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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TURBO TUESDAY'S

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Check the most recent email blasts for details.

### WINTERFEST

Thousand Oaks Golf Club  
Saturday, February 22, 2025  
Hosts: WMR PCA

### MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

Linear Restaurant  
Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Hosts: Jerry Arens & Amber Door

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Total: 767      Primary Members: 482      Co-Members: 275      Honorary/Lifetime: 0      PCA Juniors: 38

### GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! – ANNIVERSARIES

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

- 25 years (2000)** Randy Portoluri
- 15 years (2010)** Jamie & Katie Akemann
- 5 years (2020)** Timothy Brown,  
Vickie & Jeffrey Watts
- 1 year (2023)** Jamie Balousek, John & Beth Freeby,  
Richard & Linda Harris, Aaron Kurjan,  
Scott Marshall, Mathew Myers,  
Thomas Thompson,  
Eric & Deborah Zillmer

### WILLKOMMEN! – NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

- Rashad Albeirut, Grand Rapids, '25 Cayman GTS
- John Beckett, Traverse City, '18 Cayman GTS
- Charles Brower, Holland, '24 911 T
- Brad Rietema, Grand Rapids, '17 911 Targa GTS
- Transfer In:  
Jay Smith, Boyne City, '06 911 S



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER!

Yes, I realize we are only gaining a few seconds to a minute each day. But don't try to tell our members at the End of Summer Fun Run an improvement of a second, or even a fraction of a second, on a lap time doesn't matter. Or maybe go back to 1969 and point out to Hans Herrmann and Gérard Larrousse, after 24 hours in their 908 at Le Mans, losing by a second - the closest victory in the race's history, with a Ford GT40 edging them out at this venerable road race - that a small chunk of time is irrelevant. So yes, even seconds matter and eventually we will have enough sun and warmth to take our cars out of winter storage and begin our 2025 driving season.

Start marking your calendars now. Look to our website or this edition of the newsletter to see what we already have planned for the upcoming year. For those of us needing a place to stay, our spring and fall trips to the Traverse City area are already planned. We have all the traditional events plus a few new ones. As always, if you have an idea, please feel free to bring your idea to a board member or our Social Chair. We will give you input on your idea and provide whatever support you need to assure success.

For the immediate future, we do have something new - DuckPin Bowling at Woodrows in Amway Grand on January 16, 2025! Sponsored by Cynthia Frazier and Dave Newsome, this event, which starts at 5:30 with appetizers, is advertised as needing nothing other than enthusiasm. I have no more information about this take on bowling, but sometimes you just need to show up with a curious mind and the intent to enjoy yourself with a group of like-minded individuals.

We continue Turbo Tuesday on the third Tuesday of the month. We know there will be one in the Grand Rapids area as I've already checked out a couple options. Hopefully

members to the north and south of the region will have a location as well. Remember, it takes very little to offer a spot, just contact a board member or Social Chair with ideas or questions. Mark your calendars and look to the monthly email blast for details.

Looking forward a bit more, WinterFest is on February 22nd. This event is one of our larger activities of the year and deserves special and early recognition. This is a time when we celebrate our previous year's achievements, honor our volunteers, and raise money for one of our three charities. We will be returning to the location of a few years ago, Thousand Oaks Golf Club. I encourage all members, old and new, to add this highlight of our year to your to-do list.

But of course we ended 2024 in great fashion with the Annual Appetizer Party hosted by Mike Karluk and Barb Doss at their home in West Olive on December 7. Sadly, Raeni and I could not attend. I will admit I was quite sullen about missing what has always been a wonderful experience and outreach of hospitality by Mike and Barb. Fortunately for those in attendance, the feedback shared with me, my feelings of loss were confirmed! It was again a joyful way to end 2024.

Looking to 2025, I find PCA members to be optimistic about the future, looking forward to what life brings, while seeking adventure and a little adrenaline rush on the journey. My wish for all of us is that this new year provides the opportunity for individual fulfillment as we continue to nurture and support a community as dedicated to the people as we are to the enjoyment of our cars.

*Cheers!*

*Frank*

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# DUCKPIN BOWLING

HOSTS: DAVID NEWSOME & CYNTHIA FRAZIER

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We have four lanes reserved from 5:30 - 7:30. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 followed by a catered dinner starting at 6:30; approximate cost is \$45/person. Full cash bar will also be available. Afterward, to keep the fun going, we'll head over to MDRD, a lavishly Spanish restaurant, on the 27th floor of the Amway Grand Plaza.

Where: Woodrows in the Amway Grand Plaza  
200 Lyon St NW,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

When: January 16, 2025  
5:30pm - 7:30m

\*\*Special room rate if you elect to spend the night.\*\*

**WTD?!**  
{WHAT THE DUCK?!}

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**03**  
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Activities in the Porscheplatz tent include presentations, special drawings and Porsche team garage/paddock tours. You can also just relax in the tent, enjoy a cool beverage, and watch the races via live feed TV. Admittance into the Porscheplatz Tent is exclusively for PCA members and Porsche owners with a General Admission ticket to the races. There is no special ticket required for you to personally come to the tent.

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# 2025 WinterFest



Please join us for Western Michigan Region's annual banquet on Saturday, February 22. This is our premier social event, planned to break up the winter doldrums. There will be lots of time to socialize and catch up with those you may not have seen for a while. We will also have a charity auction and will accept contributions to Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. There will be no mailed invitations; instead, you can find an on-line invitation and the response card with menu choices. We are asking that you send your RSVP with payment by February 17, 2025.

You won't want to miss this event!



**RSVP By: February 17, 2025 with payment to WMR PCA,  
645 Summerset Dr., Jenison, MI 49428. \$85/person.**

**When: February 22, 2025**  
6:00pm Social Hour & a Half  
7:30pm Dinner



**Where: Thousand Oaks Golf Club  
(Red's Entrance)  
4100 Thousand Oaks Drive  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525**

## MORNING AFTER BRUNCH

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS & AMBER DOOR

Join us the "Morning After" Winterfest for brunch at Linear!

Even if you are unable to attend Winterfest mark your calendar to join us Sunday morning, February 23, 2025 for a casual brunch.

Linear has again agreed to provide us the exclusive use of the east side of their dining room. Space is limited to around 25 persons so get it on your schedule!

Linear is a cool, industrial-style hot spot with seasonal American cuisine & craft cocktails and the team at Linear is planning some inspired cocktails for the event. If you have been there for brunch in the past you know you want to join us again.

Mark your calendars for what will prove to be another great meal with friends.

**Where:** Linear Restaurant 1001 Monroe Ave  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

**When:** Sunday February 23, 2025 -- 11:00

**Why:** Food, Fun & Porsche friends -  
what else do we need?

**RSVP By:** Thursday February 17, 2025

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# IN REVIEW: HOLIDAY APPETIZER PARTY

BY MIKE KARLUK

PHOTOS BY WOLFGANG BUBECK

Barb and I once again had the pleasure of hosting the Holiday Appetizer Party with forty friends from the WMR PCA on Pearl Harbor Day. Several days of lake effect snow earlier in the week had us worried, but the weather improved, and everyone reached our home without difficulty.

The food was an epicurean delight ranging from homemade dips, breads, cheeses, shrimp, to prosciutto-wrapped dates. There were savory short ribs (thank you Jim) and gumbo as well as deserts of cheesecake, and brownies, not to mention Lynne Olenyk's tasty gingersnap cookies that came ready to dip in a shot glass full of walnut liquor (thankfully, we did find the last shot glass of the set yesterday!) A poppy-seed torte baked by Wolfgang Bubeck was almost too pretty to eat.

Chris Thorpe, our Chief Driving Instructor, brought the same enthusiasm and academic rigor to an educational lecture and bourbon tasting, as to the End of the Summer Fun Run in September. The proceeds from this tasting went into the Charity Bucket which netted a total of \$160. My batch of homemade eggnog was well received, but I think the classic cognac/rum blend produced last year was tastier than this year's sherry-based offering.

Special thanks to Amber Door, Jerry Arens, and Marshall Walters for arriving early to help set up, bringing glassware, and staying late to help with the cleanup. Barb and I will be hosting the party again on Saturday, December 6, 2025, God-willing and the creek don't rise. We look forward to seeing all of you at club functions between now and then. Stay warm and drive safely during these winter months.



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Simply contact Lynne Olenyk, the WMR PCA Social Events Coordinator, with your event ideas. Lynne will assist you in working out the logistics and ensuring that your event is a success for both organizers and attendees.

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>JAN</b>	01-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	01-16	DuckPin Bowling + Food-n-Fun	<a href="https://amwaygrand.com/dining/woodrows">https://amwaygrand.com/dining/woodrows</a>	David Newsome & Cynthia Frazier
	01-21	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
<b>FEB</b>	02-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	02-18	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
	02-22	Winterfest	Thousand Oaks Golf Club 4100 Thousand Oaks Dr NE Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	02-23	Morning After Brunch	Linear Restaurant 1001 Monroe Ave Grand Rapids	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
<b>MAR</b>	03-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	03-09	Daylight Savings Brunch	TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	03-18	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
<b>APR</b>	04-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	04-15	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
	04-26	WMR Annual Cook Off	Conner's Home	Frank & Raeni Conner
<b>MAY</b>	05-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	05-10	New Member Reception	Porsche Grand Rapids 6025 28th St SE Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	05-17	Spring Up	Traverse City	Steven Scales
	05-20	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
	05-31	Dinner Drive	TBD	John & Marshall Walters
<b>JUN</b>	06-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	06-07	Sporting Clays	Blendon Pines Gun Club 8455 88th Ave Zeeland	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	06-17	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA




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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>JUL</b>	07-06 to 07-12	2025 Porsche Parade	Oklahoma City, OK	PCA National
	07-12	DeutscheMarques	Gilmore Car Museum 6865 W Hickory Corners	non-PCA event
	07-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	07-15	Turbo Tuesday	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
<b>AUG</b>	08-02	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum 6865 W Hickory Rd Hickory Corners	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	08-19	Turbo Tuesdays	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
	08-29	Grand Rapids Metro Cruise	Porsche Grand Rapids 6025 28th St SE Grand Rapids	non-PCA event
<b>SEP</b>	09-06 to 09-07	Grattan End of Summer Fun Run	Grattan Raceway 7201 Lessiter Rd Belding	WMR PCA
	09-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	09-14=16	Turbo Tuesday	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
	09-25	3rd Annual Oktoberfest	Garage Kept Motors 420 36th St. SE Grand Rapids	Tyan Roelands
<b>OCT</b>	10-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	10-11	Oktoberfest	Gilmore Car Museum 6865 W Hickory Rd Hickory Corners	
	10-17 to 10-18	Up North Color Tour	TBD	TBD
	10-21	Turbo Tuesday	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
<b>NOV</b>	11-03	WMR Annual Planning Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	11-08	Dinner Event	Finn's Chophouse & Speakeasy 110 W Savidge St, STE 100 Spring Lake	Randy Portoluri
	11-18	Turbo Tuesday	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA
<b>DEC</b>	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant & Lounge 4747 28th St, SE Grand Rapids	WMR Board
	12-06	Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-16	Turbo Tuesday	Check the most recent email blasts for details	WMR PCA



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# WERKS REUNION

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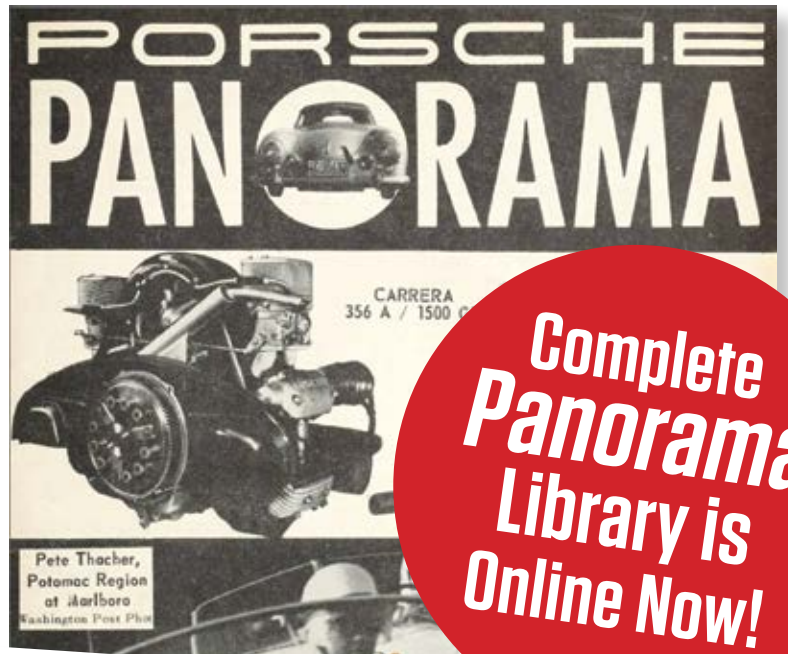
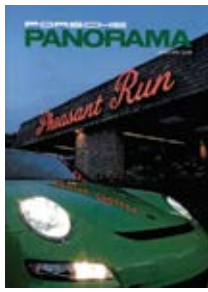
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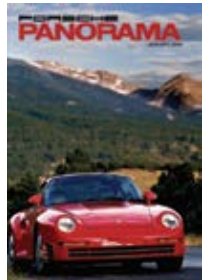
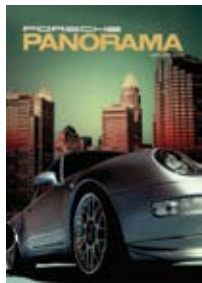
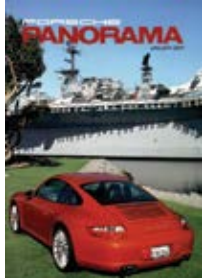
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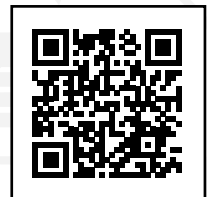


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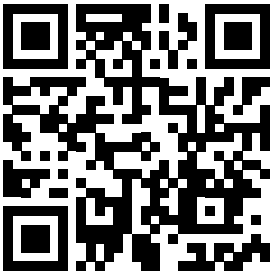
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