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Total: 726 Primary Members: 460

GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES Join me in congratulating these fine folks

on their WMR PCA Anniversaries.

20 years (2003) Norm & Gayle Smith

15 years (2008) Randy & Matt Kortering (Last name mistake corrected from last month)

1 year (2022) Ryan Atkins

J Hershey Al Higdon Mike Karas Paul Steinbacher Co-Members: 266 Honorary/Lifetime: 0

WILLKOMMEN! - NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

Jack Stanley, Kentwood, '08 Cayenne GTS



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

YES, THAT WAS SNOW!

I am sorry to confirm that we had snow here in Western Michigan. Some of our members, particularly those near the lake-shore, had lots of the white stuff. Our past president Jim Chiavaras evidently thought it was a good day to drive his 991 911 S to Euro AutoWerks to get the rear tires replaced. I can't imagine those summer grade Michelin 305/30ZR20's being very agile on the snow-covered roads driving home.

October wasn't very busy for the club. We did, however, start something new - TURBO TUESDAY. Moving forward, on the third Tuesday of every month, we will have an informal gathering at some watering hole. No need to register, just show up. Our first one was October 17 at the Gravity Taphouse Grille on the East Beltline near the I-96 on-ramp. We had a little over a dozen members attend. Our intent is for this event to move around each month as members anywhere in our region suggest a good casual place to eat and drink. The next one will return to Gravity just for continuity in getting this new initiative started. However, watch your email and the website for the location of additional locations moving forward. If you would like to suggest a place near you, please feel free to email any of the board members.

While Turbo Tuesday was a great success for a first-time event, we didn't have any additional WMR sponsored events. However, many of the members did make it down to the Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, October 14 for Octoberfest. It was a bit cold with a little rain, but the reports I heard back and the pictures I saw suggested it was still a well-attended event. German auto owners are a hardy breed!

As a side note, I also know several of our members snuck off to sunny Monterey, California for Rennsport Reunion 7 and at least one couple from our region headed to Ocean City, NJ for Cars on the Boardwalk. I'm guessing these are only a couple examples of the Porsche related travels by our members since there are many great Porsche events nationwide and worldwide beyond the confines of Western Michigan.

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Looking forward locally is the Members Meeting on November 6. While I suspect this edition of Uber will go out after the event, hopefully you have been watching your email and have RSVP'd for the dinner. This is an important meeting for the club. This is the place where we elect officers (we are all in the middle of our two year terms so no elections this year), pass any resolutions, report out on the working of the club, and very importantly, draft next year's activities. Even if you can't attend this important meeting, if you have an idea you'd like to discuss for an activity next year, please contact any of the board members or our Social Chair Lynne Olenyk at lynniemarie@chartermi.net. We have lots of support available for any first-time hosts.

November also brings us back to Finn's Chop House and Speakeasy in Spring Lake for dinner on Saturday the 11th. This is the second year Randy Portoluri has organized this time for food and friendship at Finn's and I have to say that everyone who attended last year gave the place very high marks. We were pretty full last year, but we will always try and find a place for one more chair for a club member. Because as we know, it really is about the people!

TURBO TUESDAY



BY GLENN EISENBRANDT

Social events are getting slim towards the end of the year. Therefore we would like to try something different, where no planning time is involved and no insurance waivers need to be signed.

The new TURBO TUESDAY.

It will take place in the Grand Rapids area, but it may begin in any town in our region.

This will give us a chance to discuss our cars and the things we have done with them or would like to do. Remember, it not just the cars, it's the things we do and the people we do it with.

Let us know if you are interested in launching it elsewhere and don't forget to send some feedback of your experience or even some pictures for the newsletter.

When: November 21st at 6:30, following that, the third Tuesday of each month. The location may vary in the future.

Where: Gravity Taphouse

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2023 EVENT CALENDAR





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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	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
DEC	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	12-19	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt

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It was a record turnout for our inaugural WMR PCA Oktoberfest celebration!

The weather we ordered came through... 75 degrees and sunny, resulting in well over 100 attendees and more than 50 cars came to celebrate the Bavarian Oktoberfest tradition. We had a great variety of Porsches on display, from Rick Rileys pristine 1967 911S all the way to a brand new 2024 Cayenne GT. Cedar Springs Brewing Company came through with German precision with a delicious spread of bratwurst, schnitzel sandwiches, pretzels, cheese, and a huge fan favorite... fried kraut balls! Porsche club members from around our West Michigan were in attendance for our first, but definitely not our last WMR PCA Oktoberfest! We are already looking forward to next year!



Theresa & Chris Thorpe relaxing with Tyan Roelands in the foyer

A huge thank you to our fellow hosts, Don and Amy Sjolin from Euro Autowerks and A.J. Dufendach and Jeremy Brunan of Garage Kept Motors for making the event possible!

Tyan Roelands







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ANNUAL APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: MIKE KARLUK & BARB DOSS

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 4 PM

WHERE: Barb and Mike's Home

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- Courtyard by Marriott, Holland Downtown,
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Some treats from a.

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline after three years. Please come celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Mike is making traditional 100-octane eggnog from scratch (he's torn between using the traditional cognac/rum and a sherry base) and will also have the fixings for some lighter holiday spritzers.

No need to RSVP! Just show up and enjoy!

Directions from Grand Rapids:

Take Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) west all the way to Lake Shore Drive on Lake Michigan.

Head south (left) and travel ~ 2.4 miles, passing Kirk
Park, and turn right (west) onto Sheldon Dunes Drive.

Our bright red house (no, not Guards Red,
unfortunately) is straight ahead at the southeast
corner or Sheldon Dunes and Whispering Sands Drive.

Our driveway continues straight off of Sheldon Dunes

Our driveway continues straight off of Sheldon Dunes Drive, and there are two additional spaces in the base of the old driveway around the corner.



TECHNOLAB

BY PEDRO P. BONILLA (GCR PCA)

STORING YOUR PORSCHE

We are blessed here in Florida that we don't have to store our cars for winter and we get to drive them all year. But, for many of our members, Florida is their second home. That means that they probably have to store their Porsche for an extended period of time either here or at their primary place of residency.

So, here is the procedure for storing:

- Find a suitable storage facility. A garage is fine but you need to make sure that it will be dry, free from pests (mice) and preferably humidity-controlled, clean and secure.
- Thoroughly wash the exterior and finish with a nice coat of wax. Do this the day before storage so that the car has a chance to dry completely.
- Clean the interior by vacuuming carpets and seats and clean & treat the leather. Clean all glass inside and out.
- Really clean the wheels. Brake dust is corrosive. The best way is to remove each one and clean the inside as well. Use a product such as **P21-S**. Waxing the wheels afterwards is a great idea.
- Condition all the rubber including tires and all rubber gaskets. Use a good conditioner such as Gummi Pflege. Stay away from silicone-based "protectants".
- Flush the brake/clutch fluid. This fluid is very hygroscopic, meaning that it absorbs water and must be replaced every 2 years or sooner.
- Change the Oil and Oil Filter. Old oil can have corrosive characteristics (acid). Top off all other fluids as well (coolant/antifreeze, windshield washer, power steering fluid, etc.).
- Fill the tank half way with gasoline. Add a good fuel stabilizer, such as StaBil and finish filling completely. By driving the car from the gas station to your storage facility the newly stabilized gas will start to run through the system, especially the injectors.
- Fully extract and lubricate the radio antenna mast (if present) then retract.
- Close all openings such windows, doors and A/C vents. You may want to put some
 cedar chips or moth balls in the cabin and around the outside to repel mice and other
 vermin. If storing in non-humidity controlled conditions, place a couple of desiccant
 bags in the cabin. Put plastic bags secured with rubber bands over the exhaust tips
 when they have cooled off.
- Over inflate the tires to 45-50 psi and leave the car on the ground. Don't raise the car off the ground on stands. The suspension components are meant to bear the weight of the car, not hang from it.
- Leave the car in gear (or in Park for an automatic). Do not set the parking brake.
- For convertible tops leave them relaxed, by opening the main latch. This won't keep the fabric stretched over an extended time. Same for Targa tops.
- Prop up the windshield wipers off the glass with a small block of wood or similar.
- Make sure you have any radio or alarm codes noted, then disconnect and remove the battery. On newer Porsches that have electrically operated trunks, make sure that the trunk cannot be closed completely by using a block of wood or similar to keep it propped open.





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- The removed battery should be connected with a smart charger such as a TechnoCharger from CTEK or similar. Also top off battery fluid with distilled water. It should be kept in a cool, dry place and not on a cement floor.
- Cover the vehicle with a good quality car cover.
- Give her a goodbye kiss.

I'm of the school that thinks that not starting the car during storage is best.
I say this because most engine wear happens during the first few seconds after startup, while the oil builds up pressure and starts lubricating the engine internals.





When you're ready to take her out again, there's very little that needs to be done, because most was done before:

- · Remove the cover
- · Remove the plastic bags over the exhaust tips
- Remove desiccant bags and vermin repellent from the cabin
- Remove windshield wiper props
- Secure the convertible or Targa top
- · Replace and connect the battery
- Drop tire pressures to recommended psi
- Start the engine and let it warm up a bit
- · Go for a drive!

If you're really concerned about that initial startup wear, the following is the procedure that the Porsche Museum uses for their cars on display:

- Remove the spark plugs
- Spray WD-40 into each cylinder through the spark plug hole
- Spray WD-40 into the air intakes
- Turn over the engine by hand a couple of turns with a wrench on the main pulley
- Every 3 months repeat above (leave spark plugs out of the engine)
- Every 3 months move the car a bit to change the position of the wheel bearings
- On a manual gearbox, shift into gear prior to doing above (No. 6) to move the transmission internals
- Drive the car every 6 months

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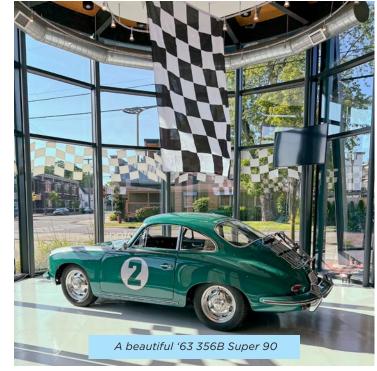


BY ROGER EDGREN

Hagerty insurance planned an exhibit celebrating Porsches 75th anniversary. Roger was asked at a Cars & Caffeine event if he could be without his car for 2 month. He had to think about half a second to agree....



Roger's car on exhibit in Traverse City at Hagerty's prime display space.



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