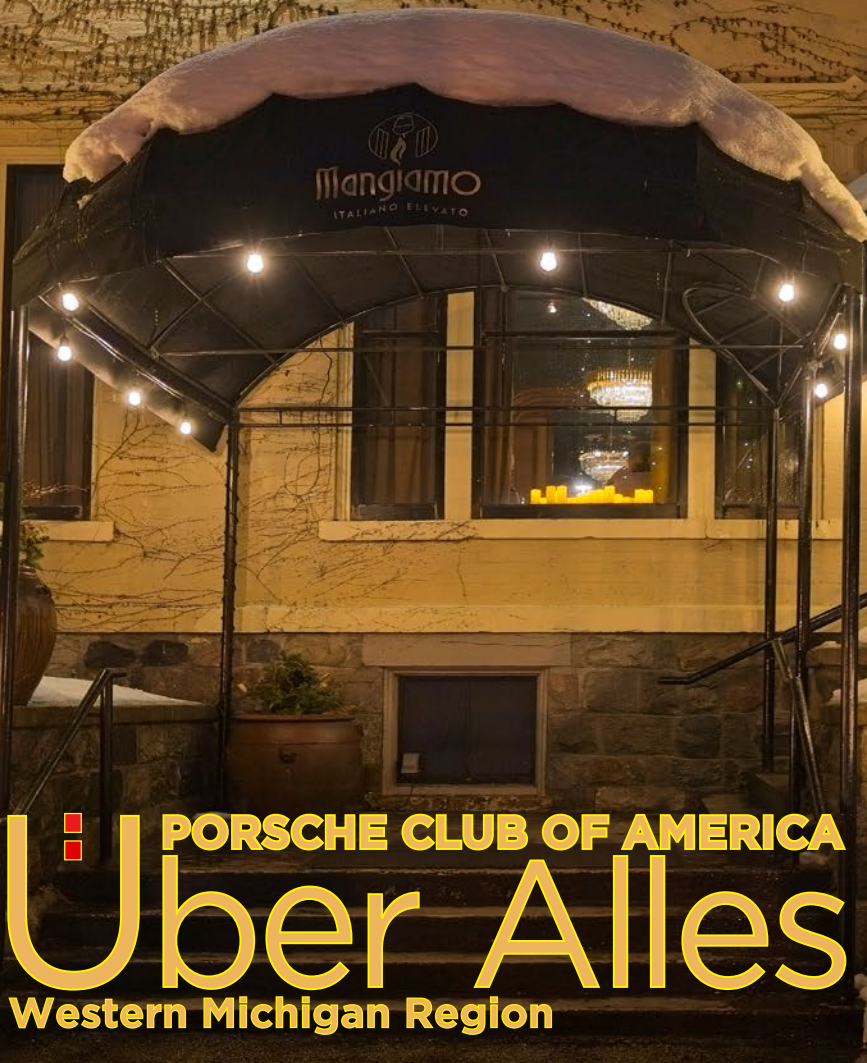


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## TECH SESSION - DRY ICE

Tyan Roelands - Ben Bauer  
Saturday, March 09, 2024  
Enthusiasts Choice Detail Studio

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRUNCH

Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck  
Sunday, March 10, 2024

## ANNUAL COOK-OFF

Frank & Raeni Conner  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
Conner's Home

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Primary Members: 461

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Honorary/Lifetime: 0

PCA Juniors: 33

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

**50 years (1974)**

Gerald Pruis

**35 years (1989)**  
**20 years (2004)**

Jay Dankovich  
Dean & Katrina Marcucci  
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**15 years (2009)**  
**10 years (2014)**  
**5 years (2019)**

Jack & Ila VanDenBerg  
Leonard Gawron  
Tom & Cindy Lyon  
Jim & Harrison Palmer  
James Eckert  
Samuel Limon  
Daniel Michels  
Douglas Vander Woude



*Congratulations, Gerald, on attaining this wonderful milestone and being with us for 50 years.*

### WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

Andrew & Kelsey Coates, Sparta, '03 911

Austin Henderson, Hudsonville, '86 951

Bill Kennedy, Rapid City, '79 911 SC Targa

Geoff Smith, Traverse City, '05 Boxster S

David Ziegler, Grand Rapids, '14 Cayenne Turbo

Transfer In: Sami Al Jallad & Destiny Saucedo-Al Jallad  
East Lansing, '23 911 C4 GTS



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDER...WELL THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG

February is always a dichotomous month. While we are sludging through the dreariness of a Michigan winter with a deepening desire to take our cars out of storage, it is also the month of our Members Meeting - Winterfest! As with years past, this was a joyous event hosted by too many members to accurately name. Once again, we gathered at the Watermark Country Club. The camaraderie was high, the food was delicious, and the bidding at the action was spirited. (Details on the amount collected, along with all our other charity activities, will be highlighted in an article by our Charity Chair in an upcoming edition.)

Of course, the highlight of the night was the announcement of the enthusiasts winners - those members who excel in their participation in club activities. Returning to the winners circle, Marshall Walters took home the honor as the Enthusiastic of the year. For our new member enthusiast it went to a couple, Dave Newsome & Cynthia Frazier. Dave and Cynthia's first time attending an event was Winterfest last year. Clearly, they got involved quickly and with vigor! Looking forward we have an exciting new event. On March 9th at 10:00 am, Enthusiasts Choice Detail Studio will be hosting the club for a presentation on techniques for cleaning your car, select products, and dry ice cleaning by owner Ben Bauer. You may have seen their advertisement in this newsletter. Located at 5120 East Paris Ave, contact Ty Rolands at TyanRoelands@gmail.com if you want to attend.

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Neither a new event, a new location, nor new hosts, on the following day, March 10th, Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck will host the Daylight Savings Brunch at Archival Brewing in Belmont at noon. Of course, the reason not to make any changes is the large number of attendees last year, the quality of food, excellent service, and of course outstanding comperes! We hope for similar attendance this year. See Uber or your monthly blast for information on how to register for the event.

Also returning to a successful location, we will again be holding Turbo Tuesday at Alebird Taphouse and Brewery, 2619 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. We had our largest attendance to date at this informal, non-hosted event last month. Always on the third Tuesday of every month, for March, we will be meeting on the 19th at 6:30. No need to register for this event, just build it into your schedule and show up. Last month we had the entire upstairs to ourselves!

Frank

# TECH SESSION

HOSTS: BEN BAUER & TYAN ROELANDS

More than 70% of all Porsches ever made are still on the road today. Much of that reason is the love, care and maintenance that owners put into their cars as stewards of the brand.

Please join us March 9th at 10:00am at Enthusiasts Choice Detail Studio for a presentation on technique, select products and dry ice cleaning by owner Ben Bauer.

RSVP email to Ty [TyanRoelands@gmail.com](mailto:TyanRoelands@gmail.com) so we can get a headcount for coffee and doughnuts. We look forward to seeing you there!

Enthusiasts Choice Detail Studio

5120 East Paris Ave SE Suite 3

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**When:** March 09, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

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# Mangiamo Snapshots



David and Cynthia checking the red room if everybody is comfortable.



Lynne Olenyk frequently sends out positive vibes to keep us joyful.



Our bar fairy had her hands full at times, but she kept us happy.

See Review on Page 11

Pictures:  
Wolfgang Bubeck



David and Cynthia in the blue room



Mo's Lounge before it got busy.



Only a handful of us went to Mo's and had some treats.



# 2024 EVENT CALENDAR



WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)	
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<b>MAR</b>	03-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	03-09	Tech Session	Enthusiasts Choice Detail Studio	Tyan Roelands
	03-10	Daylight Savings Brunch	Archival Brewing <a href="https://archivalbrewing.com">https://archivalbrewing.com</a>	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-19	Turbo Tuesday	Alebird Taphouse and Brewery <a href="https://www.alebird.com">https://www.alebird.com</a>	Glenn Eisenbandt
<b>APR</b>	04-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	04-16	Turbo Tuesday	Alebird Taphouse and Brewery <a href="https://www.alebird.com">https://www.alebird.com</a>	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	Thunderbird River Ranch <a href="https://www.tbirdkzoo.com">https://www.tbirdkzoo.com</a>	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
	06-09 to 06-15	Porsche Parade	Birmingham Alabama	PCA National
	06-18	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	06-22	Tech / Open House	Euro Autowerks	Don Sjolín
	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





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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
	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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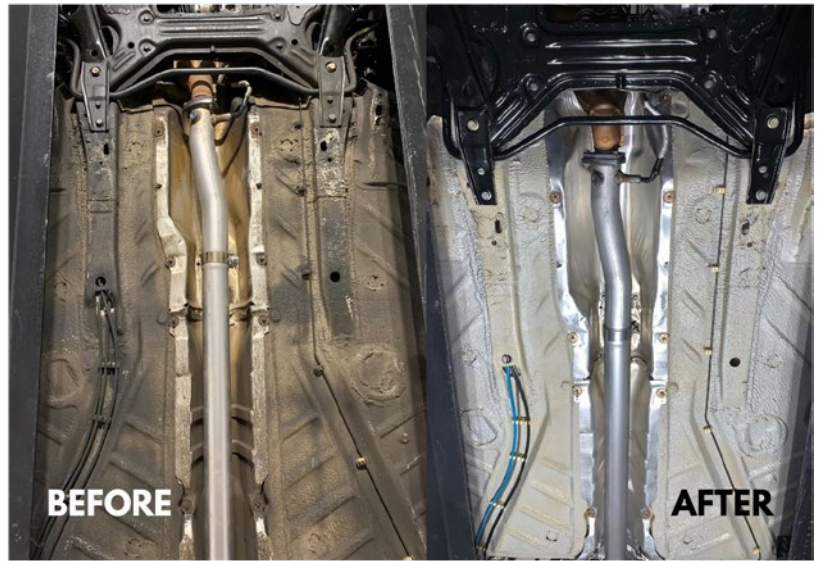
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A chef who brings a slow cooker with at least two quarts of soup enters at no charge and will vie for Judge's Choice and People's Choice prizes. If you do not cook, please plan on a \$15 cover fee per

person (collected at the event) to contribute to the feast. Judges will be selected from non-cooking participants. Hors d'oeuvres, side dishes, and dessert will be provided by the hosts. BYOB/W. Where: Home of Frank and Raeni Conner, Ada, MI. Address will be provided when you RSVP.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 6:00pm

RSVP: connerfr@gmail.com or call/text 616.822.6725 by

Wednesday, April 17, 2024



## IN REVIEW

## MANGIAMO

BY CYNTHIA FRAZIER

Thirty-nine of us shared a delightful evening, escaping the cold and rainy night of January 24 to immerse ourselves in the warm and cozy ambiance of the newly opened Mangiamo. What a timeless venue we enjoyed! We had the magnificent two staterooms on the second floor for our private event and a lovely area for mingling around a bar featuring some timeless cocktails, along with the more traditional ones.

Before enjoying the dinner, we had the opportunity to get to know each other's New Year Porsche resolutions! Here are some of the fun responses....

I don't do NY resolutions....

I'm a Porsche husband and let my wife make the resolutions .....

I want to buy a 911.....

Porsche parade this year, for sure.....

Then we launched a contest to see who could recall the most of these resolutions. Most of us seemed to have memory issues or at least pretended to, but Cyndi Vincent (1st place) and Ward Granger (2nd place) came through for us as winners!

Dinner was served and it did not disappoint! We heard great things about the Bistro Steak, the Tuscan Salmon and the Chicken Piccata. All delicious! We enjoyed each other and had some lively conversations going around both tables. Just what was needed after a few weeks of gloomy winter in Western Michigan.

And on the way out, some enjoyed the lively bar downstairs and the SpeakEasy in the basement for a nightcap! There is an elevator, so moving from floor to floor is not a problem.

A lovely evening indeed with great people sharing their passions. If you have the opportunity to visit this venue, I highly recommend you do so!

See SnapShots on Page 7.



# ENTHUSIAST OF THE YEAR

BY GLEN EISENBRANDT

In 2023 we had 236 members participate in at least 1 of the 20 WMR events held. Of the 236, 49 were new members that joined the club in 2022 or 2023.

Every year WMR selects an "Enthusiast of the Year" and a "New Member Enthusiast of the Year" using a standardized point system based on attendance at WMR events and newsletter involvement. The "Enthusiast of the Year" has their name engraved on a pin that is added to a roving trophy that they keep for the following year. The "New Member Enthusiast of the Year" will receive a name tag that has the award engraved on it along with their name.

Members who have received the "Enthusiast of the Year" award 3 time are awarded "Lifetime Enthusiast".

Since 1992, this award has been awarded to:

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**Craig & Chris Ackerman**  
**Jerry Arens**

Once you've earned Lifetime Enthusiast you will be recognized every year but will not be awarded "Enthusiast of the Year".

You cannot be awarded "Enthusiast of the Year" for the next two years after receiving the honor.

The 2023 "Enthusiast of the Year" with 355 points is:



**Marshall Walters**

The 2023 "New Member Enthusiast of the Year" title was a tie at 215 points and was awarded to:

**Cynthia Frazier** and **David Newsome**

The 11 members with the most total points for 2023 were:

410	Amber Door	280	Frank Conner
355	Marshall Walters		John Walters
325	Jerey Arens	265	Teresa Thorpe
311	Wolfgang Bubeck	250	Glenn Eisenbrandt
295	Raeni Conner		Tyan Roelands
290	Chris Thorpe		

The point system for "Enthusiast of the Year" selection is:

**For attending a WMR event:**

- Parties/Dinners: 5 (Changed for 2024)
- Drives/Autocross/Drivers Ed/Club Race: 10 (changed for 2024)
- Multi Day event (if all days attended): 10 (changed for 2024)
- Driving your own Porsche to an event: 5
- 50 or more miles one way: 10

**For participation in a WMR event:**

- Chairing an event: 20
- Autocross/Drivers Education: 15
- Members who bring new members to an event: 10

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# STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

BY DAVID K. WHITLOCK

January always kicks off the year with a number of great auctions from most of the major auction houses and it generally gives us a barometer as to what to expect for the remainder of the year. As it appears, the overall Porsche market seems to have stabilized with January's sell-through rate coming in at 68%, right in range of what we saw through the final quarter of 2023. We did, however, see a bump in dollar and unit volume as compared to last January

with \$44,026,566 sold from the 592 Porsches offered.

Of those 592 Porsche's offered, collectors had the opportunity to complete the "holy trinity" of hypercars as we saw a number of 959 Komforts, Carrera GTs, and 918 Spyders throughout the month. Of the seven examples of Porsche's hypercars offered, only three managed to find homes.

The 1987 959 Komfort offered at Mecum's Kissimmee sale was a 15,000-mile example that hammered for \$1,700,000, right on trend with other 959 sales we saw last year. On the other hand, the 2005 Carrera GT offered at Barrett-Jackson topped average sales prices selling for \$1,700,000 as well. This was due to the car having just 3,500 miles and being finished in the rare, and much sought after, color combination of Fayence Yellow over Ascot Brown. The 918 Spyder, also auctioned by Barrett-Jackson, sold just below the market average at a final bid of \$1,625,000. Failing to sell were two other Carrera GTs with high bids of \$1,252,000 and \$1,370,000 along with a 959 Komfort at \$1,500,000 and a 918 Spyder at \$1,650,000.

Also at the top end of the market, we saw another sale of Porsche's track-only 935/19, this time setting a new record at a final bid of \$1,626,000. We also saw a 911 Reimagined by Singer return to the million dollar club for the first time since August of last year, with a Namibia Yellow over Bone White leather example sporting an Ed Pink-built 4.0-liter hammering down at \$1,025,000. But that wasn't the most impressive modified Porsche on the market last month. That honor goes to a 1957 356A built by Rod Emory of Emory Motorsports. This Light Ivory over Green Vine leather "Emory Outlaw" features a 2.6-liter Emory-Rothsport "Outlaw-4" engine reported to produce 260 hp and sold at a final bid of \$675,000.

The overall 356 market looked strong bringing in a total dollar volume just over \$3m with a 75% sell-through rate. Aside from the Emory Outlaw, Speedsters and Cabriolets dominated the top 5 spots with a beautiful Black on Black matching-numbers 1958 356A Speedster selling for \$315,000 followed by 1958 356A Cabriolet finished in Ruby Red with a Black hard top selling for \$292,000. While the Speedster looked to be quite the deal, the Cabriolet sold well above comps thanks to its known history and great presentation at auction. Of the cars that failed to sell, I was surprised to see this 1962 356B Carrera 2 GS on the list. Having just been restored, it was in absolutely pristine condition and only showed a handful of miles on the odometer since restoration. It failed to sell at a final bid of \$300,000, quite a ways off of what it would take to bring it home. The lack of interest was most likely due to the auction venue of choice and would most likely have brought all the money at a legacy auction or top online auction house.

Another surprise from January was the fact that 914/6s continued to struggle. Out of the five cars on offer, only two found new homes, both selling under the \$100,000 mark at \$90,000 and \$80,000. Two other standard 914/6s failed to sell at final bids of \$83,500 and \$110,000, the latter of which should have taken the bid in this market. Also failing to sell was a 1971 914/6 built by Brumos racing in the '90s for a customer racing program in the HSR series. It failed to sell at a high bid of \$110,000.

While 914/6s slid, one market that has been on fire over the last few months is the 993 Targa market with it's pricing trend line almost pointing straight up. Prices have gone from an average of \$90,000 at the beginning of last year to over \$120,000 today with three examples selling for \$115,000, \$164,000, and an impressive \$180,000, which set a new five-year record for the model. That 1996 993 Targa 6-speed was a special one though, as it was customized by Jason Castiota, famed automotive designer whose work includes the Ferrari 599, Maserati's GranTurismo, and the one-off Ferrari P4/5 by Pininfarina. This one-of-a-king example was finished in a Dark Brown Metallic with a gold rear Targa badge, gold-colored brake calipers, a Turbo front bumper, and a split-grille rear decklid borrowed from a 993 Carrera 2S. On the inside, the car featured a custom handcrafted interior appointed with classic beige German square weave carpeting and a combination of chocolate brown and ivory leather upholstery. An absolutely stunning example for sure.

Based on January's numbers, I'd say that the overall Porsche market has stabilized and expect to see it continue into the spring. Although some models appear to be softening, I think it's more a case of them coming back down to reality after the insanity we saw in 2022. Our next batch of major auctions aren't until early March with the Amelia Island sales, so February will give us a good look at how the online auction houses are performing on their own. Until then.

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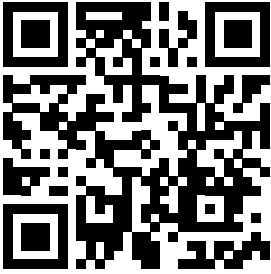
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