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SPRING DRIVE & DINNER

John & Marshall Walters

Saturday, April 29, 2023

COUNTRY DRIVE & LUNCH

The Thorpes

Saturday, May 06, 2023

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Saturday, May 20, 2023

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For our Daylight Savings Event, Porsches were parked in snowy conditions at Archival Brewing.

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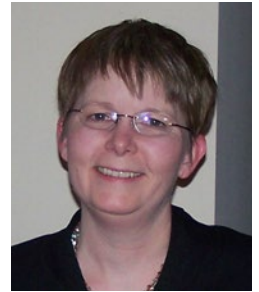
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Honorary/Lifetime: 0

PCA Juniors: 37

GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES

Join me in congratulating these fine folks
on their WMR PCA Anniversaries.

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Steve & Debra Locke

35 years (1988)

Arnie Axelrod

30 years (1993)

Jon Kaczmarcyk

5 years (2018)

David Blandford

Luke Durling

1 year (2022)

Geoffrey Cardoza

Julia Heiche

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*Congratulations to
Steve and Debra from
the WMR PCA team*

WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

James Eckert, Kalamazoo, '18 Macan S

Samuel Limon, Grandville, '17 Cayenne

Daniel Michels, Kentwood, '23 Taycan GTS

Douglas Vander Woude, Grand Rapids, '17 911 S

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Dennis Wiand, Traverse City



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HERE'S HOPING THE DRYER SHEETS AND PEPPERMINT OILS DID THEIR JOB!

Forget the first robin, daffodils poking through the earth, and more sun...the real reason to celebrate spring is the emergence of Porsches from their long winter's sleep. Yes, many of you own Macans and Panameras that you drive year-round. There are few bold souls that throw snow tires on a Boxster. But for most of us, April is the time to remove the cover, hope our trickle charger did its job (mine didn't last year), and relive the joy of starting a car with the ignition switch on the left side of the steering wheel. I'm smiling even as I write the words.

Which also means our first drive of the year! John & Marshall Walters are hosting a drive and dine on Saturday, April 29. We start in Wayland at 2:30 and have dinner at the Blue Wagyu, a Farm to Fork restaurant located on the Yankee Springs Golf Course. While the ever-present helpers, John and Marshall haven't led a drive through this part of the country for a few years. It's always been a fun drive in the past and no doubt it will set the bar high for the rest of the year.

Since we are speaking of drive and dines, May 6 brings another, this time hosted by Chris, Teresa, and Jordon Thorpe. This drive is also in the southern part of our region, starting in Mattawan at 10:00 am and ending at Texas Corners Brewing in Kalamazoo. While I know the Thorpes are enthusiastic to host the drive, I suspect Teresa has an ulterior motive knowing she gets extra points towards the enthusiastic award that she intends take away from Chris next year!

New members take note! There is a New Members Cars and Coffee gathering on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 9:00 am at Porsche Grand Rapids. This is a time to meet the club officers, chairs, and long-time members. Owning a Porsche is sufficient to bring anyone joy, but being part of the social component of the club heightens the experience in ways hard to describe. There is no expectation, simply come, have some refreshments and share time with a whole bunch of Porsche enthusiasts. Really, is there a better way to spend a Saturday morning?

While another event will probably be passed by the time this newsletter reaches your email or mailbox, April 1 is the annual cookoff hosted by me and Raeni. This year the theme is any kind of chicken-based soup. We are using the term "soup" loosely, meaning anything that can be served with a ladle qualifies. Winning is a great honor and with the competitiveness of this group, the rivalry will be fierce. Best of Show (judges' choice) and People's Choice will be announced next month.

Lastly in racing news, Porsche took the podium in every class they entered at the 12 Hours of Sebring. Sadly, they had a great chance of winning the LMDh class with the Porsche 963, possibly going P1 and P2, if the No. 10 Acura hadn't taken them both out with less than 20 minutes in the race. With all the attrition in that class, even without finishing the race, Jaminet, Tandy, and Cameron still came in third with the #6 Porsche Prototype. In GTD Pro, Pfaff Motorsports were back to their championship winning form achieving a victory in their Porsche 911 GT3 R. Lastly, In GTD Am, Riley Motorsports placed another 911 on

the 3rd step of the podium. All of these are new models for the 2023 season so we can expect improvements and more podiums as the season continues.



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IN REVIEW - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS EVENT

BY WOLFGANG BUBECK

Thank you to everyone who attended for the astounding turnout at this year's luncheon. Some members chose to travel to the event at Archival Brewing in their Porsches despite the snowy weather (see cover picture and SnapShots).

It can be difficult for the restaurant employees to prepare food and keep everyone satisfied when 54 people arrive at once. They did an excellent job and upheld a high standard for a brewery environment. We had complete freedom to choose from all of their choices rather than being restricted to a small menu. From the organizational aspect to the providing, Archival delivered an excellent service. Everybody seemed to be happy.



The early guests...

As their name implies, Archival produces beer according to traditional recipes as opposed to experimenting with unusual flavors and ingredients. In my opinion, this is a positive.

If you couldn't make it to the event I highly recommend to stop by at Archival whenever you are in the area or want to do a personal weekend drive. Some time in May they will open their "Biergarten" again with an outdoor bar, tables, fire pits, bocci etc.

Better driving weather is on it's way.

Enjoy the ride.

Wolfgang

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Reuben & Laura Srinivasan

SnapSHOTS

Daylight Savings Luncheon

Pictures taken by
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Ted & Tracy Alberta



Bob Daniels and Gary Both arriving



Nice portions and great quality food



2023 EVENT CALENDAR



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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
APR	04-01	Cook-off	The Conner's	Frank & Raeni Conner
	04-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMA Board
	04-22	New Member Meet & Greet	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMA PCA
	04-29	Spring Drive & Dinner	The Blue Wagyu, Wayland MI	John & Marshall Walters
MAY	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMA Board
	05-06	Country Drive & Lunch	Texas Corners Brewing, Kalamazoo MI	The Thorpes Chris, Teresa, Jordan
	05-20	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
JUN	06-03	Spring Up	Traverse City	Greg & Karlene Currie
	06-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMA Board
	06-10	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford MI	Euro Autowerks
	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	Ganders Restaurant	WMA Board
	07-22	Dinner Drive	TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
	07-29	Pool Party & BBQ	The Delaguardia's	Lou Delaguardia
AUG	08-05	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMA Board
	08-19	Dinner Drive	TBD	Glenn Eisenbrandt
	08-25	Grand Rapids Metro Cruise	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids
SEP	09-08 to 09-10	WMA High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway Grattan, MI	WMA PCA



We're looking for event hosts for 2023

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMA 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



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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	09-16	Tire Rack Street Survival	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
	or 09-23	Tire Rack Street Survival	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
OCT	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	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	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board

SAFE THE DATE - COUNTRY DRIVE & LUNCH

The start of spring has arrived, and just one week after the Walters Blue Wagyu event, the Thorpes start another adventure tour with a stop at Texas Corners Brewing. Set the engines in motion. See details below.

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Meeting Location: 23890 City Center Cir
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ZONE 4 NEWS

BY ZONE REP DAVE STETSON

I have enjoyed the company of Porsche Club members now for only 10 years. I was one of those boomers who had a VW beetle as a first car and lusted over the 356 and first 911's, but I never took the perceived financial leap to actually buy one until 2013. As I eased into the social circle that is the Porsche Club, I was amazed by the variety of people I met and the depth of the friendships that developed. I am sure that this is the experience of most of you. I came to know many people from Zone 4 and beyond through our DE offerings, particularly those we had the privilege of hosting at

the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It is now my honor and pleasure to serve you as the Zone 4 representative to the National Executive Council.

I enjoy traveling but I admit that I have not ventured to many corners of the Zone. I have driven through the Upper Peninsula and down through Michigan once. I have been to Detroit several times (my son's in-laws live in St. Clair Shores) and to Lansing once. Pennsylvania and Indiana are more familiar, but I have a lot to learn. It is a significant learning curve I face and I trust that you all will educate me. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and I hope that I can help your region run like a well-oiled machine. We are all here to have fun in our preferred way. I hear to help you do that.

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THE STORY OF THE FERDINAND PORSCHEs

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Ferdinand Porsche Sr.
born Sept 1875 - died Jan 1951
Car Engineer of the Century (1999)

Ferdinand Anton Porsche Jr.
born Sept 1909 - died March 1998
Nickname: Ferry or Doc Ferry

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche
born Dec 1935 - died April 2020
nickname: Son of Ferry or Butzi

Ferdinand's father's name was Anton Porsche. His occupation was a panel beater. At an early age Ferdinand was intrigued by electricity. At the age of 18 he worked for an electric company. In 1893 he installed electric lighting in his father's home. Then in 1898 he designed the Egger-Lohner C.2 Phaeton.

It was powered by an octagonal electric motor. He went on to develop the electric wheel hub motor. In 1900 he designed the first functional hybrid car, called the Semper Vivus, using a combustion engine to drive a generator which supplied power for the electric wheel hub.



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Other accomplishments:

In 1906 he was chief designer for Austro-Daimler. He was the automotive engineer creating the Volkswagen Beetle, the Auto Union Race Car, the Mercedes Benz, and more. He designed the first fully electric car; the Lohner-Porsche, the Porsche 360 Cisitalia - this was a 385-horsepower, four-wheel drive Formula 1 car with a top speed of 200 mph. He was also a contributor to the German war effort by developing the Tiger Tank, the Panzerjäger Tiger Tank.

These are all notable accomplishments but there is one that stands far above the rest:

Ferdinand was the founder of Porsche AG.

Moving on to Ferdinand Anton, aka Ferry. He was a technical auto designer. He learned from his father at a very early age while spending much time with him in the shop. They toured Europe and the United States, racing the cars they designed.

At age 10 he learned to drive. At 12 he drove a race car. At the age of 21 he worked at his father's business which

specialized in consulting for building engines, autos and airplanes. Ferry also worked with his father on the Volkswagen Beetle. Both Ferdinands were arrested as war criminals and bail was set at 500,000 francs. They only had enough funding to get Ferry out. His father was sent to prison at Dijon where he spent 20 months.

After Ferry's release he took over the management of the company taking on the construction of the 356 Porsche Cisitalia (built for the Cisitalia Grand Prix race team). This was a 1.5 liter super-charged mid-engine with 4-wheel drive. He also took on building of the 356 Porsche; creating the chassis and body using VW components. The 356 was a rear-engine 4-cylinder, producing 35 HP. In 1947 Ferry posted bond for his father. In 1952 Ferry Porsche designed the Porsche crest (logo) on a napkin while at dinner with Max Hoffman. Max Hoffman was the first importer for Porsche. The Porsche company began plans for the successor to the 356. This project was first called the 901.

Ferdinand Alexander, aka Butzi, was in charge of this project. He also worked on the 904 project.

It would become known as the 911 after Peugeot claimed a trademark on the 901 number.

In 1989 Ferry retired from the company. This is just a short



The Porsche 911 could have been the Porsche 901 and the world would have been super weird.

story of what the three Ferdinands accomplished and their role in production of our Porsches.

Spring is here! Please note on your calendars that June 10th will be the date for Euro's open house. We look forward to seeing you all there!



CHARTER WMR MEMBERS AND THE FIRST PCA TREFFEN

A LOOK BACK TO OCTOBER 1958 - BY MARCIA HUFF

As a two-year “new” member of the WMR, I was pleased to assist with the photo presentation for the cover of the January 2023 issue of the Über Alles, featuring the 1958 356A Porsche owned by John & Ruth Alexander of Grand Rapids Michigan. This beautiful automobile made its journey to the US with an historic beginning.

Recently, the interesting history of that Porsche’s origin, came to light when Ed Salo, the grandson of Ruth Alexander came across his grandmother’s “Trip Diary” and a box of 35mm slides. The diary documented the Alexanders’ travels to Stuttgart, Germany to take possession of their new car at the factory in 1958. They traveled along with other PCA members from various regions. This was the very first PCA and Porsche factory-sponsored driving tour called the “Treffen.”

The Alexanders traveled with fellow Michigan members, Earl & Mary Kirschbaum, who had also purchased a new Porsche. It is worthwhile to note that Earl Kirschbaum was a Past President of PCA.

Ed has created a 30 page PDF from Ruth Alexander’s travel diary, with photos documenting their grand adventure.

A brief look at this historical 1958 PCA event will be presented in a multi-part series in upcoming Über Alles brochures. Highlights of the PCA members’ and the Alexanders’ three-week tour in their brand new Porsches include photos of the countryside, towns and cities, and mountains of northern Switzerland.



The PCA group is welcomed to Stuttgart with much fanfare

Merano. Some of the highlights of the trip are described and pictured in this issue of Pano. But it is hardly possible to tell in a few words, of the memorable experiences that made a lasting impression on us all.

First and above all, was the tremendous impact of seeing with our own eyes, a Porsche car being put together piece-by-piece in the “smallest production factory in the world.” It is difficult to believe till you see it ... the QUALITY that is “built into” each Porsche that is made. Equally amazing was the discovery that the same “built in quality” is part and parcel of the Porsche personnel ... from Brass to Buffer-boy.

From the moment our plane touched down in Stuttgart till we took off three weeks later, we were made to feel that nothing was too good for a PCAer. The solicitude, attention, guidance, kindnesses showered upon each and everyone of us from morning till night assured us, without any doubt, that we were indeed WELCOME. And such is the reputation of Porsche, at least in Europe, that the same friendly consideration was rendered to us wherever we went.

Every Porsche Pusher who has attended a Porsche Parade will long remember the thrill of gathering with other PCAers from all over the U. S. Magnify this many times, and you would have some idea of what we experienced when we SHARED the good times at Merano with more than 600 Porsche fans from all over the world. Smiles and gestures sufficed where language barriers failed, to express the genuine friendship and good will engendered by our common interest ... Porsche-ring.

Read from pages of Ruth’s diary and see more photos about the historic PCA Rally to in Germany in future issues of WMR Über Alles.



Cover of Porsche Panorama issue, Nov 1958 showing the PCA members arriving in Stuttgart

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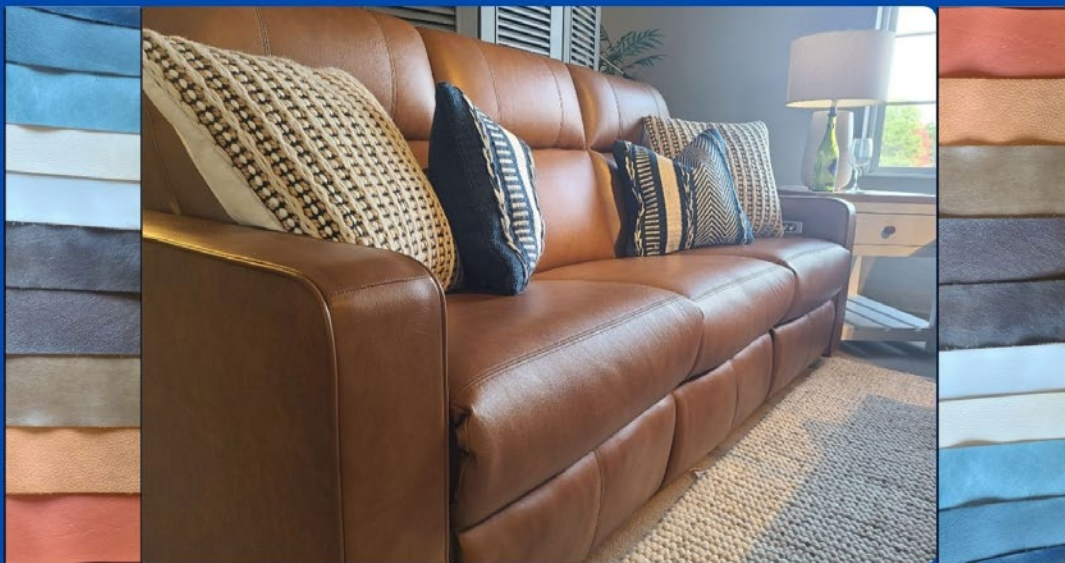
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