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JANUARY EVENTS

Indoor Golf (TBD)

Slot Car Racing (TBD)

Keep an Eye on the WMR PCA Website and your e-mail for event details

ON THE COVER DETAILS

This is "Julius" so named because he is Porsche special order color "Orange" #711.

This is a 1959 356 convertible-D. They were only produced in one year, 1959 and featured roll-up windows! Wow!

This picture was taken in front of Sam and Jeannine's Cummings house and was taken by Bob Malone.

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"Julius" 1959 356 Convertible-D In the Holiday Spirit

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15 years (2007) Roger & Cheryl Edgren

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WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

Ryan Atkins, Traverse City, '18 Macan S

JA Hershey, Traverse City, '19 Cayman GTS

Al Higdon, Lawrence, '15 911 GT3

Mike Karas, Holland, '78 928

Paul Steinbacher, Kalamazoo, '23 Macan



AND WINTER IS TRULY UPON US

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To that end, raise your hand if you left your name tags in the console of your car now in storage. I'll take partial blame for this since I had meant to include it in my last president's newsletter but forgot. So yes, I believe I also have a couple stashed away until spring. This is true of course because I assume for most of us, we've filled the tank, added the stabilizer, detailed the inside and outside, put on the cover, and employed multiple anti-rodent strategies around our now dormant examples of fine German engineering. Yes, the long winter has just begun, but that doesn't mean we stop having fun.

Most recently the annual members and planning meeting was held on November 7th at Gander's Restaurant and Lounge. As always it was well attended. We have many of the long-time favorites on next year's calendar like the Cook-Off,

Sporting Clays, Red Barns Spectacular, of course multiple social events, driving tours, and the ever-enduring High Speed Drivers Education weekend at Grattan. There are some new events being considered for next year as well - An indoor golf outing, A Women's Drive, an extended drive with stops at points of interest planned with the Michiana Region, and hopefully we will be bringing back the Tire Rack Street Survival.

If you have ideas you'd like to put forward or would like to know about planning an event, feel free to contact our social chair, Lynne Olenyk, or any of the officers. Our contact information is in the Über on page 4.

We did have one fantastic event this last month hosted by Randy & Lin Portoluri at Finn's Chop House and Speakeasy on Saturday November 12, 2022. This was a new location

for us in Spring Lake. We maximized our numbers and poor Randy and Lin had to turn people away. The food was good, and the camaraderie was better!

Coming up very soon is a favorite that has been gone for two years, the Appetizer Party. Mike and Barb are taking a respite and this year Rex Tsui & Joyce Lo have offered their home on Saturday December 3, 2022. It's not a competition, bring anything you want for an appetizer and don't let that huge plate of maple smoked bacon intimidate you. It's variety that makes life interesting.

And speaking of events that are returning to its original face-to-face format after too long of a delay, Winterfest will be Saturday, February 18, at Watermark Country Club. This is a time to celebrate all that we have shared over the previous year and to simply enjoy the people who are members of the Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America.

It's a great way to bring some brightness into what is often the bleakest part of winter. I prescribe you to mark it on your calendar now, if nothing else, for your mental health.

Frank

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IN REVIEW - ^{Est. 2019} **Finn's** CHOPHOUSE & SPEAKEASY

BY RANDY PORTOLURI

I want to thank the almost 50 PCA members that attended the event at Finn's Chophouse and Speakeasy. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Dalton and the crew without a doubt were up to the task. I told them about 20 originally. I sincerely apologize to anyone I had as to turn away. I don't ever like to do that, ever. The response from all is to do it again and we will next November. Now that we know what to expect we will be better prepared. By the way I kinda white lied about jazz bands, flappers and Gatsby but not about the food, drink and service. Hope to see you all next year. Praying for better weather.



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2023 EVENT CALENDAR



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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-09	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	TBD	The Bunker Indoor Golf	Fremont, MI	Lou Delaguardia
	TBD	Slot Car Racing	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Frank Conner
FEB	02-06	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	02-18	WinterFest	Watermark Country Club Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA
	02-19	Morning After Brunch	Linear Grand Rapids, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
MAR	03-06	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	03-11 (tentative)	Daylight Savings Dinner OR	TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-12 (tentative)	Daylight Savings Brunch	TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
APR	04-01	Cook-off	The Conner's	Frank & Raeni Conner
	04-03	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	04-29	Dinner Drive	TBD	John & Marshall Walters
MAY	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	05-06	Dinner Drive	TBD	Michael Betz/ Chris & Teresa Thorpe
	05-20 (tentative)	Sporting Clays OR	Blendon Pines	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	05-20	Traverse City Event	TBD	Greg & Karlene Currie
JUN	06-03 (tentative)	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	06-05	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	06-17	Air Cooled Show	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Non-PCA Event
	06-18 to 06-24	Porsche Parade	Palm Springs, CA	PCA National
JUL	07-01	Women's Drive	TBD	Raeni Conner
	07-03	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	07-22	Dinner Drive	TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
	07-29	Pool Party & BBQ	The Delaguardia's	Lou Delaguardia



2023 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-05	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	08-19	Dinner Drive	TBD	Glenn Eisenbrandt
	08-25	Grand Rapids Metro Cruise	TBD	TBD
SEP	09-09 to 09-10	WMR High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway Grattan, MI	WMR PCA
	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	09-16	Tire Rack Street Survival OR	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
	09-23	Tire Rack Street Survival	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
OCT	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	TBD	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	11-11	Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
DEC	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	TBD	WMR Board

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the new year approaches, there are many opportunities to volunteer to hosts events. This is an opportunity to meet your fellow Club Members and remember, the Club is...



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We're looking for event hosts for 2023

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In the [April 2021](#) Über Alles we highlighted Al Sabo and in the [May 2021](#) issue we highlighted "AC" (Al's Car). Now in 2022, I came across a for sale ad for a Porsche, and lo and behold, it was "AC". It is currently for sale in Massachusetts. From the dealership:

"I have a copy of the article that Peter [Dykema] sent a prior owner.

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A LOOK BACK - MEXICAN VIAJE “ON YOUR OWN!”

BY CHUCK OLENYK

On October 15, 1961, 32 PCA Porsches from 21 states converged on Eagle Pass, Texas, to begin the 16-day Viaje (or trip) de Mexico. It was organized by Earl Kirschbaum, who we met in the last two issues. And this trip was also referenced in the Über Alles article about Al Sabo in April 2021. Here is the text from Earl’s event flyer and portions of trip reports by two attending PCAers, Ethel Evans and Bill Miller.

“Well, here we go! The FIRST PCA Viaje de Mexico, a national PCA event is all set. Are YOU going to be among this first lucky group? Total entries will be limited to 50 Porsches, so read on and then get your Entry form in on time.

Join with other PCAers in driving south-of-the-border through fabulous Mexico. You’ll have 4 marvelous days and nights in glamorous Mexico City...be entertained by the Sports Car Clubs of Mexico...shop in the world-famous Mexican stores...see native costumes and dances.

In Acapulco, you’ll live in luxury at the famous Hotel Pierre Marques with swimming pools and the soft blue Pacific for your delight. See the Bull-fights, shop for fabulous Mexican silver-craft and other native products.

Here are some facts and figures.

Cost per couple \$250.00

Cost per single \$150.00

This includes rooms in 1st class Hotels or Motels and 3 meals per day for 13 nights and 14 days. EXCEPTION: 3 dinners and 4 lunches in Mexico City and 2 lunches in Acapulco are ADDITIONAL. Other than that, this is a “package-deal” with all reservations and arrangements made for you.

Part of the way, you can drive ON YOUR OWN and part of the way, you will CARAVAN in a group.

The Tour will be guided by Melanie Heims, Secretary of PCA Arizona Region and Earl Kirschbaum, Past President PCA. Melanie has lived for many years in Mexico and is practically a native. Earl has toured through Mexico several times...and knows the ropes.

Here is a brief Itinerary...showing the NIGHT stops.

October 16: Mondova, Mexico

October 17: San Louis Potisto

October 18, 19, 20, 21: Mexico City

October 22, 23, 24: Acapulco

October 25: Taxco

October 26, 27: San Jose de Purua

October 28: Guadalajara

From there, wind your various ways homeward or tour some more—but on your own.

Passports are not needed for Mexico for a U.S. Citizen. You do need a Tourist Permit ... get this at the border.

Be sure to get shots for Smallpox. This is compulsory. Your own medic will do this and issue an International Health Certificate. U.S. Insurance is not valid in Mexico so it’s a good idea to buy Mexican Car Insurance at the border. These and other incidentals will run about \$40 total.

Tourists are allowed to bring back DUTY FREE about \$500 worth of purchases per person.

Send all correspondence concerning the PCA Viaje de Mexico to Earl L. Kirschbaum 325 Park Avenue Alma, Michigan”

“Not just traveling, but a wonderful way of life!”

by Ethel Evans, Delaware Region

“So we entered Mexico, with its miles of roadway stretching to the horizon, and cacti as far as the eye could see, and on either side, mountains. Monclova, Matehoula, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City proved just as exciting as their names. How VIP can PCA be? Welcoming dignitaries met us at the gates of their cities, or greeted us as we dined. Police escorts took us through city traffic.

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Once world famous, San Jose de Purua spa-hotel is now a shadow of its former self, though the grounds and pools can still be admired.





*Bugle Band greets PCAers in San Luis Potosi.
such scenes were typical throughout the visit which made it a rousing success*

(Will we ever forget the Mariachis, the girls' Bugle Band, the costumes, the dancing, or the pageantry?) The red carpet unrolled before us. That was not just traveling, but a wonderful way of life!

Traveling in a group you learn to listen for the Porsche purr of the engines as they rendezvous. But there was one who made our journey even more carefree. Nic Mattlinger of PoAC (Porsche of America Corporation) was always coming along behind us, car loaded with spare parts, his hands skillful and his willingness exceedingly great. No straggler was left by the wayside. There were, fortunately, no major needs, but at each stop he was always available and ready to listen to and correct all Porsche problems."

***"Celebrity welcome for tour in Guadalajara;
sweep races 1,2,3"***

by Bill Miller, Carolinas Region

"On Saturday, October 28, at 4:30 o'clock, we were all parked at the curb before the American Motel, just outside Los Arcos, the gate to the City of Guadalajara. After counting noses and gossiping about the drive from Morelia to Guadalajara, we were instructed by officials of the Automovilistica de Jalisco to proceed to Los Arcos.

At the arch we were joined by a police escort and all the Classic Cars which also appeared in the parade. Among those oldsters were several very old Fords and at least one ancient Dodge in beautiful condition.

To honor the Mexican Flag, a Signal Red Porsche led the Parade, followed immediately by a white one and then a green one. Also in the parade were Austin-Healeys, Volvos, Fiats, Renault Gordinis, Sunbeam Alpines, modified Volkswagens, and others driven by members of the various sports car clubs.

Sunday morning we were guided to the race track and allowed to familiarize ourselves with the layout. There were several exciting races for small cars earlier and the race for Porsches was scheduled for 1:30 pm. The small cars put on a really good show, but the competition was doubly exciting when we realized that none of the Mexican competitors used roll bars or seat belts. They did, however, wear crash helmets.

The officials decided to divide the Porsches into 2 races, the first one for 1600 Normals only. In that 6 lap race, total distance 37 km, or 22.9 miles, the first place went to Claud Gilmore, Alamogordo, NM, with a time of 14 min and 21 sec. In second place was Al Sabo of Kalamazoo, Mich., and in third was Earl Kirschbaum, recently moved to Mesa, Arizona.

The last race of the day was for Porsche 1600 Supers and Super 90's, and any Mexican drivers who cared to enter. The Mexican cars included 2 modified Volvos and a modified Alpine. For this race we had a Le Mans type start for the 5 Porsches and 3 Mexican entries. In first position and first off when the flag was dropped was the Alpine, second off and in second position was a Super 90, after which came Dick Bena of St. Louis in a 1600 Super Roadster, one of the highly modified Volvos, Goodwin Stoddard in a 1600 Super Roadster(not believed related to Chuck Stoddard), Don Communale in a Super 90 Coupe, and Harold Kuever in a 1600 Super Coupe followed by the other Volvo. The Alpine was passed by the first Super 90 just before they reached the first 180 degree turn. Behind them things were not going so well; the modified Volvo was pushing Dick Bena so hard that they both went too deep into the first turn and both spun, slowing up the rest of the field and giving the first Super 90 an unbeatable lead. The winning Super 90, driven by Bill Miller, Asheboro, NC, had a time of 13 min, 26 sec, average speed of 52.5 mph, fastest lap 54.5 mph. Second place went to Goodwin Stoddard and third place to Dick Bena."



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CABRIOLET
• \$25,000 CASH PRIZE



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- 1st grand prize is a 2023 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet America
- 2nd grand prize is a 2023 911 Carrera Cabriolet
- Alternatively, winners may choose \$85,000 K plus \$25,000
- After initial 9,500 entries, another 2nd Grand Prize plus \$25,000 will be added for each additional 4,500 entries
- Multiple winners anticipated

The 2023 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet America is available to the American market only and was inspired by the 356 America Roadster of the early 1950s, which in turn led to Porsche creating the iconic 356 Speedster. The GTS America, as we'll refer to it, retains the same chassis and powertrain as the 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet and is only available in rear-wheel drive and with a seven-speed manual transmission. That means drivers are treated to a 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged flat six that makes 473 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque.

All entries received by December 9, 2022 will be accepted.

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