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

#### 10 years (2014)

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David & Cherise Vander Heide

#### 5 years (2019)

Kevinn Donovan  
Jeff Huxley

#### 1 year (2023)

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

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Scott Campbell, Ada, '96 911 Turbo  
Richard Coombs, Grand Haven, '01 Boxster S  
Andrew Johnson & Dina Reed, Wyoming, '21 Macan  
Darin Kreiner, Fife Lake, '17 718 Boxster S  
Mark Smith, Northport, '19 911 4 Targa GTS  
Kiro & Paula Trendov, Woodhaven, '24 911  
Spencer Whiteside, Grand Rapids, '99 911

Transfer IN:

Timothy Hickey & Stefanie Pressl, South Haven, '13 Boxster S



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## MORE THAN A CAR WASH

Let's hope with the beautiful weather we have started having, you have taken your car out of storage. The question is thus, have you driven enough for that first car wash? Hopefully it came out of storage clean, with just the need for a quick spritz of Griot's Garage Speed Shine (or something similar). Mine's ready for a full wash, but then again in the first weekend in April, Jim Chiavaras and I took it to the Zone 4 meeting near Toledo, OH. There we met with other leaders from PCA's Zone 4 which makes up parts of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Our Zone 4 representative, Dave Stetson led the day which included presentations by PCA National President Ambrosino as well as our own National Policy Chair, Amber Door. This is always a great day when we get to interact with leaders from other PCA regions and as with all our gatherings, enjoy the time spent with good people with a common interest.

Once again, we had a strong showing for Turbo Tuesday, held on April 16 at Alebird Taphouse and Brewery. This was our third and last time here for at least awhile. But, as has become the norm at these events, we had a core group of regulars, interwoven with some new attendees. This night was particularly poignant with a long time Porsche owner, who hadn't been out of the house for a few months because of health reasons, showing up and getting to share his tales of time spent on the track at Road America. For those of us listening to his story, it was a touching evening. Thanks, Bill!

On April 20th, we had the highly competitive cook-off, hosted by me and Raeni. While the details are outlined in a separate article, suffice to say there may be a petition to ban Lynne Olenyk from future competitions and the people's choice honors bestowed on Jim Walquist was well deserved.

But of course, looking over the front of that long hood (if you are fortunate to have one), we have our first May event on the 11th hosted by John and Marshall Walters. This is a drive through the Yankee Springs and Gull Lake regions. We will be dining at Thunderbird River Ranch on the banks of the Kalamazoo River. The restaurant was recommended by one of our Kalamazoo members and John and Marshall always host a fun drive, so be certain to register and add this to your calendar.

Of course, May brings another tradition and competition, the Annual Sporting Clay Outing hosted by Jerry Arens and Amber Door. Held on the 18th, this safe and friendly walk through the woods playing golf with guns is a unique experience that typically includes an informal lunch afterwards. If you've participated in the past, you know how fun it can be, if not, why not try this unique experience.

Turbo Tuesday is moving. Yes, the May 21st event this month will be held in the southern part of our region. As has always been the plan, we hope to see Turbo Tuesday spread to both the northern and southern realms of our region. The first example of this will be our next event at Centre Street Tap House at 3251 Centre Street Portage, MI 49024. Eric Tiller suggested this location and we hope to see a strong showing from our members surrounding the Kalamazoo/Portage area. Plus, it's not that long a drive for even those of us from the middle of our region (probably a bit of a stretch coming from Traverse City!).

I also want to clarify, our intent has always been for this event to move around, but we also don't believe it has to be limited to one event in one part of our region. It would be great if we had three or four events on the third Tuesday spread out all over our region. Just find a place, let us know so we can advertise it, and plan to be there to welcome the guests. This is a very informal process.

Lastly, looking towards June 1st, we have good news and bad news. The good news is we have the annual Spring Up to the Traverse City area. This year a PCA Drive through beautiful Leelanau County hosted by Steve Scales. The bad news is because of size constraints, the event is already full. While we limited it to WMR members only, as is always the case, the Traverse City events filled up quickly. Steve is keeping a waiting list and if anyone drops out, he will be contacting those on the waiting list. We hate having to turn away anyone, however, capacity sometimes must prevail.

There's lots happening this summer, so hopefully we will see you at an alternative event (or more) soon.

Frank



BY FRANK CONNER

The Culinary Competition of the Year!

Thirty-five attendees. Fifteen different soups. And four lifetime enthusiasts in the house. Once again, the WMR members brought their best in food and attitude to the annual Cook Off. The rules were simple, anything that could be ladled into a dish that could be considered soup could be entered for the scrutiny of a set of highly trained judges and the always discerning attendees.

In the end, Lynne Olenyk was rated "Best of Show" by the judges while Jim Walquist received the People's Choice Award. And while Lynne is now a multiple time winner, having previously won People's Choice at a previous contest, this is Jim's first time showing off his culinary expertise. But to be honest, the consensus of all in attendance was that across the board, every soup was outstanding.

Speaking of multiple time winners, we had four members at the gathering receive their names tags that identified them as having won the yearly Enthusiasts

Award at least three times. They were Craig and Chris Ackerman, Jerry Arens, and Amber Door. This award is relatively new and we've been working on at least a small way in which we could thank them for all the hard work they have contributed to the club over the years.

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Our president and host Frank Conner honored the winners, Lynne Olenyk and Jim Walquist, for their expert seasoning talents.



Preparing for the soup marathon in the sun room.



Man's business.....



Soup judges on duty.



Woman's business.....

# 2024 EVENT CALENDAR



WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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<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>	06-01	Spring-Up to TC - Drive through Leelanau County	Peshawbetown, MI	Steve Scales
	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 Sjolin
	06-22	Car and Boat Festival	Petoskey, MI	Non-PCA Event
	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
	07-20	Kids Food Basket Charity Drive and Dine	Grand Rapids	Raeni Conner
	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



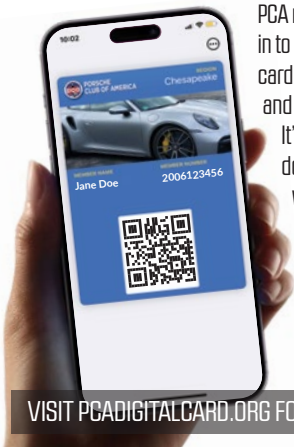


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	09-09	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	09-17	Turbo Tuesday	TBD	Glenn Eisenbandt
	09-27	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest	Garage Kept Motors	Tyan Roelands
<b>OCT</b>	10-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	10-12	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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# STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

BY DAVID K. WHITLOCK

February's Porsche market appeared in line with last month as our sell-through rate stayed at 68% for the second month in a row, but with both unit volume and dollar volume topping last February thanks in part to day one of the Amelia auctions falling on the 29th of the month. Take out the Amelia sales, though, and our dollar volume fell significantly from the previous year to a total of \$27,750,297 compared to \$33,572,283 in 2023 with unit volume staying relatively the same. That large gap was influenced by the lack of \$500k+ cars offered last month.

Our only million-dollar sale was a 2005 Carrera GT finished in GT Silver Metallic over an Ascot Brown leather interior with 7,000 miles on the odometer. Recent comps have sold in the \$1.3-1.4m range, so why did this one appear to be below market? The fact that this car was missing its luggage set and showed no sign of a recent major service are most likely what kept bidders at bay. The only other car that had the potential to cross the \$1m mark was a 1994 911 Turbo S 3.6 'Package' car that failed to sell at a final bid of \$990,000. With only seventeen units produced, 'Package' cars sport the normal 911 front end as opposed to the Slant Nose that the rest of the world Turbo S' received. Questions about paintwork and lack of service history kept bids below \$1m, where they should have been.

The GT market had a strong month with forty-two cars on offer selling at a 69% sell-through rate and bringing in an impressive \$5.8m. 992 GT3s have settled at an average of \$260,000 while we saw one 992 GT3 RS bring \$400,000, which is the lowest price paid at auction so far here in the US. Every 718 Cayman GT4 found a new home with an average price of \$117,000, right in line with the six-month average.

When it comes to Turbos, the 993 Turbo market has kept on climbing with an average price last month of \$258,000 thanks to a Polar Silver example with only 2,300 miles hammering at a very impressive \$471,050. 964 Turbos didn't see much action last month with only one out of the two examples on offer finding a home. But the biggest surprise in the Turbo market was the 14% sell-through rate for 992 Turbos. It looks like it's time for sellers to start adjusting their expectations and let these cars go for what they are actually worth.

Mixed results were had at the 356 end of the market as we saw a very impressive result for a 1958 Emory Special Roadster that sold for an eye-watering \$802,000. Starting life as a Coupe, this 356 was converted into a Speedster-look by an earlier owner before Rod Emory, of Emory Motorsports, got ahold of it and added a 550 Spyder-inspired nose and a 2.6-liter flat-four designed by Jeff Gamroth of Rothsport Racing. There are plenty of custom 356s that hit the auction block with average prices just shy of \$250,000. But an Emory build is not your average build, with the top two custom 356 sales of the last five years being Emory Outlaws. Aside from the Emory car, most other 356s seemed to be soft with a sell-through rate below 50% and prices below averages other than a 1955 Pre-A Speedster that hit right on the average at a final bid of \$365,000.

My biggest question leading into March is: will we finally see the return of a seasonal market as we've lacked the swings post the 2020 run-up? March is also the month of Amelia Island, but this year we also have RM Sotheby's down in Miami for their Moda event. For Florida auction coverage, take a look at the Porsche Club of America's YouTube channel where I covered some of the most impressive sales, and no sales, with Vu. Until next month.

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# TECHNOLAB

BY PEDRO P. BONILLA (GCR PCA)

Have you ever wondered why “torque vs. horsepower” has always drawn so much debate?

I think it’s because since the definitions involve trigonometry and physics most people don’t want to go through the hassle of deciphering it all. Let me try to simplify it a bit.

Here’s the short of it: Horsepower (HP) doesn’t really exist, just torque!

You don’t believe me?

Here’s definition:  $\text{Horsepower} = (\text{Torque} \times \text{Engine Speed}) / 5252$ .

So, HP is just a function of Torque.

But first we need to understand a few concepts:

**Force** is the pressure of one mass against another. In the metric system force is calculated in “Newtons”. Gravity is an easy example of a natural force and in the English system its unit is pounds. So we also use pounds as a basic unit of force.

**Work** is defined as force over distance and is calculated as  $\text{Work} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$ .

Work is achieved when a force causes an object to move. The force placed on the object and the distance it moves is the work done.

**Power** is the amount of work that can be done in a certain amount of time and is calculated as  $\text{Power} = \text{Work} / \text{Time}$ . Power was originally defined by James Watt (inventor of the steam engine) who noted that a horse could lift at a rate of about 550 lb-ft per second in an 8 hour shift.

**Torque** is the tendency of a force to rotate an object about an axis and is defined as the force at any one point on the edge of a circle in the exact direction of rotation, multiplied by the radius (distance from the center).

As we explained above, in the metric system, force is calculated in Newtons, and distance is in meters, so the standard torque unit is Newton-Meter (N-M). In the Standard/English system, force is calculated in pounds and distance in feet. So the torque unit is lb-ft, usually called “foot-pounds” and sometimes also written as “ft/lb”.

Torque is the measure of the turning force of an object, such as a flywheel or a bolt. For example, pushing or pulling the handle of a wrench connected to a nut or bolt produces a torque (turning force) that loosens or tightens the nut or bolt.

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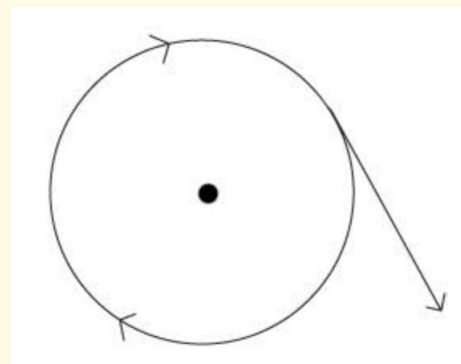


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**Horsepower** is a unit of power. It can be defined in multiple ways, but in its basic sense, it is defined as work done in a straight line as described above under "Power". When the work is not done in a straight line (as in an automobile engine), it must be defined in a different way: Torque.

$$\text{Horsepower} = (\text{Torque} \times \text{RPM}) / 5252.$$

It's worthwhile noting that horsepower is not recognized in the International System of Units.

The reason Horsepower started being used was to compare the output of horses (which everyone understood) with that of the (then new - 1702) steam engines that could replace them. In a study done in 1993 to try to prove (or disprove) the theory it was found that one horse could produce a peak power over a few seconds as high as 15 hp. However it was observed that for sustained activity a work rate of about 1 hp per horse is consistent with what was determined in 1702.

Going back to the formula: Horsepower = (Torque x RPM) / 5252 we can see that at an engine speed of 5,252 RPM Torque and HP are equal. That's why when we see a graph of Torque / HP we see the lines always cross exactly at 5252 RPM.

But where does the 5252 come from?

Watt's definition for HP says:

$$1 \text{ HP} = 550 \text{ lb-ft} / \text{sec},$$
$$\text{or } 1 \text{ HP} = 550 \text{ lb} \times 1 \text{ ft} / 1 \text{ sec}$$

If we convert straight-line work to its rotational equivalent the formula becomes:

$$1 \text{ HP} = 550 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ rad} / 1 \text{ sec} \text{ (a rad is a unit-less measure of a circular distance)}$$

When we convert radians (rad) to revolutions and seconds to minutes the formula again evolves.

Note: 6.28 rad per revolution ( $2\pi$ ) and 60 seconds in 1 minute

$$1 \text{ HP} = (550 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ rad} / 1 \text{ sec}) \times (1 \text{ rev} / 2\pi \text{ rad}) \times 60 \text{ sec} / 1 \text{ min}$$

Multiplying and canceling, the formula simplifies to:

$$1 \text{ HP} = 5252 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ rev} / 1 \text{ min} \text{ which is the same as: } 1 \text{ HP} = 5252 \text{ lb-ft} \times 1 \text{ RPM}$$

$$\text{So, Horsepower} = \text{Torque} \times \text{RPM} / 5252.$$

If you've read this far I applaud you, since you now know where 5252 comes from and why the HP and Torque curves cross each other.

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