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**1 year (2022)**

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Giuseppe Lupis & Madyson Ballmer

Scott Slezak

### WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

Terry Bates, Grand Rapids, '01 Boxster

Michael Loehle, Lowell, '13 911 4S

Eric Schelhaas, Ada, '16 911 GT3RS

Amy Shurlow, Ada, '21 Panamera 4

### Transfer In:

Donald Herzog (OHV), Kalamazoo, '90 911 C2



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER - TELL ME IT'S A LIE!

Yes, dear members, the summer is over, and the trees are suggesting in their majesty that the days of top-down driving is limited in its availability. While fall is a beautiful time to be on the road, winter and those Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires make for the kind of drifting you want to avoid. So, enjoy the weather while you can. Start the cycle for winter prep, but remember even when winter is upon us, WMR PCA continues to meet and enjoy the friendship made on the street and track.

Unfortunately, this year, it appears we won't have a fall color tour. It happens. We appreciate all the effort our members make in sponsoring events, and we know it requires both time and extensive planning. Sometimes the person, place, and time just don't align. As always, watch your email, Facebook, and our website. I don't expect anything to happen, but there is always the possibility of last-minute opportunities. Anything that emerges will be announced via these resources.

However, while not a PCA event, our friends at DeutscheMarques are again sponsoring Oktoberfest at the Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 - 4:00. There will be German Beer, German Food, German Music, and German Cars. They were also offering color tours, but as of this writing, they were full. Still, make your own little drive through the countryside, enjoy the autumn beauty Michigan has to offer, and spend a day at the museum.

Looking over a shoulder, September brought around 70 cars to the End Of Summer Fun Run. Greg Currie, Jeff Kolk, Amber Door, Craig Paull, Michael Betz, Colin Carpenter, Eric Spross, and too many others to mention, need to be commended for a fun, and most importantly, safe three days. This year we hosted a PCA National Driving instructor training on Friday. We even had our Zone 4 rep, David Stetson, who drove the track and helped as an instructor with a novice driver. If you haven't been on the track, consider it in the future. It's not a race, it's about getting to know yourself as a driver and your car as one of the greatest machines for the road ever produced.

On Friday, September 22, Garage Kept Motors and Euro AutoWerks sponsored the first Oktoberfest of this fall at Garage Kept Motors' location on 36th street in Grand Rapids. It was a wonderful evening and many members drove their Porsches. With such beautiful, high-performance cars in the parking lot, like moths to a flame, other muscle cars, hotrods, sports cars, and hoopties came out of nowhere to be part of the scene. Face it people, if you drive a Porsche, you will draw attention. Behave accordingly!

Lastly, as the racing season comes to an end, with the #6 and #7 Porsche 963 finishing first and second at the IMSA Battle On the Bricks at Indy respectively, Porsche has bounced back from their slow start and leads in the Manufacturer points over Cadillac and Accura. Now, if the #6 Porsche Penske Motorsports team wins the MOTUL Petit Le Mans on October 14, they will win the overall championship. It's tight at the top with any of four teams controlling their future. A few other teams have an outside chance, including the #7 Porsche. So, after leaving Oktoberfest, plan on finishing your day and watch the final 10 hours of racing at Road Atlanta!

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BY GREG CURRIE

Our first End of Summer Fun Run and National Instructor Training at Grattan Raceway September 8-10th was a success. The National Instructor Training PCA program took place on Friday, along with some advanced driver time during the day. Candidates who participated had classroom instruction throughout the day with PCA National Instructor Ellen Beck from the Northern New Jersey Region plus on-track sessions with National Instructors (Mentors) from Rally Sport, Mid-Ohio, and Chicago Region PCA. This program is an integral part of WMR to up its game for the future of on-track training for novice and intermediate drivers.



**Instructors / Mentors Team**

*Starting left: Greg Currie, Neil French, Steve Honhart, Doug Tepper, Rick Riley, Robert Stander, Joe Fialka, Valerie Maloof, Christian Maloof, Rich Chang, Frank Burger, John Kaczmarczyk, Jason Chamness, Arnie Spieker  
Front center: Dave Stetson, Ellen Beck (not in the picture, David Daiek, Wolfgang Bubeck)*

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# End of Summer Fun Run

# SnapSHOTS

A good event starts with a good sunrise! On the way to the track...



Curt Groelmsa, Michael Betz, John Kaczmarczyk, Bob Stander sharing some arguments at the Grattan Bar



The Kaczmarczyk Family was back together this year. John with his daughters Camden and Carryn



After a wonderful driving day, pizza and beverages were well deserved



Rick Riley and Dave Stetson relaxing in the tech barn after a busy day



Line-up for Tech Inspection



Greg Currie and approximately half of the instructor crew



Sunday Morning Track Walk

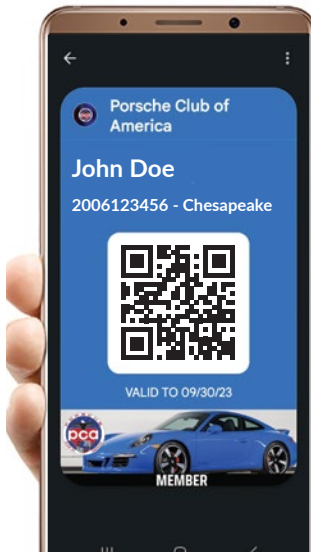
# 2023 EVENT CALENDAR



WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>OCT</b>	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
<b>NOV</b>	11-06	Annual Planning Meeting & Membership Meeting	Ganders Restaurant at 6 p.m.	WMR Board
	11-11	Dinner Drive	Finn's Chop House, Spring Lake	Randy & Linda Portoluri
	11-21	Turbo Tuesday 	Gravity Taphouse 3210 Deposit Dr NE, GR	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board

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# IN REVIEW

# END OF SUMMER FUN RUN

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*The perfect setup for the track weekend*

On Saturday and Sunday, the End of Summer Fun Run began with one of the largest participation of drivers and spectators ever. The weather was perfect except for some heavy fog Saturday morning, which lifted just in time for a great day. The emphasis on driver safety and training began with 13 novice and some intermediate drivers with classroom instruction by our chief driving instructor Jeff Kolk & on-track instruction from our newly graduated National Instructors.



*John Daiek, Neil French, John Kaczmarczyk*



*John Kaczmarczyk's multipurpose trailer works nicely as a lunchtime food truck*

There were three other run groups of drivers from intermediate, low advance, and advanced on both days. From Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, we had an overwhelming response for the opportunity for anyone to drive the track at normal traffic speeds without a helmet and a \$20 donation for our charity outreach. On Saturday, after the track went cold (fancy talk for shutdown), drivers and staff enjoyed a huge pizza party with adult beverages.

You can have a safe and FUN experience with proper instruction at the track. All you need is your car, helmet, valid driver's license, and be 18 years or older. Plus you will meet some great new friends - as we have over the years.



*Our instructors are on the grid with their students for their first session*

Mark your calendar for next year's End of Summer Fun Run, Saturday & Sunday, September 7th-8th 2024, and come on out.

Ok, this all would not be possible without these wonderful people:

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**Big THANKS to all!**

Greg Currie



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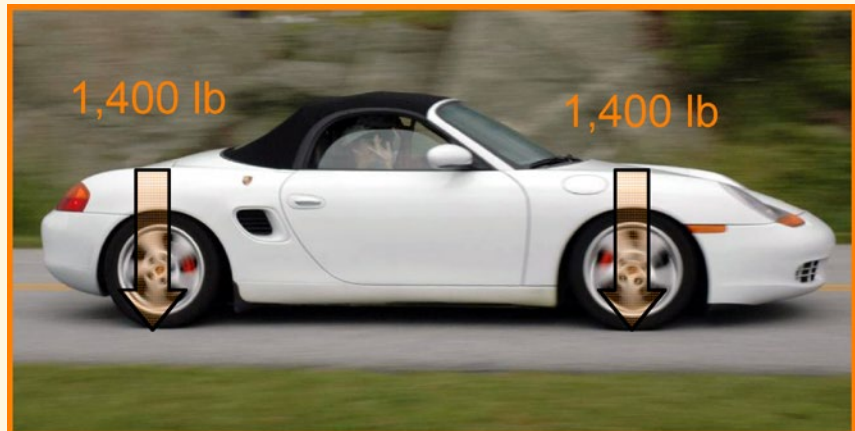
Because of that the rotors are internally ventilated, forcing cool air through the inside of the rotors as they rotate. The cars also have cooling ducts to direct oncoming air directly to the front brakes, which generate the most heat because they do the most work.



And why, you may ask yourself, do the fronts wear out faster than the rears? The answer is because of the ever present weight transfer phenomenon.

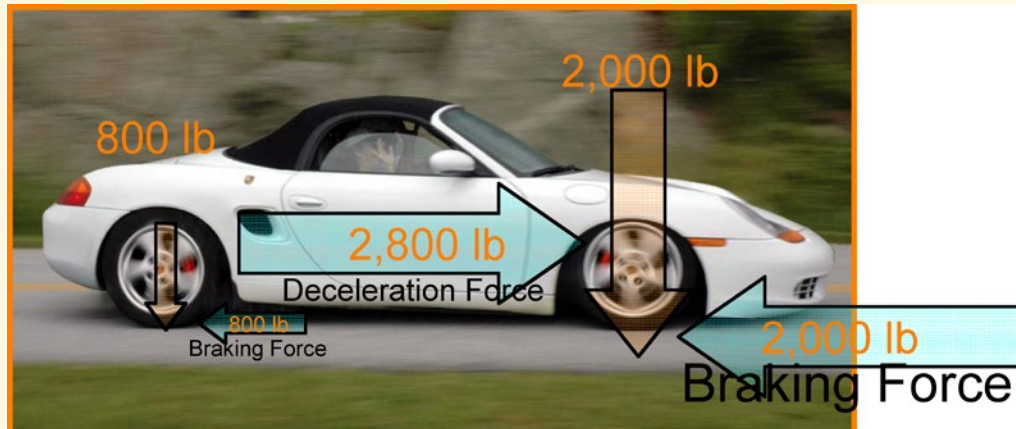
Let's assume we have a 2800 lb Boxster with a 50/50 weight distribution.

Note that when the vehicle is coasting, or at rest, there are no horizontal left or right arrows acting on the car. All forces are acting in a vertical direction.



But what happens to a vehicle when we start applying the brakes?

During braking weight is transferred from the rear axle to the front axle. You can certainly feel this effect as your body and everything loose in the car goes forward. This is also called deceleration and can be represented in the formula:  $F = ma$  Where "F" represents the forces acting at the contact patches, "m" represents the mass of the vehicle, and "a" represents the acceleration (or deceleration) of the car.



At this point a braking system designed for a perfect 50/50 weight distribution would apply too much braking to the rear axle, causing the rears to lock before getting as much work as possible out of them, therefore the manufacturer has to induce brake bias, meaning that the front brakes clamp down with more force than the rears.

Most of the new brake rotors are now cross-drilled from the factory.

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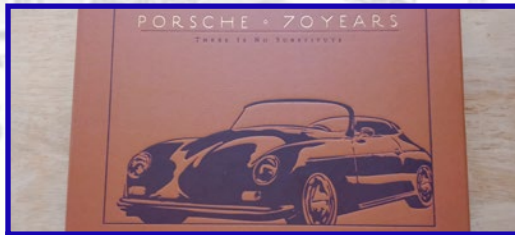
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Because it was such a success last year I have again made arrangements for Finn's Chophouse and Speakeasy on November 11 at 5:00. Last year was amazing with approximately 50 members showing up that the manager and I decided to set the amount at 50. That number can go up or down. Finn's is a restaurant that is set up with a 1920's flair. It has a next to none menu and beverage list. The staffing was so professional in accommodating the unexpected numbers last year. It also has a nice lounge with a fireplace. You never know we may have a special guest like Big Al Capone from Chicago if he can break away from Elliot Ness.

Finn's Chophouse and Speakeasy is located 110 W. Savidge Street (M104) STE 100 in Spring Lake. Plenty of parking either on the street or behind in the alley. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Please do not come early.



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