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Finn's Chop House and Speakeasy Randy & Linda Portoluri Saturday November 12, 2022

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Rex Tsui & Joyce Lo Saturday December 3, 2022

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# PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA Western Michigan Region

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# **NOVEMBER 2022**

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ON THE COVER A rare sight with Porsches only in front of Cafe Santé in Boyne City at our fall color tour.

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**GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES** 

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Dennis & Sally Holefca 20 years (2002)

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1 year (2021) Marcia Gibson

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# WILLKOMMEN! - NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Please extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

Honorary/Lifetime: 0

Jesse Austin, Spring Lake, '14 Cayenne S

Giuseppe Lupis & Madyson Ballmer, Grand Rapids, '01 911

Scott Slezak, Hudsonville, '21 Cayenne



# WEATHER AND COLORS WERE BRILLIANT!

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yes, fall has its benefits and the drive hosted by Dan and Ren Phillips was a great outing. Over 50 cars traversed through the trees and lakes of northern lower Michigan. We started at the Grand Traverse Resort and ended in Boyne City. With such a popular event, Dan and Ren had to up their efforts at the last minute to add a second restaurant. The meals at the original Cafe Santé and the added Lake Street Pub were highly praised by the members who ate there respectively. The numbers also added the need for multiple tour groups. But as always, WMR members came forward to assist, turning potential chaos into precise execution. The engineers in Zuffenhausen would be proud!

The same weather and beauty was experienced on the drive to Deutsche Marques. Fall was in its height of splendor on the drive to Hickory Corners. Not officially a WMR event, many of our members made the drive for all things Deutschland from the food, beer, clothing (for a few) and cars.

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Looking forward, our Members Meeting and Planning Event is Monday, November 7th starting at 6:00. This year we will be at Ganders. This is the restaurant in the DoubleTree Hotel on 28th Street. We had our last board meeting there and the food and service was excellent. This is an important event for the club. Besides a normal board meeting, this is where we solidify our officers and chairs for 2023 and start the development of our calendar for the upcoming year. It's also a great time to meet people and get a sense of how the club operates.

The following Saturday, November 12 Randy & Lynn Portoluri are hosting a dinner from 5:00 - 8:00 at Finn's Chophouse & Speakeasy in Spring Lake. This is a new dining location for us so it would be a great time to meet new people in a new space. No need to drive a Porsche, it's dinner only. And of course, sadly, for many of us our precious summer drives are now in storage so that isn't

even an option. I personally had to make myself a requirement of changing the insurance on November 1. For many years I'd push for one more weekend, and then I'd end up washing the car for storage in late November with the water freezing on the cold sheet metal.

Mark your calendar for December 3rd as the December Appetizer Party hosted by Rex Tsui and Joyce Lo. We've missed this event which is always a great way to end the year. Look for more details in the newsletter.

And Lastly, because I like to keep you updated on all things Porsche, while our team got dumped by Red Bull in Formula 1, the rumors (which are as much in F1 as the racing) has it that Porsche is looking to acquire 50% of Williams Racing. The goal is to be the engine supplier starting in 2026. It's been a long time since Williams won the Constructors or Drivers' Championships. Hopefully we will see it again at the end of this decade with Porsche engines leading the way.





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# IN REVIEW - FALL COLOR TOUR

# BY DAN PHILLIPS

What a beautiful fall day! This year's Fall Color Tour was a great success, and a very popular event. 52 cars carried 82 people over the beautiful back roads of northern Michigan, from the eastern shoreline of Grand Traverse Bay to the southern tip of Lake Charlevoix. We toured around 10 of our state's most beautiful inland lakes: Elk, Torch, Bellaire, Intermediate, Hanley, Ben-Way, Wilson, Ellsworth, Saint Clair, and Charlevoix.

The fall colors started out more muted near our starting point, the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, but were at peak color by the time we arrived at Cafe Santé in Boyne







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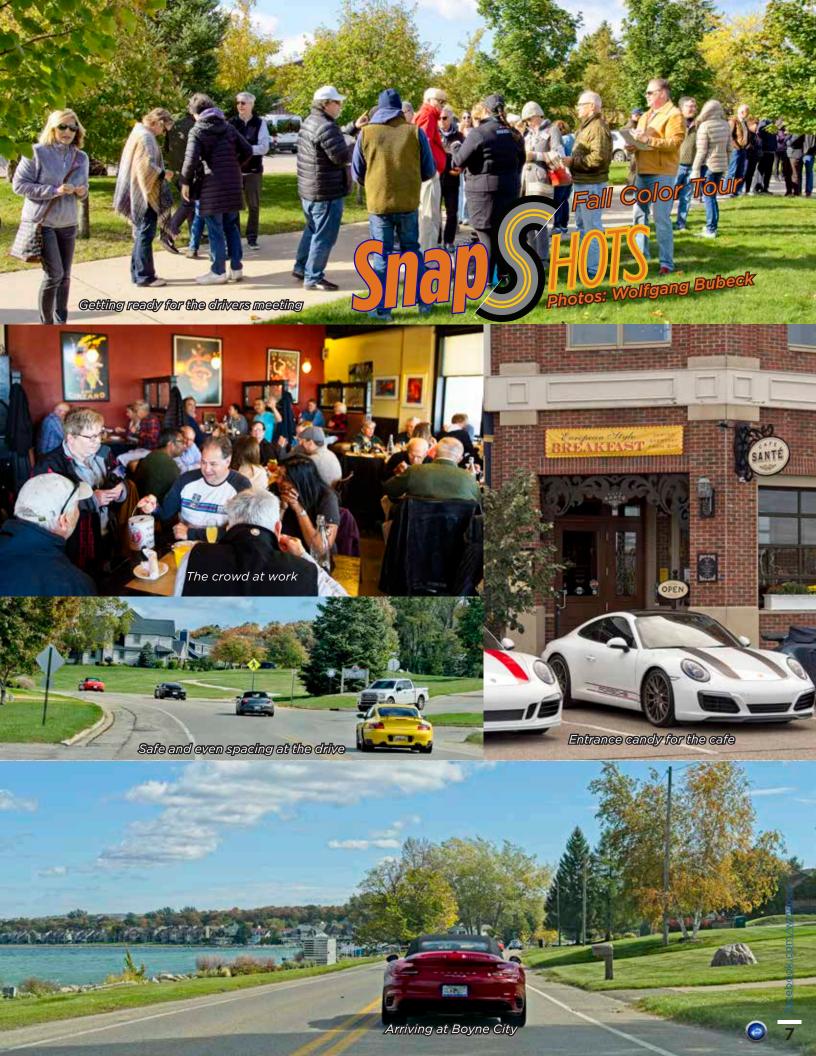
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City. About half of our group enjoyed brunch there, while the other half enjoyed lunch at their sister restaurant just down the street, Lake Street Pub. The City of Boyne City was kind enough to reserve some VIP parking for our group right next to Cafe Santé and the lakeshore, making it a very special and one-of-a-kind experience for us.

It was great to meet up with old friends and make some new ones, and spend time with some of our northern members whom we do not see often enough. There were a lot of smiles and laughs and warm handshakes, the Michigan game was on, the weather was glorious, and there was barely a single pothole to be found. It was a great way to put an exclamation point on our summer, and we look forward to more great drives with PCA next year!







# 2022 EVENT CALENDAR







# WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-7	Membership / Planning Meeting	Gander's Restaurant, 4747 28th St SE, Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	11-12	Dinner	Finn's Chophouse & Speakeasy, Spring Lake	Randy & Lynn Portoluri
DEC	12-3	Appetizer Party NEW	Ada, MI	Rex Tsui & Joyce Lo
	12-5	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche of Grand Rapids	WMR Board







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# FROM THE EDITOR

## WOLFGANG BUBECK

As the season comes to an end, the pictures in this issue are pretty much the final showings of 2022 in terms of outdoor / driving actions. Most of our Porsches will not be seen on a parking lot with a colorful backdrop for our November dinner event anymore.

But also I want to remind you to the always present banner in Über Alles seen above, where we are in search for event hosts. This is what keeps the club going and attracts members to go out, play with the cars, and have fun with the people driving them.

We know it requires time, skills, and knowledge of rules to keep it save. But you don't need to do it alone. If you have a good idea for a drive, a place to hang out, or to enjoy

some crafts, beer not excluded, please don't hesitate to ask some of our staff members listed on page 4. They will assist you to create a fun event within our region.

The planning meeting might be already over by the time you read this, but there is plenty of room in our calendar throughout 2023 to allocate a date for your plans.

Thanks also to our new advertisers of 2022. There is still room for new ads if you are interested. On page 14 next to the classifieds in the blue column are your options and rates listed.

Drive safe into the slippery season and enjoy the preparation of the upcoming holidays. Walfgang

One of my snapshots at Grand Traverse Resort while gathering for the fall color tour. Vintage turns heads too...



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# A LOOK BACK - A PORSCHE GOES WEST

BY CHUCK OLENYK



In last month's Über Alles, we introduced you to Earl Kirschbaum. This is an article he wrote for the September 1956 issue of Panorama about a family driving vacation in a 356 Cabriolet.

"The slick silver streak nosed out into the misty dawn, leaving Alma, Michigan, heading west, carrying three passengers, a large aluminum case full of duffel on the luggage rack and plenty of parts, plugs, points, fuel pump diaphragm, etc.

The Kirschbaums, Earl, Mary and son Bob, were off on their first trip to the West coast in their silver Porsche convertible. We felt like pioneers on a new venture, like the covered wagons heading west, for we knew not what the next one hundred idles had in store. We were new

Porsche owners with a lot of confidence and a small list of Porsche service stations.

As each milestone passed, we gained more and more confidence in our Silver streak. We were serviced in Davenport, lowa, and replaced a broken odometer cable, our first mishap. The service was excellent, and they went all out to get us on our way.

On we rolled, thru Omaha and to Rocky Mountain National Park, our first taste of mountain driving in a Porsche. It was the most wonderful drive we have ever experienced. The little bomb pressed up and up, at 8000 ft. it acted like a sick panther gasping for air. I realized what the trouble was, high altitude and less oxygen. The carbs were adjusted a bit lower and it let out a belch and away we went on up to 9000 ft. All the time the oil temperature gauge informed me the little panther did not even perspire in the uphill climb. We started down the torturous twisting road like a huge serpent lying coiled among the mountains basking in the sun. What fun and how that silver cat took the corners! On and on we rolled, car lights blinked, we returned the salute, what a friendly feeling when that Porsche passed! Into Salt Lake City across the salt flats and on to Reno for a rest. The Porsche and Bob were parked for the night. Mary and I took a leisurely stroll thru the bright lights and listened to the clanking of silver dollars. Harrah's Club graced my palm with a Jack pot (\$37.50) to help cover expenses.

We headed south out of Reno and took the turn to the Reno Ski Club. The Porsche just breathed in the invigorating air and purred on up to the top and wallowed in the snow and ice. What a wonderful view. After this short escapade, we moved on down Route 50 and took the Kingsbury Grade, a short cut over the Sierras to Lake Tahoe. A real treat for my Porsche! It took the grades like a hound dog on the heels of a jack rabbit. At dusk we broke into the canyon of Yosemite National Park. After paying our respects to the wonderful arts of nature, we pushed on to San Jose.

Here we had a complete check on the Silver streak, and once again our service was excellent. Now we were ready for more miles. San Francisco was our next stop. We pulled up to a Porsche dealer to chat. A Mr. Chan (I believe was the name) greeted us with, "Gee, first time I have seen three people come so far in a Porsche." North of San Francisco, the silver cat sneaked on thru the Redwoods and up the coast thru Portland, Oregon, and into Spokane. Here we had a complete lube job and headed for Flathead Lake Lodge just below Glacier National Park. Our second and last mishap was a flat tire.

We enjoyed our stay at the lodge very much, then headed for Glacier National Park and some more real mountain driving, thru snow and ice up into nature's wonderland. The scenery was breathtaking. We came out on to U. S. 2 and were heading home, leaving Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin behind us. Back into our native Michigan, thru the Upper Peninsula, across the Straits to Mackinaw and into Alma. (This was prior to the Mackinaw Bridge, BTW - Übers Ed.)

We rolled up behind us 6,600 miles of the most wonderful driving we have ever had, all on \$67.00 for petrol. A 36 miles per gallon average. By this time we all were in love with our Porsche which was part of us, a real friend. We all had a sincere respect and fun confidence in our new friend. All the spare parts are still packed away, and we are looking forward to the day we can start out on another trip.

A hint from the three passenger Porsche: A box was built to fit on the floor of the right side between the jump seat and the front seat, with a kapok cushion on it, making it the same height as the jump seat. A four foot boat cushion was laid over the jump seat, and up the right side for a back support. Bob, age 14, spent quite a bit of time there, but Mary seemed to prefer to sit there as it was very comfortable."

Quiz time! How many different nicknames did Earl give his Porsche? I counted at least five, got to love the 1950's slang! Thank you again to Linda Goodman, PCA National Historian, for her help with this article.



# Regenerative Braking - Hybrid and EV Vehicles

Regenerative (Regen) Braking - a method of braking in which energy is extracted from the object (the car) stored and reused.

Traditional braking - Systems that use brake pads that

are hydraulically pressed against a rotor to slow or stop a vehicle, thereby producing heat which is wasted energy.

Electric motors can produce just about as much electric energy as they consume. Electric motors can become generators when they are not receiving voltage. However, when in generator mode it takes energy to turn this motor which produces drag (a breaking effect).

This generated breaking effect is only effective to a point. Under hard or emergency braking

traditional methods are still used in all hybrid or EV vehicles.

There are several approaches to how Regen braking systems work depending on the manufacturer. The most common being heavy regen braking on lifting off the accelerator pedal. (like a slot car)

Most systems have more selections for drivers' preference.

Porsche's approach with the Tycan is a little different than most other manufacturers, here's why. Porsche states that using the brakes is a learned behavior using the brake pedal makes Driving (braking) a more consistent, predictable and authentic experience. Porsche has tuned it's Regen brake system to make the vehicle feel like a Porsche. This is why they integrated the Regen Braking System into the hydraulic system. These systems are more complex but offer ABS and PSM with these integrated systems.

Braking Modes for the Taycan that can be selected.

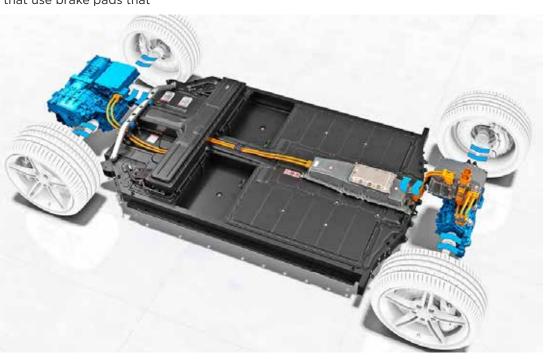
Lift off recuperation "OFF" coasting = Very close to freewheeling (minimum braking effect)

Lift on recuperation "ON" = The regen braking effect is increased

Auto recuperation with camera = Vehicle uses front facing cameras to keep a proper distance from the vehicle in front of you.

Max recuperation = uses all driver assisted features.

NOTE: When using the brake pedal the Taycan uses all the regen braking available until the stopping needs become greater than the regen can handle.



Benefits from Regen Braking

Less brake dust

Less brake service

The ability to store energy increases the range

Increased fuel mileage in hybrid vehicles

It always amazes me how quickly the fall colors come and go before winter snow arrives. If you get the opportunity, get out and enjoy the colors.

Tim

# APPETIZER PARTY

BY REX TSUI & JOYCE LO

The annual appetizer party
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Just an inspiration from the appetizer party in 2016 - Randy Portoluri in gathering mode

# **MOTORSPORTS MUSINGS**

BY PCA.ORG

The 2023 Rennsport Reunion has me "California Dreamin" about the possibilities. The last RR was in 2018 and everyone I talked with said there was no way to top that amazing event. Next year Porsche has a high benchmark to reach if they intend to better that prior event. If Porsche asked me, I'd like to see a track session with every Porsche racing prototype that Weissach has produced. Could you imagine a long line of the aerodynamic and powerful Porsche prototypes driving around Laguna Seca together? I've seen RR race sessions with many of the prototypes running separately. To my knowledge, all prototypes running in one group, at one time, has never been accomplished before anywhere in the world. I'd love to see the 906 (last street-legal prototype), a long-tail 908, the Le Mans conquering 917K, the hippie 917 LH running with turbocharged 936, 935 Moby Dick, Group C 956 and 962, LMP1-beating RS Spyder, and the hybrid 919 and next gen 963 prototype ... all on the track together. What a sight that would be!



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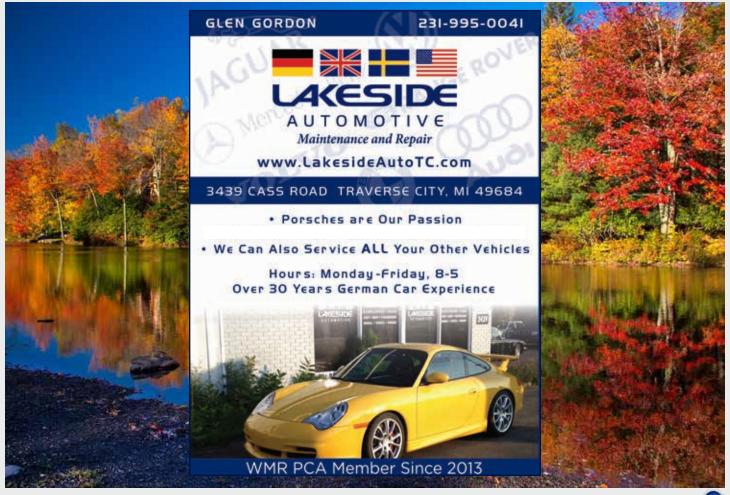
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