed. Coincidentally, we bought "Fritz" on May 31, 1973 exactly 11 years after Jess bought him new in 1962. David and I had a fine introductory drive home in our new 356 via Charlottesville, Skyline Drive and the Ohio Turnpike. The Lockabys remain our special friends to this day, and we communicate weekly. (Peter was "Fritz's" caretaker for the next 7 years, he then sold it to Dick Burnham in 1980. - editor's note)

One day in the spring of 1996, my phone rang. It was my friend and fellow PCA member, Dick Burnham calling. Dick had purchased 'Fritz' some years before, when he wanted a change from his 911. This time he wanted to change to a new Porsche 944 and would I like to buy 'Fritz' back. He didn't want to sell him to just anybody. When it comes to 356's, it's hard to say no, so, although somewhat the worse for wear, 'Fritz' returned to my garage for restoration #2. My long time friend, Bill Hallack and I looked the car over and agreed it needed a major cleanup, engine out refresh, and a paint job.

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Porsche 992 Carrera 4 laughs off a winter storm

Danbury, December 29, 2020
Article and photos by Bob Stone

While it might not be as intense for members in places like the Snow Coast or Snowy Shores Regions, for a good chunk of the country it's about to get real as far as winter goes, and we have to include the decision to drive over snow or winter tires. We were normally able to avoid winter tires in our 992 Carrera 4 on winter roads in Northern Lower Michigan for years, and we can report that it would be nothing less than critical to make this our last year.

Below: The Grand Traverse Snows and Spa, some haze for Porsche Parade in 2016.

Michigan is famously shaped like a mitten (the right one if your palm is facing your face). South of the South, the same cycle is a normal upper Midwest snow/ice/sleet/snow kind of thing. But for Lake Superior, where you get up to Cadillac, Sault Ste. Marie, Lake St. Joseph, there is a lot of observation. Up north, it's hard to see beyond ground in late December, so for that matter, through April. So that's where we decided to head with the new C4.

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A LOOK BACK

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BY: PETER DYKEMA

After careful research and deliberation, I decided a color change was in order and chose Smyrna Green for "Fritz's" new coat. Smyrna Green was a rare color offered for only 2 years. It was named after Lake Smyrna in Germany, and a mere 2% of new 356 buyers chose it in 1962-63. As luck would have it, Tim Goodrich, a Master Pebble Beach restorer from Grants Pass, Oregon, had a Smyrna Green 356 Notch Back awaiting restoration. The only parts on the car that were out of the weather and thus showed the true original color were the inner door plates, which showed the VIN numbers for the car. He gladly mailed me one for a paint sample. His wife was dead set against him doing this, cautioning him that he didn't even know the person calling and would likely lose the part for good. Tim said "you know, I liked talking to that guy, he sounded trust worth to me so I'm taking a chance". His instincts were good. The part gave my local paint shop expert all he needed to formulate a perfect match after which, the panel was safely returned to Tim. Bill Hallack and I removed 'Fritz's engine for a refresh and thorough cleaning, together with interior and trim. 'Fritz' was then transported to Chuck Olenyk for body work and a beautiful new Smyrna Green exterior. I have known Chuck for a long time. He does extra ordinary work and is the same fine fellow who encouraged me to write these stories. Upon completion, 'Fritz' had many good innings, visiting Lansing "Cars on Campus", Boyne Highlands, and the Gilmore Car Museum.



Fritz at the Calder Plaza 1975



Fritz in his current outfit at the Gilmore Car Museum

A most memorable outing was a trek to Meadow Brook/Waterford with the Lockaby's (original owner), Hallacks, and us. Jess enjoyed driving his old 356, although he never quite approved of Smyrna Green. 356's should be silver in his opinion. Smyrna Green is a love/hate color, but 'Fritz's current caretaker, Rick Riley, loved it enough to commission a new special order 911 GT3 Touring in Smyrna Green. 'Fritz' now has a special friend parked next to him in Rick's shop in GR. As far as I know, Rick's 911 is a one and only. PCA/WMR Charter Members and other old timers impacted and enriched my 356 experiences for over 50 years. They were and are special people with special cars. PCA has positively influenced many lives and continue to do so. It's most unbelievable to me how so many extraordinary experiences intertwined with so many lives to my benefit. I'm most grateful for priceless memories, special friends and the common 356 bond.

Reprinted in part from the June 2017 issue of Über Alles by Rick Riley:

Peter decided to sell Fritz about 9 years ago, but alas I was second in line to buy the car. The first gentleman in line was John Green and he jumped at the chance. Fritz was moved to Ocala, FL where it did well in local car shows. John called me last fall and was ready to sell the car as it was too hot in Florida most of the time to have much driving fun. Fast forward to 2017. Peter did not know I purchased the car and I wanted to surprise him. So on May 17th at the Gilmore Cruise-In, Rob Clark and I did just that. I e-mailed Peter and asked if he was going to be there that evening, he said that he and Dorothy (Mrs. Dykema) would be in attendance. We parked Fritz in the middle of the main display area and waited. Peter and Dorothy arrived and after looking at a few cars, Peter locked on to this shiny Smyrna Green Porsche 356! Surprise! We spent the rest of the evening talking about the car's history and his time with it. Peter was overjoyed and was going to call the original owner and let him know the car had returned. They say it's not just the cars, it's the people, and that evening it was both. What a wonderful night. Fritz has come full circle and is now back home in Michigan.

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FROM THE EDITOR

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Since Covid caused plenty of uncertainty in many aspects I just want to point out that the previous statement for our Drivers Ed event in Gattan is not valid anymore. Now we will have instructors on site and therefore novice track drivers are welcome. See details on page 6, online at <https://wmi.pca.org/events/grand-prix-of-grattan/>, and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WMRPCA/>

The member pic this month is from Philippe Moock. His lovely C4S is enjoying the tempting lake view, but is better suited for the curvy roads around it.

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Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their WMR PCA Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

- Valeria Bauer, Kalamazoo, '13 Boxster
- Hayden & Marcia Boyce, Grand Rapids, '20 Taycan 4S
- Cynthia Charbenaueu & Mike Konvinski, Elk Rapids, '00 Boxster
- Randal Ewers, Kewadin, '95 911 Cab
- Thomas Mcnamara, Grand Rapids, '14 Cayman S
- John Nyland, East Jordan, '13 911
- Leda & Brian Vanderlaan, Rockford, '01 Boxster S

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 15 years (2006)** Dale & Cindy Siekman
- 10 years (2011)** Kurt & Olga Stembol
Al & Dianne Wilson
- 5 years (2016)** Matthew & Katie Tate
- 1 year (2020)** Josh Brugger
Cory Deeds
William Ditty
Kimberly Ellander
Leigh Hix

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