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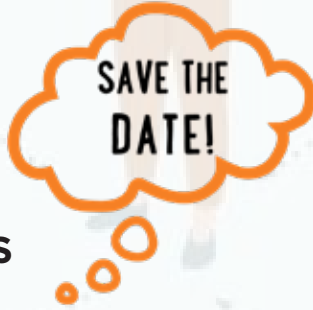


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GILMORE DRIVE-IN

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Host: Rick Riley

POOL PARTY

July 24, 2021
Hosts: Ackerman's & Blacklidge's

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ON THE COVER

On the cover:
The last 718 Porsche (for now) at the GR Dealership. See editors note on P 15 and Snapshots for more details.

LOOKING FORWARD

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras
President, Western Michigan Region

Now that spring is here we can gather at outdoor events again and hopefully soon at indoor events as well. It will be wonderful to see everyone again in person to share stories of the past several months. It will be interesting to hear about the innovative ways everyone spent their time during the "lock-down".

Parade phase II registration opened April 7 and I hope everyone was able to sign up for all of the events they want to attend.

Believe it or not, after multiple past event cancellations we have 2 events in May which include a drive hosted by Glenn and Lannie Eisenbrandt on May 15 and the ever popular Sporting Clays at Blendon Pines Gun Club hosted by Amber Door and Jerry Arens on May 22. It will be nice to gather 2 weeks in a row with our Porsche friends.

On June 5 we have the Tech session at Tim Thatcher's Euro Autowerks. Thankfully for all of our members that attend the Belle Isle IMSA event there is no longer a conflict as the race has been moved to June 11 with the Indy event.

I hope everyone has their cars out of storage, tuned, and ready to go, because after this past year we all need sunshine, friends, family, and the open road.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

All the best,

Jim



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PICNIC DRIVE

HOSTS: GLENN & LANNIE EISENBRANDT

Now that winter is over and we all want an excuse to drive our cars we have set up a spring drive around several lakes north east of Grand Rapids. With all the uncertainty associated with COVID we have decided not to end the drive at a restaurant like we usually do. This spring we are going to end at a county park that has sufficient open space so bring along some snacks, food, beverage, and chairs so we can socialize while maintaining social distancing. We plan to leave from the Tractor Supply parking lot at 3:00pm sharp so please come around 2:30 to get all the wonderful PCA forms signed and conduct our drivers meeting.

See you soon.

Glenn & Lannie

Date: May 15, 2021

Time: First Car Out 3:00pm Sharp

Starting Point: Tractor Supply Parking Lot
4011 17 Mile Rd NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Ending Point: Townsend Park
8280 6 Mile Road,
Cannonsburg MI 49317



FROM THE EDITOR

If you are open for a Monday challenge mark your calendar and go for a trip.
Check it out here: <https://www.pca.org/events/eastern-buckeye-de-nelson-ledges>
It is a high speed track, freshly paved, and with a lot of history. They are even looking for instructors.
Sounds better than work?

Enjoy

A promotional poster for the Nelson Ledges Road Course event. The background features a black sports car on a red and blue track. Text includes: "EASTERN BUCKEYE REGION PCA RETURNS TO NELSON", "Join us for a full day driving school at the legendary Nelson Ledges Road Course. Instructed and advanced driving groups to be held.", "NELSON LEDGES" with a checkered flag icon, and "MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021". A blue circular call to action at the bottom right says "LEARN MORE AT: https://bit.ly/3R01MEJ STUDENT FEE: \$225" and "Visit PCA's website for more info about driver education. https://www.pca.org/drivers-education".

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Porsche Grand Rapids

See "From the Editor" on page 15 for details

SnapSHOTS

Photos: W. Bubeck



A lonely Taycan on the lot



The last car in the showroom but... SOLD



2021 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
MAY	05-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	05-15	Picnic Drive	Townsend Park	G & L Eisenbrandt
	05-22	Sporting Clays OUTDOORS	Blendon Pines Gun Club Zeeland, MI	J. Arens & A. Door
	TBD	Street Survival	TBD	C. Bursk & J. Baillargeon
JUN	06-05	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks Rockford, MI	Euro Autowerks
	06-05 to 06-06	Belle Isle IMSA	Detroit	Non PCA event
	06-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	06-12 to 06-13	Belle Isle NTT IndyCar	Detroit	Non PCA event
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
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
09-11 to 09-12		Drivers Education	TBD	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



AROUND THE ZONE

LEAD FOLLOW INSTRUCTOR A TRAINING - M1 CONCOURSE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ



High Performance Driving Education (HPDE) events are the financial mainstay of most of the regions in Zone 4, and across other zones as well. The Pandemic impacted all of our events in spring 2020, however come June we were able to get back on track again. The agenda for our events changed at the track to respect social distancing and other restrictions. Mostly, this impacted our ability to bring novice students into our hobby to join the ranks of experienced DE'ers. Many regions continued to host solo-driver-only events until restrictions opened up.



PCA National responded to our situation, by creating Minimum Standards for the instruction method known as Lead/Follow. This involves an instructor and student each in their own cars, with one way communication, driving on track in 2-car pods. John Krecek, National DE Chair, along with his committee and cast of other leaders from National, coordinated efforts to develop our new program with PCA highest standards of safety. In October, his team hosted the initial Instructor A training event in Colorado.

(Below is the From The Regions paragraph)

Southeast Michigan Region hosted the first Lead/Follow Instructor Training clinic in the Midwest on April 18th, on a beautiful sunny spring day in Pontiac Michigan, at M1 Concourse. Led by Marc Molzon and Steve Carbery - the day-long event trained qualified DE Instructors (for right-seat instruction) in the Lead/Follow protocols to earn the designation "A Instructor". Participants from 2 zones and 5 regions learned the nuances of instructing a student on track etiquette, safety, car handling, and negotiating the line. Each pair took turns being the student and the instructor, to get a feeling of the total experience. Class room sessions between on track sessions were led by Zone 8 Chief Driving Instructor, Scott Mann. John was joined by Executive Council members Cindy Jacisin, Executive Vice President & Todd Benz, National Secretary. Rally Sport Region will be using the Lead Follow instruction protocol at their DE events this season at Waterford and Grattan Raceways.



A LOOK BACK... WITH THE FLY-CHASER

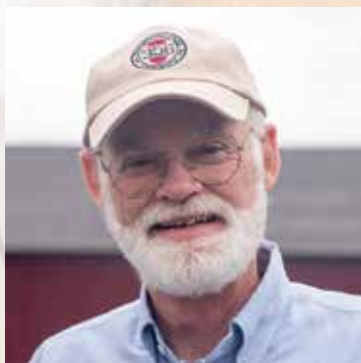
BY: PETER DYKEMA - INTRODUCTION BY CHUCK OLENYK

In the April issue of UberAlles we reprinted a chapter from Darlyne Sabo's book about her dad, Al Sabo. Near the end of the book came this paragraph; "It was in the early 1980's, as Al grew more seriously ill from COPD, he also began thinking about what would happen to his sparkling Porsche. He had always taken such good care of it, and didn't want to cause any hard feelings between his daughters (or maybe, he really thought they wouldn't give it the perfect, excellent care it deserved?) With this in mind, when a fellow club member offered to purchase it, he reflected on his decision for awhile. Then, Al recalled the time this fellow opened his own trunk, saw a fly inside, got very upset, then diligently tried to shoe it out. At thought to himself, "this guy would take good care of my car". Al didn't have to make the decision about which daughter would get his car. He sold it to the fly-chaser." I tried to imagine who in the club this could have been.

Coincidentally, just a few days later a large meticulously wrapped, address label lettering draftsman perfect, envelope arrived. It contained many titled "Episodes" with photos, a table of contents page, plus a personal note expressing "I'm most grateful for the opportunity to help you and the WMR". It was from Peter Dykema. He is a long time friend from Hickory Corners and has been part of WMR since the 1960's. When I first asked him if he would be willing to write about our club's past, he replied " Giving some thought to the assignment, yes, I'm happy to help you. I'm recalling several charter members of PCA/WMR whom I got to know well and really influenced my love for 356's. I've got some interesting stories to share about our early PCA history."

Over the next few months we are so delighted to be able to share Peter's "Episodes" starting with his remembrance of the Sabo's:

"I learned about Al and Arlyne Sabo from Jim Thorne. Like Jim, they were also Charter members of PCA/WMR. In the late 1950's Al owned a 356A Cabriolet and a high performance VW Beetle which he raced at local speed events. In the early 1960's Al and Arlyne were part of a PCA "Treffen" to the Porsche factory. They had ordered an ivory 356B S-90 cabriolet and traveled



Peter Dykema

to Germany for a factory pickup. They were allowed to drive their new car off the line, after which they drove immediately to the nearest hardware store to buy a gallon of roofing tar. The tar was then liberally applied to the rear seams of the inner front fenders. Al knew from previous experience about 356 weak points. While Al and Arlyne were in Germany, they were treated to the factory driving school for expert training in correct 356 driving techniques at Solitude Raceway. Once back in Kalamazoo where they lived, the new S-90 cab was equipped with Halda Speed Pilot rally equipment which I still have. The car also came with a factory touring kit and fitted luggage.

My wife, Dorothy, and I became very good friends with the Sabo's. Al was city engineer for the City of Kalamazoo, and he and Arlyne spent their winters in Key West, FL. This meant the 356 had a long winter nap. Each spring I'd get a phone call from Al announcing their return home and inviting me to assist him in getting his Porsche started. This turned into an annual ritual with a well documented procedure to assure success. A copy of the process is attached and although it looks cumbersome and hokey compared to today's push button starting, I can guarantee that it worked successfully every time. It also worked on "Fritz", my 1962 356B coupe, and even today on my VW Type 3 Notchback with Solex carbs.

As an aside, if you haven't had the pleasure of starting a 356 S-90 after a long winter's nap, you have missed one of life's little treats. The sound and smells as the engine comes to life are never forgotten. The Sabo's and Dykema's attended numerous WMR events together including several concours at the Calder in G.R. One event is vivid in my mind. Al and Arlyne participated in a WMR Road Rally, while the Dykema's manned one of the check points. Ours happened to be beyond the crown of a hill which blocked any view of oncoming traffic. In the distance I heard an unmistakable sound — the sound of a S-90 Porsche at full throttle. If you have never heard a S-90 at full song, trust me, there is nothing quite like it. Soon the cabriolet roared over the crest of the hill and screeched to a halt at our check point, the Halda Speed Pilot performing flawlessly. The passenger door opened, Arlyne emerged and said "I can take no more, I've had enough of this sh_ _! With this melt down of the century, she sat down in the grass for the rest of the competition. This resulted in a "DNF" for her husband and a long rest for the Halda Speed Pilot which up until then had done its duty with exacting perfection.



A LOOK BACK... WITH THE FLY-CHASER

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"AC" Al's Car

In the spring start-up of 1983, Al offered to sell their car to me, which I gratefully accepted. He passed away in 1984. The car was dutifully named "AC", Al's car. "AC" participated in numerous PCA Concours and local events through the next 7 years, including the Gilmore Car Museum, Meadowbrook/Waterford Hills and Appleton Wisconsin. We sold the car to David Mohlman from Indianapolis in 1990. At the time of the sale it resided in my shop in Plainwell MI where David came to take delivery. We asked that he call us upon arrival home so that we knew the trip was a success. We expected a call in 3+ hrs or so and were totally surprised when he called in less than 1 1/2hrs. Super 90's are indeed very fast cars and "AC" was definitely in its element that day.

Sometime later I discovered the Halda Speed Pilot required a tiny gear which Al installed on the speedometer cable behind the speedometer. I didn't even know it existed and it went with the car to Indianapolis.



Speed Pilot

A short note to David disclosed that the car had new owners, Jack and Pam Baker in Connecticut. I contacted them and they responded that they would remove the gear and return it to me if I'd write a bit of history about "AC". I agreed and it was an enjoyable assignment. Long story short, the Halda Speed Pilot was reunited with its vital gear and now resides in my shop (but) with no Super 90 to put it to use."

HOW TO AWAKE A SLEEPING PORSCHE

Not very long ago it wasn't that simple to start and drive a car after a long winter's storage. Before the age of engine management computers and fuel injection there were points-type ignitions and carburetors. They worked, but only because the people operating the cars knew how to get them to work. The carburetor 356 requires an incredibly careful, almost obsessive, procedure. This preparation is to be enjoyed as one would a good bourbon, in the anticipation of an unparalleled drive. The following is the Peter Dykema and Al Sabo developed -

"Porsche 356 Spring Start-up Procedure"

1. Adjust tire pressure cold F=18PSI R=24PSI
2. Verify fuel in tank
3. Assure clean, full engine oil via dipstick
4. Install fully charged battery
5. Sit in driver's seat
6. Turn fuel supply petcock to "on" position (located in passenger foot well — see owners manual)
7. Gear shift in neutral and clutch depressed for remainder of procedure
8. Key into ignition and turn to 'on' position — do not crank
9. Verify generator and oil pressure lights are on
10. Pump accelerator pedal fully 4 times
11. Important: Depress accelerator pedal slightly to open carburetor butterflies
12. Crank engine via ignition key 5 times
13. Turn ignition key to 'off' position
14. Count to 10
15. Repeat steps 10-14 until engine sputters
16. After initial sputter, pump accelerator pedal 3 times
17. Perform steps 11-13 - engine should sputter and almost start
18. Pump accelerator pedal 2 times
19. Depress accelerator pedal slightly
20. Crank engine — engine should start and run roughly
21. Feather accelerator pedal repeatedly to keep it running
22. Adjust throttle advance on dash to increase idle until warm-up complete and engine runs smoothly — 5 min.



Contributed by WMR PCA member
 Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician
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As you depress the clutch pedal, fluid flows from the clutch master cylinder to the slave cylinder. As the slave cylinder moves the hydraulic assist helps the slave cylinder to depress the pressure plate (much like power brakes or power steering).

The assist is run off of the power steering pump while the pressure accumulator helps maintain even pressure from the pump.

The accumulator has a nitrogen filled bladder that the power steering pump fluid pushes against. The pressure in the bladder maintains pressure from the pump when the engine is off or at idle.

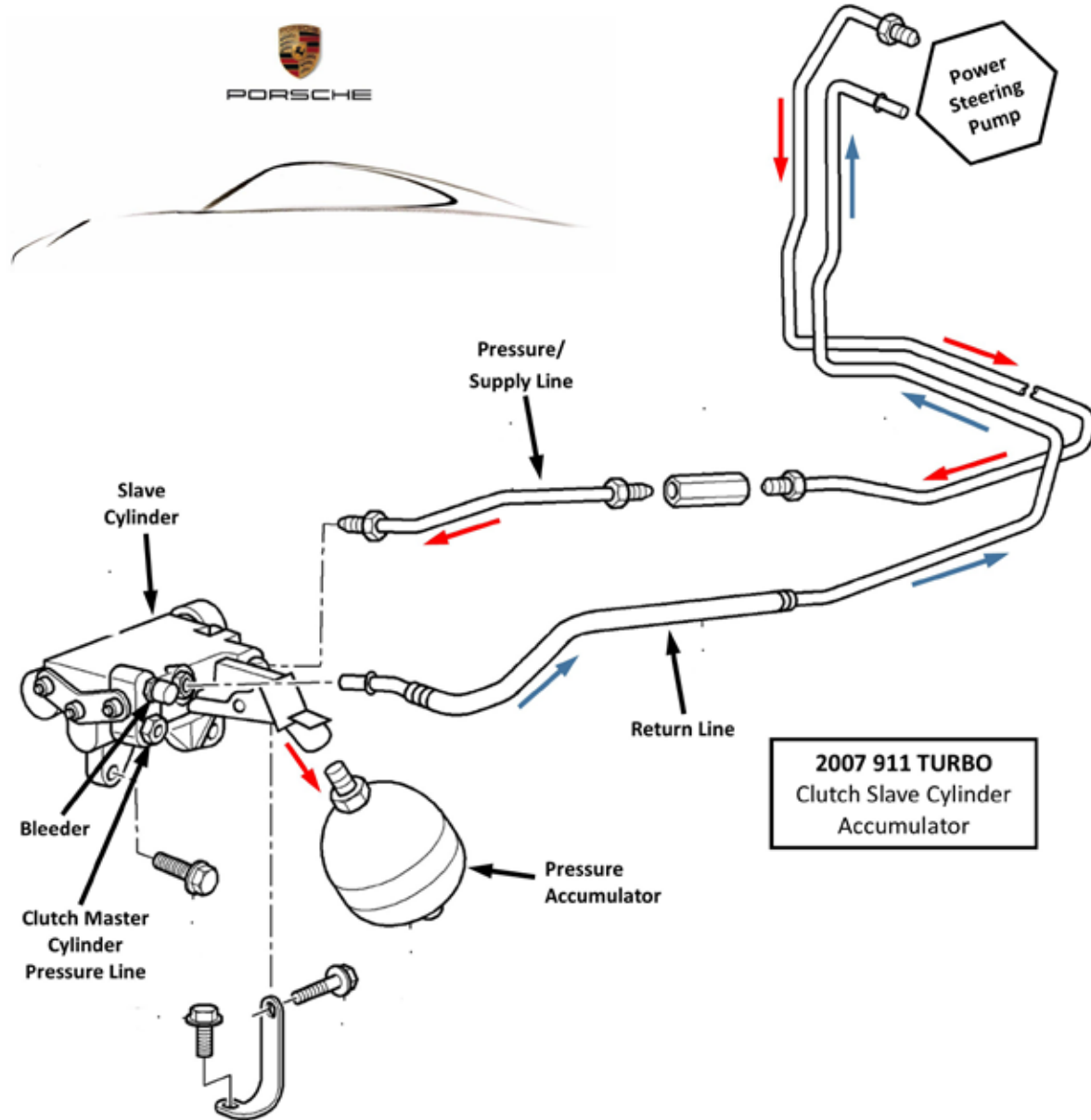
If you have a very hard to push pedal with the car off but it feels softer with the engine running or at higher RPMs, the accumulator may be bad. Here's another simple test. With the car running at higher RPM the pedal feels normal while at lower RPMs the pedal feels hard to push. Another test is with the car shut off; the pedal goes hard right

away. This shows that the accumulator is unable to hold any residue pressure and the clutch assist is working off of pump pressure only.

I'm confident that we are all eagerly awaiting summer weather and the joy of being outside. We hope each of you has been well and are ready to attend our 2021 Breakout Open House scheduled for June 5th. We look forward to seeing you at the Open House!

Tim

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Since April was hopefully the last month without member events to report from, I decided to pay a visit to the GR dealership. The car on the cover photo is a rear species nowadays since the aftermath of the pandemic has reached our beloved gadgets as well. Due to the chip shortage, which has hit the automotive sector especially hard with their "just in time" dependency to manufacture cars, we can not get any rear or mid engine Porsches right now. The pictured Cayman GTS on the cover is already sold and not a single 911 in sight. I hope you are not one of the lucky ones who decided to drop some cash for your new dream car and now you have to sit and wait until something becomes available. What a problem to have.



Enjoy spring and your current ride.

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