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2000 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET – 6 speed manual, black on black, 10,000 miles on a new set of Michelin Pilot Sport AS Plus, new battery, a few cosmetic road marks in the front, interior in good shape. It runs and handles excellent, everything works, no leaks, $21,000 asking. Feel free to contact me for more photos. Located in Northport, MI – just 35 miles from the 2013 Porsche Parade! Contact Norm Golm at (231) 386-5857 or email ngolm11@gmail.com. (June 2013)

2000 PORSCHE BOXSTER S – Mint inside and out with only 6,700 miles. Black paint over Boxster Red full-leather interior, good Pirellis on Sport Classic 18” wheels. Heated seats, full power seats with memory, factory CD player. Extremely well maintained, looks brand new, properly stored every winter, etc. Soft top in perfect condition and everything works. Zero wear on driver’s seat. Priced aggressively at only $20,000. Contact Brittany Craig in the Greater Toledo area at (419) 297-1133, or email brittany@crowningcelebrations.com. (Feb 2013)

1989 PORSCHE 944S2 RACE CAR – PCA Stock E Class. Well maintained and less than 10 hours on rebuilt engine. Recaro seat, B&B exhaust, 2 sets of 3 piece wheels (BBS & Forgeline), fully adjustable swaybars, camber plates, quick release steering wheel. Spare parts included. Asking $19,000. Call Craig Ackerman at (616) 866-1905 or email pcaackerman@aol.com. (Aug 2013)

1969 PORSCHE 911 T COUPE – Serial #119122121. Excellent condition, garage kept winters, cream yellow, restored 4 years ago, upgraded to S specs. Vented brake rotors & lines, Fuchs wheels, PMO carburetors, MSD ignition, Weltmeister suspension upgrades (CamberMeister strut brace, front & rear torsion, sway bar, bushings & tie rods), Koni shocks. New dashboard, windshield, internal antenna & booster, and even a battery tender installed. Also has electric S mirrors, sunroof, electric door locks, S front air dam, and a mahogany steering wheel & shift knob. Porsche certified mechanical work always. Located in Kalamazoo. Contact Diane Parish at (269) 544-2674, or email didde73@msn.com. (May 2013)

1987 PORSCHE 924S PARTS – On 11-1-11 my 1987 924S (most parts fit 944) was destroyed. Parting it out. Here is a basic list: Glass lift gate, Transmission, Engine Computer, Cam shaft, Re-conditioned Head with new valves (5000 miles since the head had been redone), Manifold, Fuel Rail w/Injectors, Doors and much more. Have full list upon request. Please contact Duane Weed at (231) 250-9624, or email duane@dwvideo.com. (Aug 2013)

1972 PORSCHE 914 PARTS – We have a 1972 914 parts car with complete engine & transmission. Also most other parts. Also have a four-cylinder short block and additional 914 parts. Let us know what you need. Contact Randy Portoluri at (616) 842-9266 or email lindaportoluri@charter.net. (Sep 2012)

WANTED – Set of tires (205 55/R16 & 225 50/R16) to be used for DE events for my 1980 911SC (stock 6” and 7” Fuchs). Please contact Kevin Pinner at klpinner@gmail.com. (May 2013)

AUTO DETAILING SERVICE – References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616) 706-4421 or ericpca911@yahoo.com.
If you, or someone you know (including your children), would be interested in helping out with any of these roles (or able to work together for a couple of months as a transition period. will have served as editor for four years and has really made this publication pop! Ideally, Dan and the new editor would be editor, as Dan Phillips will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year. Dan

We are also looking for a new media communications possibly maintaining our Facebook page, although Dan and Michael are doing a wonderful job with that!

Congratulations from all of us in WMR PCA to Tim and Deb Thatcher on their July 20th Wedding!

We are also looking for a new Uber Alles editor, as Dan Phillips will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year. Dan will have served as editor for four years and has really made this publication pop! Ideally, Dan and the new editor would be able to work together for a couple of months as a transition period. If you, or someone you know (including your children), would be interested in helping out with any of these roles (or anything else), please contact a board member. This type of experience could boost a resume! Also looking for suggestions for other board member elections – voting will likely be done on-line, so please make sure your PCA profile includes your current e-mail address. (A large number of e-mail blasts get kicked back each time a board member sends one out.)

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The Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum is August 3rd, and we hope to have good showing (and not get shown up, car-count wise, by either the Corvair club or especially the Corvettes). It’s a great opportunity to explore the barns and see the many changes that have been made. (Marshall and I have been trying to check out a different barn on each visit). The exhibits are tastefully done with more than just the common and not so common cars. Along with the cars are posters, clothing and other accessories of the appropriate periods. We are very lucky, especially as car enthusiasts, to have a car museum of this world-class caliber so close to home.

June Meeting Minutes:
Approved as printed.

Insurance Report:
- 36 renewals
- 20 non-renewals
- 15 renewals

Membership Report:
- 248 Primary Members
- 386 Affiliate Members
- Total 434

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- New Members - 13:
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  - James Bush, Portage, '84 928
  - Doug & Mary Coates, Williamsburg, '08 Boxster S, Faith Free & Rocky Marcotte, Traverse City, '86 944

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New Business:
- June 5 – Gilmore Gathering hosted by Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth – good attendance, 25 cars, enjoyed by all. The Model A building is amazing according to Rick.
- June 8 – Pre-Parade Tech Session at Euro Autowerks – was a great opportunity to check out your car prior to Parade.
- 2013 Porsche Parade – well attended - a wonderful time had by all. There were 252 cars in the Parade of Porsches and as reported by Amber, all were out on the street in 11 minutes. WMR had a very good showing with placing in numerous categories/events and overall it was a great turnout for Zone 4. Many enjoyable and memorable moments.

New Business:
- August 3rd Red Barns Spectacular hosted by Amber Door & Jerry Arens – There will be a corral (look for signage). Additional details in the Uber and on the web.
- 2014 Board elections – WMR is currently looking for a Vice President, Webmaster and Uber Alles Editor. The positions will officially be posted in an upcoming Uber and on the web. Dan has offered to work with the new editor for several issues before handing the task off completely.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
TechSpalte: Carbon Buildup (“Choking Up”) in Direct Injection Engines

Contributed by WMR PCA member Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks

This month we are continuing the discussion regarding carbon build-up (sometimes referred to as “choking up”) on direct injected engines. We ask the following question: Is the problem of carbon buildup behind the valves 1) hype, 2) speculation, or 3) a real problem?

We have seen other manufacturers have occasional buildup issues, but to date we have not had any problems with buildup on Porsche, VW or Audi gas direct injection engines.

Buildup can occur in any engine due to valve overlap. This happens either when a valve is open and exposed to the combustion chamber or there is a breakdown in the PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation System) and EGR Systems (Exhaust Gas Recirculation System)

- The PCV system pulls vapors and air from the crankcase and into the combustion chamber via the intake system.
- The EGR system reintroduces exhaust gases back into the combustion chamber.

Direct injection has been around for years, not only in diesel engines, but in air-cooled aircraft engines as well. It appears that the Porsche, Audi and VW group are ahead of the curve when it comes to this technology, and to date we have not had any problems with these engines. We have had pump and injection failures on VW and Audi gas direct injection engines.

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If carbon (choking up) does become a problem in high mileage engines, this carbon can be cleaned up by removal of the intake system. If it occurs, you will most likely need to repair the cause of it such as either a faulty PCV or EGR system.

Carbon has been building up on valves since the first efficient engine was built by Otto, so stay positive, enjoy your drive, and leave the worrying to others.

We want to invite all the WMR-PCA members who attend Parade, to submit their favorite picture of their car for possible use in our 2014 calendar. Pictures must have been taken while attending Parade. Please send a digital photo to us at admin@euroautowerks.com, be sure to insert your name and contact information along with a few comments about the picture. Thank you in advance for your submission.

As a service to club members, we are offering sign our Tech Sheets for the Grand Prix of Grattan for no charge as long as you schedule an appointment no later than September 6th. Please call Tim with any questions.

Footnote: It was German engineer August Otto, who in 1866 improved and made a more efficient gasoline engine than others. Evidence shows that the Germans still know how to do it today!

An example of carbon buildup in an engine’s intake

An Otto engine, c. 1866

Upcoming Events: RBS, GAS, & Aug. Dinner Drive

03 Aug
Gilmore Red Barns Spectacular and Porsche Car Corral
Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
Western Michigan Region PCA will again be joining hundreds of other car enthusiasts (and 1,000+ vehicles) for the 33rd annual Red Barn Spectacular. It is West Michigan’s “Grand Daddy” of antique, classic and special interest car shows. In addition to cars, the event has special displays of antique boats and campers. The event includes a swap meet, food booths, judge’s Concours and people’s choice Concours.

Your WMR PCA will host a Porsche-only car corral located on the north end of the race track (located on the west side of the museum grounds). You may also enter your 1988 and older Porsche in the People’s choice category. Feel the need to Detail? Then enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1988 and older vehicles). You must register separately for this portion of the event (visit www.gilmorecarmuseum.org).

Entry Fees: $20.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), 1988 & older only $10.00/person for general admission (Corral Cars), Free for children under 11
When: Saturday, August 3rd, 2013; gates open at 7:00 am
Where: Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

17 Aug
Germain Auto Service 5th Annual Open House
Hosts: Germain Auto Service
As valued customers of Germain Auto Service and German car enthusiasts, we’d like to invite you down to our shop to enjoy our annual open house. We thought this would be a great opportunity to open our doors to our friends and customers to come in and check out our facility, grab a bratwurst, check out some interesting cars, and chat with our friendly staff and other enthusiasts!

Free Car Show, judged by the attendees. Open to all European makes and models; no entry fee; participants must arrive by 9:30 am to sign in. You may pre-register by calling (800) 260-8000 or benz@germanautoltd.com.

Free Food & Drinks | Door Prizes | Shop Tours
When: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, 17 August 2013
Where: Germain Auto Service, 1014 Scribner Ave, Grand Rapids, MI

24 Aug
August Dinner Drive to Timbers Inn, followed by Dessert at the Ackermans’ Home
Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips, Craig & Chris Ackerman
Wind down the last remaining days of summer with your friends from PCA, with a relaxed drive through the countryside, followed by dinner at Timbers Inn near Lake Bella Vista. (Please note we’ve changed the venue...) Timbers is a really cool place on M-44 by Lake Bella Vista, serving up great steaks and wild game in a rustic and comfortable lodge setting. After dinner, bring your swimsuit and favorite beverage over to Craig & Chris Ackerman’s home for a little dessert...and afterparty!

Let’s start at 4:00 pm at the Park & Ride lot on the SE corner of the intersection of I-96 and the East Beltline (right by Malarky’s). We’ll depart from there at 4:30 sharp, for a 5:30 arrival at Timbers. Please RSVP to Ren Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or renukaphillips@gmail.com by 21 Aug. See you there!
Upcoming Events: Porsches Are Made for Driving!

25 Aug

IROC III, our Annual AutoCross Event
It’s time once again to melt the pavement at our annual AutoCross event at the US-131 Dragway in Martin! If you’ve never experienced an AutoCross event, it’s the cheapest way (25 bucks!) for you to get some real track time in your car, in a safe and controlled environment. We compete against the clock, one person at a time on the course, and learn how to properly hustle your car through a tight road course. You might even earn the Fastest Time of the Day trophy!
Please be sure you have your car safely set up for the track. All the tech rules of DE events apply to AutoCross, including the rollover protection and helmet requirements (Snell 2005 or newer, SA or M rated). Please contact Duane Weed at (231) 250-9624, or email duane@dwvideo.com for any questions relating to this event. See you there!

When: Runs begin at 9:00 am
Where: US 131 Dragway, Martin, MI

14-15 Sep

Annual Grand Prix of Grattan – Register Now!
What could be better than a cool summer day spent flinging your equally gorgeous Porsche around a world-class race track? Our annual Grand Prix of Grattan DE event will take place on September 14-15. The cost is the same as last year, and the fun will be...priceless!!
Registration is open now at clubregistration.net!
Be sure your car is prepared, and your helmet is rated Snell 2005 or later. Contact DE Chair Ted Blacklidge at (616) 866-4143 or email sgrafex@chartermi.net for any questions.

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In The Zone:
Driving Events Throughout Zone 4

In the Heat of August, you will want to do something cool!! What could be cooler than to drive your Porsche in (or to) a local Club event? All of the events listed involve cars in motion, and therefore afford a cooling effect on the participants. Chill out and join in the fun with your fellow PCA friends. Check the Zone 4 Website at http://zone4.pca.org/ for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned, such as:

The Drivers Education season in Zone 4 continues with the following events this month:

• A one-day Driver’s Education opportunity is being held by the Eastern Buckeye Region at the Nelsons Ledges Road Course in Garrettsville, OH on August 3rd. Register at MotorsportReg.com, and see the http://www.ebpc.org/ website for details, or contact Erik Ryberg at (330) 618-4744.
• Southeast Michigan Region will be hosting a one-day Drivers Education at Waterford Hills Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on August 8th. Registration information is at www.clubregistration.net, go to SEMPCA.ORG for more information.
• Allegheny Region will host a weekend Drivers Education at Pitt Race Complex in Wampum, PA on August 10th and 11th. Register at MotorsportsReg.com, first timers are especially welcome!
• Ohio Valley Region will hold an Advanced Solo Drivers Education event at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Berlin, IN during the annual Club Race on August 17th and 18th. Join the fun and register at ClubReg.net.
• Rally Sport Region will be hosting a one-day Drivers Education at Waterford Hills Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on August 20th. Additional information is at www.clubregistration.net.

A great introduction to driving your Porsche in a fun and competitive manner can be found in Autocrossing (AX). Many regions sponsor Autocross events, and they are a great event for novices and experienced drivers alike. Check out the following events:

• Mid-Ohio Region is holding the IROC 3 Autocross on Sunday August 11th at Columbus Motor Speedway in Columbus, OH. Additional details can be found on the region website.

Get your WMR PCA Name Badge!
These are very high-quality name badges, permanently printed on a sturdy framed plate. The magnetic attachment won’t damage your clothes. Cost is $15 each, free shipping! Please send your check and correct name spelling to:

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Please make your check payable to WMR PCA.
In Review: Deutsche Marques at Gilmore

Text and Photos by Dan Phillips

Over 30 Porsches – some from WMR PCA, some not – gathered on the morning before our Charity BBQ for the 2nd Annual Deutsche Marques car show at the Gilmore Car Museum. What a turnout, and what a great show!

Started by the local chapter of the BMW Car Club of America and the Mercedes-Benz Club of Western Michigan, WMR PCA participated in big numbers once again, as did dozens of local Volkswagen owners. The rare and unique cars were out in force, including a stunning black BMW 3.0 CS (Tom Ripley of Gull Lake), and a funky orange VW Karmann-Ghia with a houndstooth cloth roof (Lori & Roger May of E. Lansing). This was a great way to spend a sunny Saturday – on Gilmore’s beautiful grounds, connecting with other car clubs, and enjoying the company of friends!

In Review: July Charity BBQ

Text by Marshall Walters; Photos by Marshall Walters and Carmine Bosco

We’d like to start by thanking everyone who attended our July 13th pig roast, and special thanks to those who helped us clean up. We raised $640 for the Century Driving School charity, and collected almost 400 lbs. of food for the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. Luckily, the Impala has a big trunk!

We couldn’t have asked for better weather – Saturday was sunny and very warm, tempered by a slight breeze. The 56 attendees enjoyed a full afternoon of food (pulled roast pig with many fixings), sun, camaraderie, and pontoon boat rides (and, of course, gazing at three rows of beautiful cars in the grass across the road). Some of the younger attendees even went swimming, while most chilled in the house or shade of the driveway and, as we tend to do, talked the afternoon away. The food and company were all we could have hoped for.

Again, thank-you to all who shared the day with us, especially the six relatively new members/transfers: Matthew Axford, Mike and Cecilia Bowers, Mike and Sharon Minister, and John Stamp and Sue Cheeseman… and also the two members from the RSR Region (hopefully we convinced them to transfer to WMR).

Upcoming Events: WMR’s 5th Annual Golf Outing

20 Sep

WMR PCA’s 5th Annual Golf Outing

Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod

Could this quite possibly be the best-kept secret in our diverse annual array of Porsche Club events? One could hardly ask for a better day, especially if it involves blowing off work on a Friday afternoon!

This will be the fifth year we’ve gathered at the stunning course at Egypt Valley Country Club, and it never fails to impress. EVCC is a private, members-only country club with a world-class golf course, beautiful facilities, and an excellent restaurant. If you’re not a member, this is a rare opportunity to enjoy what Egypt Valley has to offer, from the immaculate (and challenging!) golf course, to a casual dinner with your PCA friends at the clubhouse after golf.

Our first tee-time will be at 2:00 pm sharp. You are welcome to come a little earlier to hit a few balls at the excellent driving range, or the adjacent practice greens, to brush up on your skills.

You must RSVP by 16 September to Arnie Axelrod at (616) 443-4901 or email amaxelrod@att.net.

Entry Fees:
$75.00 per person, for 18 holes with cart, credit cards only, pay in the Pro Shop.
Dinner at the clubhouse after golf, separate checks, credit cards only.

When: Friday, September 20th, 2013; first tee-times are at 2:00 pm sharp
Where: Egypt Valley Country Club, 7333 Knapp Ave, Ada, MI
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   Hosts: TBD
24-29 PCA Escape 2013 – Los Angeles, CA
      PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx)

November
4 Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI
   Host: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
TBD November Dinner Drive – Location TBD

December
2 Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
7 December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI
   Hosts: Mike & Barb Karluk

New Members:
Jason Balk – Hudsonville, MI
   2013 Porsche 911
James Bush – Portage, MI
   1984 Porsche 928
Doug & Mary Coates – Williamsburg, MI
   2008 Porsche Boxster S
Faith Free & Rocky Marcotte – Traverse City, MI
   1986 Porsche 944
Michael & Bo Hall – Leland, MI
   1972 Porsche 911
Christopher Lange – Traverse City, MI
   1954 Porsche 356
Michael Minster – Saugatuck, MI
   2006 Porsche 911
David Peterson – Traverse City, MI
   1984 Porsche 911
Mickey & Vicki Slawnik – Traverse City, MI
   1966 Porsche 912
Kurt Spieske – Grand Haven, MI
   1976 Porsche 911
John Stamp & Sue Cheesman – Kalamazoo, MI
   2005 Porsche Boxster

New Members:
David & Sandy VanderMeer – Traverse City, MI
   2000 Porsche 911
Jack & Mary Walker – Zeeland, MI
   2001 Porsche Boxster.

Ed. Note: August 2013 marks a record month for our Region, as we've now grown to 434 members!

August Anniversaries:
1 year (2012)    Larry & Nancy Draper
                Jason Nagher
                Ross Smith
                Mike & Diane Wheeler

15 years (1998)    Bill Schmidt

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   Gingerman, our beloved 2007 Porsche 911
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   looks almost better than new.  A big thanks
   to Terry and Curt for the outstanding job."

- Ted and Gabriele Blacklidge

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   November Dinner Drive – Location TBD
   Host: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

December
2 Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
7 December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI
   Hosts: Mike & Barb Karluk

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For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx.
In Review: Deutsche Marques at Gilmore

Text and Photos by Dan Phillips

Over 30 Porsches – some from WMR PCA, some not – gathered on the morning before our Charity BBQ for the 2nd Annual Deutsche Marques car show at the Gilmore Car Museum. What a turnout, and what a great show!

Started by the local chapter of the BMW Car Club of America and the Mercedes-Benz Club of Western Michigan, WMR PCA participated in big numbers once again, as did dozens of local Volkswagen owners. The rare and unique cars were out in force, including a stunning black BMW 3.0 CS (Tom Ripley of Gull Lake), and a funky orange VW Karmann-Ghia with a houndstooth cloth roof (Lori & Roger May of E. Lansing). This was a great way to spend a sunny Saturday – on Gilmore’s beautiful grounds, connecting with other car clubs, and enjoying the company of friends!

PCA members find some shade BMW Isetta 600 and 3.0 CS

What a beautiful day! Phillips CTT anchors the Porsches

In Review: July Charity BBQ

Text by Marshall Walters; Photos by Marshall Walters and Carmine Bosco

We’d like to start by thanking everyone who attended our July 13th pig roast, and special thanks to those who helped us clean up. We raised $640 for the Century Driving School charity, and collected almost 400 lbs. of food for the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. Luckily, the Impala has a big trunk!

We couldn’t have asked for better weather – Saturday was sunny and very warm, tempered by a slight breeze. The 56 attendees enjoyed a full afternoon of food (pulled roast pig with many fixings), sun, camaraderie, and pontoon boat rides (and, of course, gazing at three rows of beautiful cars in the grass across the road). Some of the younger attendees even went swimming, while most chilled in the house or shade of the driveway and, as we tend to do, talked the afternoon away. The food and company were all we could have hoped for.

Again, thank-you to all who shared the day with us, especially the six relatively new members/transfers: Matthew Axford, Mike and Cecilia Bowers, Mike and Sharon Minister, and John Stamp and Sue Cheeseman…and also the two members from the RSR Region (hopefully we convinced them to transfer to WMR).

Porsches took center stage at the 2nd Annual Deutsche Marques show

What a beautiful day!

An awesome pig roast!

Relaxing in the shade

Our collection for the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank

Upcoming Events: WMR’s 5th Annual Golf Outing

20 Sep

WMR PCA’s 5th Annual Golf Outing

Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod

Could this quite possibly be the best-kept secret in our diverse annual array of Porsche Club events? One could hardly ask for a better day, especially if it involves blowing off work on a Friday afternoon!

This will be the fifth year we’ve gathered at the stunning course at Egypt Valley Country Club, and it never fails to impress. EVCC is a private, members-only country club with a world-class golf course, beautiful facilities, and an excellent restaurant. If you’re not a member, this is a rare opportunity to enjoy what Egypt Valley has to offer, from the immaculate (and challenging!) golf course, to a casual dinner with your PCA friends at the clubhouse after golf.

Our first tee-time will be at 2:00 pm sharp. You are welcome to come a little earlier to hit a few balls at the excellent driving range, or the adjacent practice greens, to brush up on your skills.

You must RSVP by 16 September to Arnie Axelrod at (616) 443-4901 or email amaxelrod@att.net.

Entry Fees: $75.00 per person, for 18 holes with cart, credit cards only, pay in the Pro Shop. Dinner at the clubhouse after golf, separate checks, credit cards only.

When: Friday, September 20th, 2013; first tee-times are at 2:00 pm sharp

Where: Egypt Valley Country Club, 7333 Knapp Ave, Ada, MI
Upcoming Events: Porsches Are Made for Driving!

25 Aug  IROC III, our Annual AutoCross Event

It’s time once again to melt the pavement at our annual AutoCross event at the US-131 Dragway in Martin! If you’ve never experienced an AutoCross event, it’s the easiest way (25 bucks!) for you to get some real track time in your car, in a safe and controlled environment. We compete against the clock, one person at a time on the course, and learn how to properly hustle your car through a tight road course. You might even earn the Fastest Time of the Day trophy!

Please be sure you have your car safely set up for the track. All the tech rules of DE events apply to AutoCross, including the rollover protection and helmet requirements (Snell 2005 or newer, SA or M rated). Please contact Duane Weel at (231) 250-9624, or email duane@dwvideo.com for any questions relating to this event. See you there!

When: Runs begin at 9:00 am
Where: US 131 Dragway, Martin, MI

14-15 Sep  Annual Grand Prix of Grattan – Register Now!

What could be better than a beautiful summer day spent flinging your equally gorgeous Porsche around a world-class race track? Our annual Grand Prix of Grattan DE event will take place on September 14-15. The cost is the same as last year, and the fun will be…priceless!!

Registration is open now at clubregistration.net!

Be sure your car is prepared, and your helmet is rated Snell 2005 or later. Contact DE Chair Ted Blacklidge at (616) 866-4143 or email sgrafex@chartermi.net for any questions.

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In the Zone:

Driving Events Throughout Zone 4

In the heat of August, you will want to do something cool!!
What could be cooler than to drive your Porsche in (or to) a local Club event? All of the events listed involve cars in motion, and therefore afford a cooling effect on the participants. Chill out and join in the fun with your fellow PCA friends. Check the Zone 4 Website at http://zone4.pca.org/ for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned, such as:

The Drivers Education season in Zone 4 continues with the following events this month:

- A one-day Driver’s Education opportunity is being held by the Eastern Buckeye Region at the Nelsons Ledges Road Course in Garrettsville, OH on August 3rd. Register at MotorsportReg.com, and see the http://www.ebbrca.org/ website for details, or contact Erik Ryberg at (330) 618-4744.
- Southeast Michigan Region will be hosting a one-day Drivers Education at Waterford Hills Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on August 8th. Registration information is at www.clubregistration.net, go to SEMPCA.ORG for more information.
- Allegheny Region will host a weekend Drivers Education at Pitt Race Complex in Wampum, PA on August 10th and 11th. Register at MotorsportsReg.com. First timers are especially welcome!
- Ohio Valley Region will hold an Advanced Solo Drivers Education event at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Union, OH during the annual Club Race on August 17th and 18th. Join the fun and register at Club Reg.net.
- Rally Sport Region will be hosting a one-day Drivers Education at Waterford Hills Road Racing in Clarkston, MI on August 20th. Additional information is at www.clubregistration.net.

A great introduction to driving your Porsche in a fun and competitive manner can be found in Autocrossing (AX). Many regions sponsor autocross events, and they are a great event for novices and experienced drivers alike. Check out the following events:

- Mid-Ohio Region is holding the IROC 5 Autocross on Sunday August 11th at Columbus Motor Speedway in Columbus, OH. Additional details can be found on the region website.

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Please make your check payable to WMR PCA.

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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION
TechSpalte: Carbon Buildup (“Choking Up”) in Direct Injection Engines

Contributed by WMR PCA member Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks

This month we are continuing the discussion regarding carbon build-up (sometimes referred to as “choking up”) on direct injected engines. We ask the following question: Is the problem of carbon buildup behind the valves 1) hype, 2) speculation, or 3) a real problem?

We have seen other manufacturers have occasional buildup issues, but to date we have not had any problems with buildup on Porsche, VW or Audi gas direct injection engines.

Buildup can occur in any engine due to valve overlap. This happens either when a valve is open and exposed to the combustion chamber or there is a breakdown in the PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation System) and EGR Systems (Exhaust Gas Recirculation System)

- The PCV system pulls vapors and air from the crankcase and into the combustion chamber via the intake system.
- The EGR system reintroduces exhaust gases back into the combustion chamber.

Direct injection has been around for years, not only in diesel engines, but in air-cooled aircraft engines as well.

It appears that the Porsche, Audi and VW group are ahead of the curve when it comes to this technology, and to date we have seen no problems with these engines. We have had pump and injection failures on VW and Audi gas direct injection engines.

There appears to be a picture floating around of bad build up on the back of valves for some of the earlier direct injected engines. We question whether this build up was the result of the direct injection system, or a faulty PCV system? I am betting it was the latter.

At this point I am ignoring the naysayers and negativity of those who anticipate problems before they occur. Most likely these same people do not like the ever-changing technology.

If carbon (choking up) does become a problem in high mileage engines, this carbon can be cleaned up by removal of the intake system. It it occurs, you will most likely need to repair the cause of it such as either a faulty PCV or EGR system.

Carbon has been building up on valves since the first efficient engine was built by Otto, so stay positive, enjoy your drive, and leave the worrying to others.

We want to invite all the WMR-PCA members who attended Parade, to submit their favorite picture of their car for possible use in our 2014 calendar. Pictures must have been taken while attending Parade. Please send a digital photo to us at admin@euroautowerks.com, be sure to include your name and contact information along with a few comments about the picture. Thank you in advance for your submission.

As a service to club members, we are offering sign your Tech Sheets for the Grand Prix of Grattan for no charge as long as you schedule an appointment no later than September 6th. Please call Tim with any questions.

Footnote: It was German engineer August Otto, who in 1866 improved and made a more efficient gasoline engine than others. Evidence shows that the Germans still know how to do it today!

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Your WMR PCA will host a Porsche-only car corral located on the north end of the race track (located on the west side of the museum grounds). You may also enter your 1988 and older Porsche in the People’s choice category. Feel the need to Detail? Then enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1988 and older vehicles). You must register separately for this portion of the event (visit www.gilmorecarmuseum.org).

**Upcoming Events:**

**03 Aug**

**Gilmore Red Barns Spectacular and Porsche Car Corral**

*Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens*

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**Entry Fees:**

$20.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), 1988 & older only

**When:**

Saturday, August 3rd, 2013; gates open at 7:00 am

**Where:**

Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

**17 Aug**

**German Auto Service 5th Annual Open House**

*Hosts: German Auto Service*

As valued customers of German Auto Service and German car enthusiasts, we’d like to invite you down to our shop to enjoy our annual open house. We thought this would be a great opportunity to open our doors to our friends and customers to come in and check out our facility, grab a bratwurst, check out some interesting cars, and chat with our friendly staff and other enthusiasts!

Free Car Show, judged by the attendees. Open to all European makes and models; no entry fee; participants must arrive by 9:30 am to sign in. You may pre-register by calling (800) 260-8000 or benz@germanautowld.com.

**When:**

10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, 17 August 2013

**Where:**

German Auto Service, 1014 Scribner Ave, Grand Rapids, MI

**24 Aug**

**August Dinner Drive to Timbers Inn, followed by Dessert at the Ackermans’ Home**

*Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips, Craig & Chris Ackerman*

Wind down the last remaining days of summer with your friends from PCA, with a relaxed drive through the countryside, followed by dinner at Timbers Inn near Lake Bella Vista. (Please note we’ve changed the venue...) Timbers is a really cool place on M-44 by Lake Bella Vista, serving up great steaks and wild game in a rustic and comfortable lodge setting. After dinner, bring your swim suit and favorite beverage over to Craig & Chris Ackerman’s home for a little dessert...and afterparty!

Let’s start at 4:00 pm at the Park & Ride lot on the SE corner of the intersection of I-96 and the East Beltline (right by Malarky’s). We’ll depart from there at 4:30 sharp, for a 5:30 arrival at Timbers. Please RSVP to Ben Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or renukaphillips@gmail.com by 21 Aug. See you there!

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Dog Days of Summer with Porsches!

The Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum is August 3rd, and we hope to have good showing (and not get shown up, car-count wise, by either the Corvair club or especially the Corvettes). It’s a great opportunity to explore the barns and see the many changes that have been made. (Marshall and I have been trying to check out a different barn on each visit). The exhibits are tastefully done with more than just the common and not so common cars. Along with the cars are posters, clothing and other accessories of the appropriate periods. We are very lucky, especially as car enthusiasts, to have a car museum of this world-class caliber so close to home.

Congratulations from all of us in WMR PCA to Tim and Deb Thatcher on their July 20th Wedding!

And now... WE NEED YOUR HELP!! This is your club, and we are still looking to you, the members, to provide input and help. We are specifically looking for someone to help with the website (which Michael Betz has in fantastic shape, but would like to step down), and a person to assist with media communications... like Twitter re: special and/or charity events, etc. and possibly maintaining our Facebook page, although Dan and Michael are doing a wonderful job with that!

We are also looking for a new Uber Alles editor, as Dan Phillips will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year. Dan will have served as editor for four years and has really made this publication pop! Ideally, Dan and the new editor would be able to work together for a couple of months as a transition period.

If you, or someone you know (including your children), would be interested in helping out in any of these roles (or anything else), please contact a board member. This type of experience could boost a resume! Also looking for suggestions for our designated charity for 2014 – contact a board member (or come to a meeting!). And don’t forget about the board member elections – voting will likely be done on-line, so please make sure your PCA profile includes your current e-mail address. (A large number of e-mail blasts get kicked back each time a board member sends one out.)

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June Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed.


Webmaster’s Report: The website is up-to-date.

Insurance Report: All set for upcoming insurance needs.

New Business:

• June 5 – Gilmore Gathering hosted by Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth – good attendance, 25 cars, enjoyed by all. The Model A building is amazing according to Rick.
• June 8 – Pre-Parade Tech Session at Euro Autowerks – was a great opportunity to check out your car prior to Parade.
• 2013 Porsche Parade – well attended – a wonderful time had by all. There were 252 cars in the Parade of Porsches and as reported by Amber, all were out on the street in 11 minutes. WMR had a very good showing with placing in numerous categories/events and overall it was a great turnout for Zone 4. Many enjoyable and memorable moments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
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