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SPRING-UP TRAVERSE

Greg & Karlene Currie Saturday, June 03, 2023

TECH SESSION

Euro Autowerks

Saturday, June 10, 2023

PORSCHE PARADE

PCA National

June 18-24, 2023

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Meet and greet at Porsche in Grand Rapids. A Cayman GT4 RS at the showroom, but it's already sold.

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Total: 711 Primary Members: 451

GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES

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

50 years (1973) Rick Riley

40 years (1983) Ed & Sandy Scott

30 years (1993) Stephen & Sandra Maslen

Stev & Kim Tuzzolino

15 years (2008) Scott & Darlene Poulton 10 years (2013) Frank & Raeni Conner

5 years (2018) Eric Tiller

1 year (2022)

Gary Bellemore

Marcus Bosch Jon Cribbs

Price Pullins Anne Williams



Co-Members: 260

Congratulations to Rick Riley from the WMR PCA team

WILLKOMMEN! - NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS Please extend a warm "Willkommen"

to our new members and transfers.

Honorary/Lifetime: 0

William Connolly, Grand Rapids, '00 Boxster

Jonathan Hill, Portage, '92 968

Dan Erdei, Hudsonville, '23 Macan

Bryan Klawuhn, Petoskey, '05 Boxster S

Brenda Harmelink, Grandville, '23 Macan

Scott Pease, Kalamazoo, '01 911 Cab

James Hemenway, Portage, '20 911 Cab

Sam & Abbigail Powers, Harbor Springs, '08 911 T Cab

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Ronald de Groot & Joyce Peters (North Country)

West Olive, '04 Cayenne Turbo

Ken & Pam Reid (Lone Star), Cedar Springs '12 911 Cab / '21 911 S

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

OFFICIAL WE DRIVE!

The club is back to doing what brought us together in the first place – driving our cars. By the time this newsletter goes out we will have had our first drive and dine event of the year on April 29 hosted by John & Marshall Walters. We will experience the roads and beauty of the countryside between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. The numbers aren't finalized, but last I heard from Marshall, we may be looking at three different tour groups given registration already has over 30 cars.

A second drive the following week also in the southern half of our region being hosted by Chris, Teresa, and Jordon Thorpe. Saturday, May 6th, this drive starts in Mattawan at 10:00 am and ends at Texas Corners Brewing in Kalamazoo. New road and a new place to dine is always exciting. Hopefully with this drive being more to the south than most, we will also see some new participates. Remember, all are welcome. The club has been doing these drives for decades and they are intended to be safe and enjoyed by everyone. We save our high-speed driving for a weekend in September at Grattan.

However, its not like we don't love competition. This was in full display at the Annual Cook-off Raeni and hosted on April 1. We had over 30 members attend ranging from a new couple at their first event to folks with membership numbers that date from the 1970's (over 40 years in the club). The food was outstanding, but there had to be winners. Jerry Arens was selected by the judges as Best of Show and Lynne Olenyk was given the node by those in attendance winning People's Choice. Congrats to them and we look forward to next year when we expect the same level of outstanding food and community!

Another event in April was the New Members Cars and Coffee gathering on Saturday, April 22nd by Porsche Grand Rapids. Sadly because of a significant exposure to COVID, I considered a good practice to not attend. However, I understand we had around 50 members attend the event. While the weather was cloudy and the rain never appeared, the dealership in addition to the

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coffee and morning pastries, also gave Porsche umbrellas to those in attendance. Thanks to Porsche Grand Rapids for continually supporting the Western Michigan Region.

Just like the driving season, racing is also heating up. Congrats to Nick Tandy and Mathieu Jaminet for giving the Porsche 963 prototype its first win at the Grand Prix of Long Beach. Tandy and Jaminet now hold a one-point lead over Cadillac in the IMSA Sports Car Championship. The next race is at Laguna Seca in the middle of this month with the biggest test coming June 10 – 11 at Le Mans. It is time to give those Toyota's actual competition!

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IN REVIEW - ANNUAL COOK-OFF

NO FOOLS PRESENT FOR COOK-OFF

BY FRANK CONNER

Over thirty members brought 14 different dishes to the annual cook-off on April 1. The rules this year were both simple and yet vague - Anything that can be served with a ladle and clearly includes chicken. The challenge was well met. While every year members bring tasty food, this year seemed exceptional. Not a bad crockpot in the lot and picking a winner was a challenge.

As always there were two awards - Best of Show (judge's choice) and People's Choice. Because of the number of couples who brought soup, finding objective judges was a chore. We had to recruit a brand-new member at her first event, Cynthia Vincent to collaborate with Jim Chiavaras and Ty Rolands in selecting Jerry Arens as Best of Show. For the People's Choice, those in attendance gave the majority vote to Lynne Olenyk.

As I said, all of the dishes were excellent but these two rose above the masses to take home the prizes. Congrats to the winners and all that attended the event. It was great fun and Raeni and I enjoyed being your hosts.





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2023 EVENT CALENDAR







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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
MAY	05-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR 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	WMR 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	WMR Board
	07-08	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Non-PCA Event
	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	WMR Board
NEW	08-19	Open for event hosts	TBD	TBD
	08-25	Grand Rapids Metro Cruise	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids
SEP	09-08 to 09-10	WMR High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway Grattan, MI	WMR PCA
	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



We're looking for event hosts for 2023

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

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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
ОСТ	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



"SPRING-UP TO TRAVERSE"

HOSTED BY GREG & KARLENE CURRIE

This year's Spring-Up once again returns to the Leelanau Side of the Traverse Area.

On Saturday **June 3rd** we will meet at **12:00 at Westside Community Church; 4975 E Traverse Hwy, Traverse City 49684**, with a departure by 12:30.

A twisty, hilly drive for about an hour & half will land us downtown Lake Leelanau at Nittolo's Seafood & Pizza. There we will be set for a private, from-the-menu luncheon, featuring family recipes emigrated from the Motherland of Italy. Owner Eric Nittolo is securing our exclusive parking on-site.

View the Restaurant & menu: Nittolospizza.com

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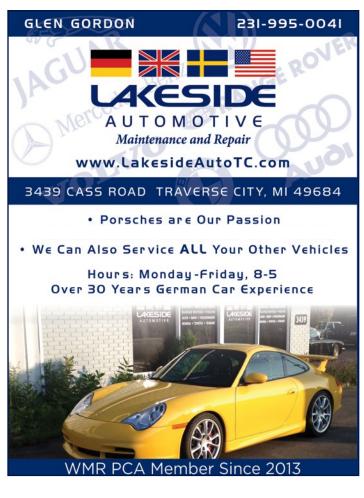
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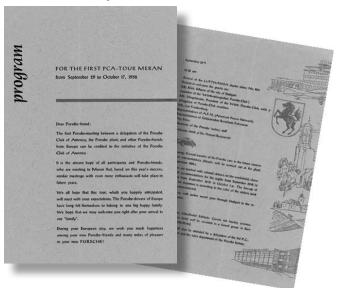
PART 2 - A LOOK BACK TO OCTOBER 1958

BY MARCIA HUFF

PCA Members arrive in Stuttgart, and take delivery of their new Porsches

"At last the leash was loosed and the eager eighty lunged as one to the forty-five gleaming new Porsches parked at the airport. Remember the day you got your new Porsche? Well, multiply the whole pandemonium by 80 Porscherers, 45 new cars, a platoon of eager-to-please factory officials, and you have a small idea of Christmas in Stuttgart."

by Janet Groene from Porsche Panorama issue, Nov. 1958 - All photos provided by Edward Salo





Ruth Alexander on the Rhine River ferry with 1958 Porsche

Ruth Alexander Diary entry - September 30, 1958

"Had to be thru breakfast ready to leave hotel by 9 and drove to factory. Went thru body (Reutten) factory and Porsche in groups - very interesting - beautiful workmanship. Lunch at cafeteria. Started out with an egg yolk in coffee cup - they poured soup in cups and we stirred egg - good. Had wieners which we ate with fingers, bottled beer, rolls. About 10 of women downtown in taxies with Baroness Von Haustein guiding us on a shopping tour. Ended up having coffee in a terrace cafe where men met us about 5:30. We had dinner at our hotel with Church's and later Cal Davis's, etc. Stayed in restaurant most of evening."

Porsche Program

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Dear Porsche-friend:

The first Porsche-meeting between a delegation of the Porsche Club of America, the Porsche plant, and other Porsche-friends from Europe can be credited to the initiative of the Porsche Club of America.

It is the sincere hope of all participants and Porschefriends, who are meeting in Meran that, based on this year's success, similar meetings with even more enthusiasts will take place in future years.

We all hope that this tour, which you happily anticipated, will meet with your expectations. The Porsche-drivers of Europe have long felt themselves to belong to one big happy family. We hope that we may welcome you right after your arrival to our "family".

During your European stay, we wish you much happiness among your new Porsche-friends and many miles of pleasure in your new PORSCHE!



Alexanders and Kirshbaums meet with German friends in Nuremburg (In German: Nürnberg)

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