

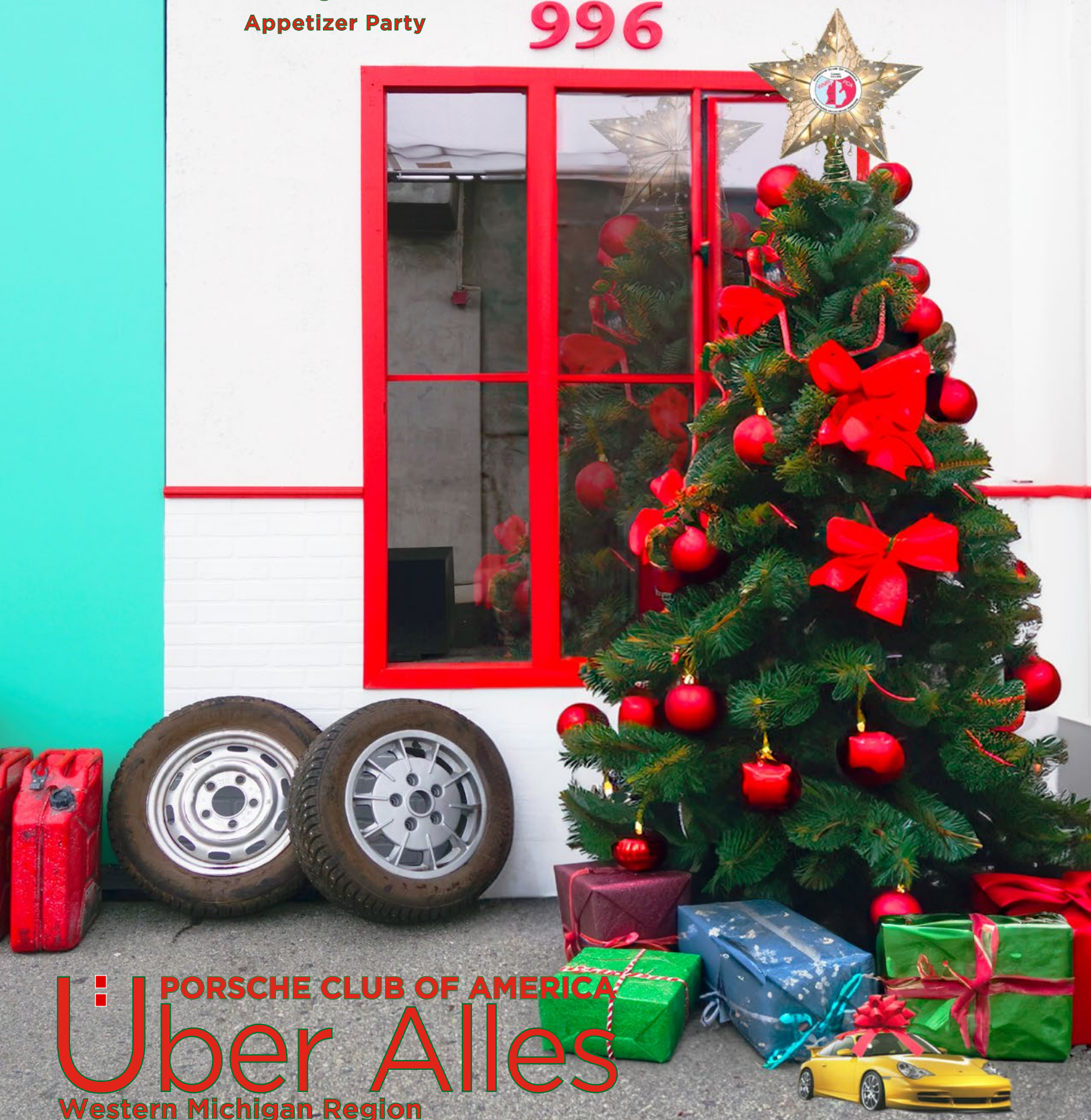
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December 19, 2023

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Wednesday January 24, 2024

Cocktails at 6:30 - Dinner at 7:00

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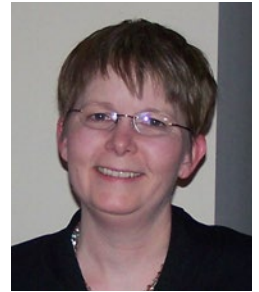
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PCA Juniors: 34

### GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES

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

**30 years (1993)** Darren Draves & Martha Harris

**25 years (1998)** Tammy Hagerty

**1 year (2022)** Ed Bodman  
David Newsome & Cynthia Frazier  
Keith & Ellen Hamersma  
Jeff & Teresa Moseler  
Bruce Murphy  
Sharon Scales  
David Shatto  
Alex Walton  
Douglas Weir

### WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

We just have transfer ins this month.

John Buckley, Kalamazoo, '12 911 S

Jeffrey & Catherine Dalman, Grand Rapids, '02 911 Turbo

William Griffin, Fennville, '05 911

Curt Lutz, Grand Rapids, '15 Cayman S





# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## A LITTLE COLD WON'T KEEP US IN ISOLATION!

Last month allowed for three reasons for us to gather as a community. On November 6th we had the Members Meeting. This is an important time for the club where we elect officers if needed, confirm, or add to our leadership positions, and plan activities for next year. I am happy to announce three members are coming forward to take leadership positions in the club.

First, we have Chris Thorpe who will be our Chief Driving Instructor. Chris replaces Jeff Kolk. Jeff has served well in this position for several years but felt it was time to step aside and let someone else lead. We greatly appreciate all the work Jeff contributed to the club and the outstanding instruction he provided to new students on the track. You can read more about Chris in the featured article, however, be assured he is well qualified for this role and has already started working with Greg Currie, our driving events chair, doing the hard behind-the-scenes work needed to plan an event that doesn't happen until next September.

Another member coming forward to fill an open position is Raeni Conner, our new Charity Chair. Yes, she and I do share the last name and pretty much everything else in our lives, but she is a legitimate Porsche owner in her own right. She loves spending time driving her 986 Boxster throughout the summer months. She has already started connecting with our existing charities and has some great ideas for how we can reach out to all our region to assist those in need.

Clearly, helping the club accomplish what needs to be done is a family affair since Jordan, the daughter of our new CDI Chris Thorpe, will now be helping Craig Paull maintain the WMR PCA website. And just like Raeni, Jordan isn't in the club because of nepotism, she has a Boxster of her own and has driven it to multiple events.

November 11th brought us back to Finn's Chop House and Speakeasy in Spring Lake. Randy Portoluri does a great job of organizing what has become a very popular fall event. This year he even brought an old Windy City crime boss to enhance the experience (even if only in picture form). Almost 50 members enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship.

The final event of the month was our new tradition of Turbo Tuesday. At 6:30 on the Tuesday preceding Thanksgiving, a dozen of us met at Gravity Taphouse for drinks, food, and comradery. These social gatherings happen on the third Tuesday of every month. On December 19th we will be meeting again at Gravity Taphouse at 3210 Deposit Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. However, our hope is to start moving to different locations for January and future months. If you have a great watering hole you want to suggest, please email any of the board members. No one owns this event, everyone is welcome, and we hope to see it grow over time.

Of course, looking forward to another non-driving event we all enjoy, the December Appetizer Party at Mike Karluk and Barb Doss' home in West Olive. There's no need to register and details can be found on the club's website or the previous edition of Uber Alles.

Yes, it's cold outside, but if you live in Michigan, we must learn to embrace the weather. One antidote is spending time with good friends. I hope to see many of you during the upcoming months at the winter events meant to sustain us until we can once again drive the cars that brought us together in the first place.

Frank

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# IN REVIEW

# FINN'S CHOPHOUSE DINNER

BY RANDY PORTOLURI

Thank you to everyone who came out to Finn's Chophouse & Speakeasy this year. With 47 people in attendance, you made it a huge success. We were able to commemorate our most valued Veterans because it was Veterans Day. Without them, our country would not be where it is now. We not only enjoyed world-class cuisine at what I consider a world-class restaurant in our neighborhood,



but we also got world-class weather for November. We experienced wet snow last year, I believe. It was fantastic that some people were able to drive their Porsches to the event. We're on the restaurant's calendar for November of next year. What can you do when everyone says, "See you next year?"

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Finn's Chophouse  
Dinner

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# SnapSHOTS



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Jim Schaaf and his daughter Amy



Jim Walquist & Jim Chiavaras



Cyndi Vincent & Jeffrey Hopp



Amber Door having fun



# 2024 EVENT CALENDAR



## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	12-19	Turbo Tuesday	Gravity Taphouse, GR	Glenn Eisenbandt



### We're looking for event hosts for 2024

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.  
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<b>JAN</b>	01-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	01-16	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	01-24	Dinner	Mangiamo, Grand Rapids	Dave Newsome & Cynthia Frazier
<b>FEB</b>	02-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	02-20	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	02-24	WINTERFEST	Watermark Country Club GR, MI	WMR PCA
	02-25	Morning After Brunch	Linear Restaurant, GR	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
<b>MAR</b>	03-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	03-10	Daylight Savings Brunch	Archival Brewing <a href="https://archivalbrewing.com">https://archivalbrewing.com</a>	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-19	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>APR</b>	04-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	04-16	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	04-20	Annual Cook-off	The Conner's Home	Frank & Raeni Conner
<b>MAY</b>	05-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	05-11	Dinner Drive	TBD	John & Marshall Walters
	05-18	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	05-21	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>JUN</b>	06-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board

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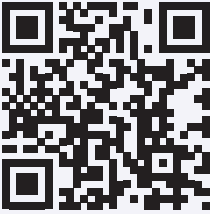
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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
	06-09 to 06-15	Porsche Parade	Birmingham Alabama	PCA National
	06-18	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	06-29 to 06-30	Autocross	TBD	Caleb Kiebert, Tyan Roelands, Chris Thorpe
<b>JUL</b>	07-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	07-13	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum	Non-PCA Event
	07-16	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	07-27	Pig Roast	Fremont, MI	Lou Deleguardia
<b>AUG</b>	08-03	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	08-17	Dinner Drive	TBD	Glenn & Lannie Eisenbrandt
	08-20	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>SEP</b>	09-07 to 09-08	End of Summer Fun Run	Grattan Raceway, MI	WMR PCA
	09-09	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	09-17	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	09-27	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest	Garage Kept Motors	Tyan Roelands
<b>OCT</b>	10-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	10-12	Deutsche Marques Oktoberfest	Gilmore Car Museum	Non-PCA Event
	10-15	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>NOV</b>	11-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	11-09	Dinner	Finn's Chophouse & Speakeasy	Randy Portoluri
	11-19	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	12-07	Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-17	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt



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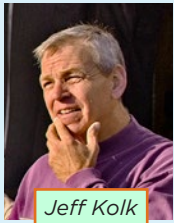
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# DRIVING EVENT NEWS

BY GREG CURRIE - HPDE CHAIRPERSON

**Happy holidays to everyone!**



Jeff Kolk

A new year is soon to be here. I'm pleased to announce that Jeff Kolk, our Chief Driving Instructor for the previous five years, will pass the CDI torch to Chris Thorpe. We are grateful for his service and knowledge of many years of track experience. Thank you for everything, Jeff.



Greg and his speeding tool.



Chris Thorpe was also the enthusiast of the year 2022.

A CDI is a highly trained and qualified classroom and in-car instructor who teaches vehicle dynamics, car control, cornering, braking, and driving principles both in the classroom and on the track. He leads the instructor staff and makes judgments on driver placement in four different levels of run groups, with in-car instructors assigned accordingly.

## Here's a brief description of Chris:

He is married to Teresa and has a daughter named Jordan. The Thorpe's have been a part of the Porsche family since 2002.

Chris has been participating in Rally, Autocross, and HPDE events starting with a '91 911/964 C2 Turbo. He got hooked on HPDE events, participating in 24 driving days in the first 1.5 years.

Many instructors helped Chris perfect his skills at Black Hawk Farm, Road America, Autobahn Country Club, Putnam Park, Mid-America Motorplex, Gingerman, Grattan, Waterford, and Mid-Ohio. He had to become proficient in track entry, flags and flagging stations, braking locations, turn-in, apex, and track out. Understanding heel and toe shifting, trail braking, tire compositions and pressures, fluids and safety device inspections and so on. Other non-technical required abilities include adequate hydration (driver) and etiquette on and off the track.

After Chris had experienced more than 100 days of on-track driving, instructing, and coaching PCA Club Racers, he participated in our first National Instructor Training, becoming a National Driving Instructor and NDI Mentor.

By driving thousands of miles at various track events and teaching dozens of students and prospective driving instructor candidates, Chris has realized that it is not just the cars and the individual's skills, but the people you meet along the way and the satisfaction of sharing with others.

After Jeff Kolk, Frank Conner, and myself approached him, Chris accepted the role of Chief Driving Instructor.

Chris is excited to help us improve our driving skills with the help of the region's instructors, and he hopes to find a big number of enthusiastic learners. He works hard to grow our instructor pool by encouraging them to learn while offering their knowledge to others.

Keep your eye out for email notifications about attending regional driving events throughout the year. See you in 2024!



Chris more relaxed and not ready yet for a track session.







# STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

BY DAVID K. WHITLOCK

Despite having an above-average number of Porsches offered in October, the market showed below-average results with a sell-through rate of 68%, being the second lowest we've seen all year. And a total dollar volume of \$32,215,159, which was higher than the previous month thanks to a strong RS market, even though fewer cars found homes.

At the tip-top of the market, we saw a Gunther Werks modified 911 and a 911 Reimagined by Singer fail to sell at high bids of \$1,150,000 and \$955,000 respectively. But the \$300-500,000 market performed spectacularly, with two new 992 GT3 RS examples becoming the first to sell at an average of \$450,000. The previous generation of GT3 RS cars also showed decent gains after a softer September, with two examples selling at above-average prices of \$262,000 and \$253,500.

911 RS cars weren't the only Rennsports to look strong either, as Porsche's 718 Cayman GT4 RS Weissach prices looked a tad bit stronger since August. All three examples offered found homes with our top lot selling for \$247,000. Regular 718 GT4s, on the other hand, looked much softer, with two cars selling for \$115,000 and \$122,000 and a third failing to sell at a high bid of \$113,500. 718 Spyders appeared flat month over month with sales below \$120k, which was similar to what we saw in September after a solid August.

Manual 964 Coupes continued to perform, with most cars selling over \$100,000 and a lightly modified example fetching a very strong \$163,991. 993 Coupes, on the other hand, appeared to remain flat with all sales, save for one, hammering down just below \$100,000. And then there's the manual 996 Coupes, which continues to show lower highs and a dropping average price month after month.

Speaking of Coupes, 356C Coupes struggled to sell, with only one example out of four finding a home for \$94,500. The rest of the bids we saw weren't even close. However, we saw two 356B Coupes sell at \$125,000 (about average for a T5) and a T6 GS/GT Tribute at \$110,000. The star of the 356 Market was a 1962 356B 1600S Twin Grill Roadster that sold for \$295,000, the best we've seen since 2019.

Turbocharged 911s were a mixed bag with water-cooled cars and 930s looking soft with the 964 and 993s still performing well. 996 Turbos saw the average continue to fall despite two strong sales, and only one 997 Turbo Coupe 6-speed selling for over \$100,000. The vast majority of 930 Turbos looked somewhat softer after being flat for the last twelve months with a solitary 3.3-liter 964 Turbo selling which pushed the average up at a final bid of \$239,000. 993 Turbos continue to make gains with strong sales over \$250,000, and our top sale of the month, a 1997 911 Turbo S, selling for an above-average \$550,000.

Other strong sales included a \$50,000 1989 944 Turbo, a 2023 911 Dakar that sold for \$405,000, a 2019 911 Speedster at \$395,000, and a 2011 911 GT3 RS that brought \$291,000. While "normal" Porsche models seem to either be flat or softening, the best examples and limited editions are still creeping upward.

David K. Whitlock is a writer for The Stuttgart Market Letter, a daily market update for Porsche enthusiasts, by Porsche enthusiasts, delivered free to your inbox.

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WOLFGANG BUBECK

You don't hear much from me because I don't generally write the articles, but now is the time to thank the WMR PCA audience (you) for not complaining about our newsletter. This is already a high accolade for me, given that I had no prior experience creating and publishing content. My experience is in the design and implementation of industrial equipment, thus I am more of a gear-head.

I just realized that this is issue # 51 since I started to generate my first Über Alles for the October 2019 issue.

Many thanks also to Lina Spross, who continues to fill in when my schedule conflicts with the Über Alles release date.

With the addition of Turbo Tuesday, our event calendar for 2024 appears to be brimming. There are, however, many weekends available for new driving and/or social activities. If you have an idea, please contact one of our officials (mentioned on page 3) so that we can assist you in meeting the required criteria and supporting your event.

Mark your calendar for our new hosts' dinner on January 24th.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

*Wolfgang*



My first published contribution to the club  
(With a lot of help from Lina)



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