

# Mach Schnell



Central Wisconsin Region – Porsche Club of America

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## 2013 Porsche Parade in Traverse City, Michigan

This one is close, and within a days scenic drive. If you have ever wanted to go to a Porsche Parade, this is the one to attend. A few of us “old timers” in the club drove to the Traverse City Parade in 1989 and it was wonderful. Located in a resort town, it is a perfect site for a Porsche Parade, unlike many of the urban Parade sites from the last few years. This location has scenic tours and many tourist attractions to see.

Complete information on this years Parade is printed in the latest issue of Panorama or is available on-line on the PCA web site. Stay tuned for potential CWI-PCA caravan tours. We may plan to drive up together.

## Christmas Toys?

Saw this just before Christmas in the East Towne rear parking lot. Was some lucky kid getting new toys for Christmas?



## CWI-PCA Calendar

Feb 20 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Mar 20 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Apr 17 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

May 15 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

CWI Monthly meetings. Come join us  
for Pizza and car talk!



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## Writers Block *Mach Schnell Editor, Chuck Schmeling*

This has been quite a winter. I don't know how much snow we've had so far this season but we got another three inches last week and more is on the way this week. The poor old 944 hasn't been out since just after Thanksgiving because of the sloppy roads. Hope this ends soon, I'm starting to get cabin fever. I hope spring is here soon, I need to get started on the projects for this year like trying to cure my headlight motor issue.

One problem with old 944's is that eventually the electrical contacts on the headlight motor controls in the engine compartment get dirty or corroded. The headlights go up just fine, but when you turn the lights off, the motor that drives the lifting linkage keeps running, so they keep going up and down until finally they get a signal through the crud, and finish the run to the parked—down position. It's annoying, but quite funny to see in action.....if it's not your car.

Another problem that cropped up last fall was an issue with the power door locks and windows. Sometimes, the locks don't both lock with the key, and the power windows won't raise back up with the switch when they are supposed to. Probably just a loose connector, but a pain to find if it's inside the door. Ahh, the joys of a 27 year old car....

We're thinking about the drive to Traverse City this June for Parade. It would be fun to have a group of us rally together and drive up as a group. Any suggestions on where and when to meet up would be welcome. If we go the northern, more scenic route, Yahoo Maps says it will be a 495 mile, 9 hour trip. The south route through Chicago is 467 miles and a 7.5 hour trip. That seems like too much time difference for 30 miles more to go north, unless they are figuring in a stop in Rosendale to get a speeding ticket from the local constable. I don't know about you, but I'd trade an additional hour and a half of driving time to avoid Chicago. At any rate, it's a good days drive. It might be nice to split it up into two smaller pieces and take in more sight seeing on the way up. Mackinac Island on the way back? Gail and I did that in 89 for the last Traverse City Parade.

Sunday at Parade will be filled with Concourse prep, which is almost as fun to see as the Concourse itself. It would be great to get there on Saturday or early Sunday to see that. Enjoy the rest of the winter!



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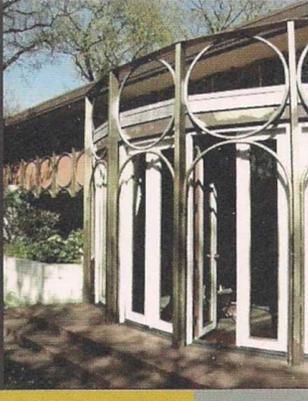
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## CWI-PCA Holiday Party

Thanks to Mike Wenzel and the staff at the Blackhawk Country Club for another wonderful holiday party. Great food and a beautiful lake view.



## Fox valley Region, Spring Waterfall Tour to Upper Michigan

Primary tourmeister Al Curran writes, "Munising, MI, will be the starting and ending point for the tour. Munising is approximately 170 miles north of Green Bay. The tour will take place all day Saturday, May 18th, and will cover approximately 125 miles round-trip, with stops at Wagner Falls, Alger Falls (viewed from the road), Munising Falls, and Sable Falls. Lunch will be in Grand Marais, MI, and we will drive back along the same route- a fairly recently paved, nicely winding and low traffic road through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. There are a number of other scenic sights (a lighthouse, 300' high sand dunes, and the lakeshore cliffs) that we will stop at, time permitting. The exact route and the order of the stops will be dependent on the park conditions and weather on the date of the tour. You can find information about the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore at [www.nps.gov/piro](http://www.nps.gov/piro) "

Overnight accommodations are available at the Americinn in Munising. All rooms have two queen beds, non-smoking for the special rate of \$69.99 per night. You must call the motel directly at 906-387-2000 ask for the reservations under "Fox Valley Region Porsche Club". A block of 12 rooms have been reserved. First come, first served. For more about the motel, go to [www.americinn.com/hotels/MI/Munising](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/MI/Munising). Address is 9926 State Hwy. M-28, Wetmore, MI 48895. The final day to make a reservation is May 10. After you have made your reservations, please e-mail [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net) and let Laura know so she can keep track of room availability.

You may drive to Munising on your own Friday evening, or if you wish, a car caravan will meet just north of Green Bay on Hwy. 41/141 at the Lineville Road exit #173. We will meet depart at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 17. As always, a social tailgate will be held upon arrival at the Americinn Friday night. Dinner plans for Friday and Saturday will be announced in the near future.

If you have questions, please contact Al Curran at [arcllc@gmail.com](mailto:arcllc@gmail.com) or Laura Prellwitz at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

## Marketplace

**For Sale:** Winter Tires, New, Like New, Two Pirelli Sotozero 235/40 R18 (\$216. ea. from Tire Rack), \$50. ea.

Two Bridgestone Blizzak LM60s 255/40 R18 (\$248. ea. from Tire Rack) \$50. ea.

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