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## IGNITION

AUGUST, 2016



#### **28TH STREET METRO-CRUISE**

Charles Van Wyk and the Delta Imports Team are again supporting the 28th Street Metro-Cruise this year. Join Charles at Delta Imports on August 26th at 6:30pm for food, drinks, and Porsche talk.

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**Wolfgang Hofmann** Western Michigan Region



Lina Spross Incoming Über Alles Editor Western Michigan Region

As seasons change and Porsche Models change, so must the Über Alles Editor. Wolfgang has decided to step down after serving 2 years and 7 months with 31 Newsletters under his belt as the Über Alles Editor. Under his keen eve and talent, the Über Alles has developed into an award winning newsletter. In 2015, the Über Alles was Departing Über Alles Editor recognized as the PCA National Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner in Class III Regions. We sincerely thank Wolfgang for his time and efforts in providing WMR Members a world-class newsletter. I have big shoes to fill and I hope to do Wolfgang and WMR proud! -Lina

# Über Alles

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

On the cover:

Porsches strike a pose

Gilmore Car Musum

Deutsche Marques: A German Auto Event

Photo by Wolfgang Bubeck

## PORSCHE EVENTS GALORE

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk** President, Western Michigan Region

I'm sorry I missed a great day of WMR activities on July 9th because of a mandatory work meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort, which wasn't nearly as handsome without the parking lot full of Porsches seen when we hosted Parade in 2013. Winners in nearly every judged class were selected from among the forty-eight Porsches in attendance at the Gilmore Car Museum's

Deutsche Marques event. Making that event special was Doug and Shari Hoek's reunion of thirty-three WMR members who dated back to the 1970's. Capping this perfect day was Herb Welz' gathering at his Stickmann Baekeri. Having missed all this, I intend to make a first hand report on the Blacklidges' and Ackermans' Poker Rally and Pool Party, as well as the Gilmore's Red Barn Spectacular on August 6th.

Our friends at German Auto Service are hosting their annual event on August 13th and Ren and Dan Phillips are very excited about their August 20th dinner drive to The Rock at Big Fish Lake in Marcellus, MI. Our friends at Delta Porsche of Grand Rapids will once again be hosting a gathering on Friday evening of the Metro Cruise on August 26th, which traditionally attracts a large group of WMR members for great conversation and food.

Though not a PCA event, the 2016 Alden Classic Sports Car Show on August 13th and 14th in quaint Alden, MI will feature Porsche for those interested in a scenic weekend a little northeast of Traverse City. See our wmr.pca. org website for more details on all these events. Though still several months away, please consider helping out on October 9th for the Street Survival Training for teen and young adult drivers at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids!

A final thought: Andrew Frankel, a Porschephile and one of my favorite automotive journalists, reviewed the new 718 Boxster in the June edition of "Motorsport" and addressed the latest crisis for Porsche loyalists, Porsches with four cylinder turbocharged engines whose "noise is a disappointment" and "has robbed the car of a chunk of its character." However, he applauded the engine's power and while noting "the gaps between the gears are as wide as ever, the torque of the new engine now covers them perfectly." Elsewhere he stated: "Simply put, the Boxster is so far ahead of its Mercedes, BMW, and Audi opposition that they could probably install an industrial generator under the engine cover and still emerge as the best car in its class." I suspect Boxster owners would add "and always has been." — Mike



## ACCESS THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE. HTTP://WMR.PCA.ORG/MINUTES/MINUTES.HTM





# We're looking for event hosts for this Fall: Sept., Oct., Nov. of 2016

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMRPCA Social Events Coordinator, Lynne Olenyk, with your event ideas. Lynne will help you work through the details and make your event a success. E-Mail: lynniemarie@charter.net · Phone: (616) 710-0122



## AROUND THE ZONE

#### BY MICHAEL SORIANO. ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano Zone 4 Representative,

PCA Zone 4 Members.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to attend many Parades since joining PCA. They are always event filled weeks with more activities to attend than time, and this year was no different. The 61st Annual Parade was held in Jay Peak, VT from June 19-25. Parade officially begins with the Welcome Party on Sunday. However, Porsche Club of America | I arrived on Friday to attend a number of meetings scheduled through

Sunday evening, and had additional meetings throughout the week. On several mornings, I woke up before 5 a.m. and was in meetings until 6 p.m.

Between all of the meetings. I was able to find time to enjoy some of the scheduled activities. I even entered one of the many competitive events and brought home a first place trophy. On Monday, I once again served as a Concours Judge; this year judging the modified class.

Tuesday, we visited a local winery and toured the Ben and Jerry's Factory in nearby Waterbury, VT. At the Concours Banquet Tuesday evening, I had the honor of presenting the Zone Rep Award to our own Francie Kish, Parade Facilities Chair and charter member of the Rally Sport Region. Typically the Zone Reps submit their candidates and much discussion takes place over the course of several months. At the discretion of the Zone Reps, this award may or may not be given out on an annual basis. It is one of the most prestigious awards in PCA and is given to the individual who in the opinion of the Zone Reps has made outstanding contributions to the club.

On Thursday, we participated in the Gimmick Rally, travelling throughout the area in search of the many covered bridges, and stopping to eat lunch at the Trapp Family Lodge. Thursday evening, we hosted the Zone 4 Party, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. A great deal of thanks goes to Chris Braden of Munk's Motors for sponsoring the Zone 4 Party as well as once again sponsoring the extremely popular Zone 4 Parade shirts. We certainly appreciate his generosity and continued support of Zone 4 Events.

Friday, I attended the Tech Academy and enjoyed a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Memphremagog, taking us across the US/Canadian border. Saturday was another very busy day. It began with the Volunteer Lunch, during which I was asked by National President Caren Cooper if I would do the honor of leading the Parade of several hundred Porsches from the resort to Newport.

The evening and the week ended with the Victory Banquet. After all of the awards were announced and distributed, a short video was shown introducing us to Spokane, Washington, the site of next year's Parade, which will be held July 9 - 15, 2017.



As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the zone. Please remember to check your region's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website http://zone4.pca.org for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4, such as:

- August 6: Join Western Michigan Region for the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum
- August 13: Plan to attend Allegheny Region's August Rush Road Rally
- August 13: Eastern Buckeye Region's Scenic Drive to The Wine Mill in Peninsula, OH i
- August 14: Northern Ohio Region's Garage Tour
- August 19-21: Mid-Ohio Region's Instructed HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- August 20: Maumee Valley Region's August House Party
- August 21: Southeast Michigan Region's Annual Family Picnic and Concours
- August 26-27: Rally Sport Region's Waterford Hills Weekend Track Days
- August 27: Central Indiana Region's Carmel Artomobilia Car Show
- August 27: Michiana Region's Autocross at TireRack in South Bend, IN

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com.

Thanks, — Michael

## 36™ RED BARN SPECTACULAR

#### **HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS**

Western Michigan Region Porsche Club will again be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts (and 1000 vehicles) for the 36th annual Red Barn Spectacular. It is West Michigan's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic and special interest car show. 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. The feature this year will be cars from 1966 in honor of the Gilmore Car Museums 50th Anniversary. The WMR Porsche Club will have a Porsche only car corral with a Welcome/ Membership tent located on the north end of the racetrack. (located on the west side of the museum grounds). You must arrive by 11 AM to park in the Car Corral. You may also enter your 1991 and older Porsche in the People's choice category. Feel the need to Detail? Enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1991 and older vehicles)! You must register separately for this portion of the event. Museum entry fees are as follows: \$20 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), extra persons \$5, \$12/person for general admission (Corral Cars) Free for children under age 11. Pack a lunch or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner.

Porsche's should enter through the west entrance. All others will be directed to the east entrance. Questions? Call Amber Door (616) 340-0971; Amdoor242@aol.com



Where: Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road,

Hickory Corners, MI 49060

**When**: Saturday, August  $6^{th}$ ,  $2016 \cdot 9:00$  am - 4:00 pm

Gates open at 7:00 am

## AUGUST DINNER DRIVE

#### **HOSTS: DAN & REN PHILLIPS**



Photo copyright by The Rock at Big Fish Lake Restaurant

When: Saturday, August 20, 2016 · 4:00 pm

**Start:** 4:00 pm @ 12<sup>th</sup> St. Park & Ride (M-179 / Gun Lake Casino exit, US-131)

Depart: 4:30 pm

**Arrive:** 5:45 pm, The Rock at Big Fish Lake, 4625 Loveridge Street, Marcellus, MI 49067

Dan and Ren Phillips invite you to join us on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for a spirited drive through southwest Michigan as the sun sets on summer. Always in the spirit of trying something new, we will make our way to the southern-most reaches of our region to Marcellus, MI - just south of Paw Paw.

Let's begin by meeting at the public park & ride located at the southwest corner of the intersection of US-131 and M-179 - that's the 12<sup>th</sup> Street park & ride at the Gun Lake casino exit, which is one exit south of Wayland on US-131. We will depart the park ride by 4:30 sharp, so be there as early as you want to sign the waiver, gawk at cars, and socialize.

We'll navigate through beautiful sun-dipped country roads all the way south to The Rock at Big Fish Lake in Marcellus, MI - just a short drive south of Paw-Paw, south and west of Kalamazoo. We hear great things about their menu, and ... we've never been to Marcellus. So let's go! The summer won't last forever...



## REGISTRATION FOR GRATTAN HPDE

#### HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN PORSCHE CLUB



Photo: Jeff Simonis, Watermark Photography

When: Saturday 09/10/2016 and Sunday 09/11/2016,

from 8:00 AM to 5 PM, both days

Where: Grattan Raceway  $\cdot$  7201 Lessiter Rd. NE,

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Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11 will be Drivers Education with full instruction and professional corner worker support. Novices will begin the day on Saturday with Driver's School before starting the track activity with their assigned instructor. We are limited to 15 novices - so sign up early! On Sunday, we will drive all day. Previously, we have had timed runs in the afternoon. In response to many requests for more track time, we eliminated the timed runs. During lunch time on both days, we will have low speed touring around the track. Cost will be a \$20 donation which will go 100% to our WMR charity. Lunch will be available at the track on both days. We've been conducting driver education events for well over 30 years. Our motto was, is, and will be to have fun, but SAFETY FIRST!!

SIGN UP TODAY! - ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT: CLUBREGISTRATION.NET

## IN REVIEW: PORSCHE REUNION

#### BY: DOUG AND SHARI HOEK

On July 9, 2016, there was an informal gathering of Porsche enthusiasts from the '70's and '80's, held in conjunction with the Gilmore Deutsche Marques annual event, for a delightful reunion and a fabulous afternoon of reminiscing. All concurred this will be an annual occurrence!

It was not only great to get the old guard together, but also a wonderful opportunity to meet the newer WMR members who attended.

Many of the 35 alumni brought along memorabilia stretching all the way back to the early 70's. Most were also delighted to see that some of the alumni members still had their original Porsches, proving the worth of diligent maintenance and much love of the marque. Some replaced their original Porsches with updated models. Most of the original owners were displaying a personal patina which was revered as much as the patina of their cars. For these interim decades, we all assumed we

would be older and wiser....however, we didn't do that well with wiser!

What fun we all had and if you didn't make the reunion this year, please ink us in on your calendar for next July. Doug and Shari Hoek - WMR Class of 1970.









## 2016 EVENT CALENDAR

#### WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	08-06	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-13	German Auto Service Open House	1014 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	Ben Zeeuw (Non-PCA Event)
	08-13 through 08-14	17th Annual Alden Car Show, Porsche is feat. marque for 2016	Alden, MI 49612 http://www.twinbaybrits.com	Twin Bay British Car Club Mark L. Haveman
	08-20	August Dinner Drive	The Rock at Big Fish Lake	Ren & Dan Phillips
	08-26	Delta Porsche: 28th Street Metro Cruise Get Together	Delta Porsche 6025 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546	Delta Porsche Charles Van Wyk (Non-PCA Event)
	08-26 through 08-27	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
	08-27	IROC III — Autocross	The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN	Michiana Region
SEP	09-10+11	Grand Prix of Grattan	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
	09-12	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-24	September Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
RSVP early by AUG. 20 <sup>th</sup>	09-27 through 09-29	Porsche Drive in the UP (more detailed info to come in August Über)	Multi-Day, Multi-Stop Event Traverse City, Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, Copper Harbor	Pete Stott (630) 842-8504 petestott10@gmail.com
ОСТ	10-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-09	Teen Street Survival	Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids	WMR PCA / BMW CCA
NOV	11-07	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
DEC	12-03	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk
	12-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club



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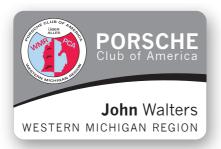


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A THREE PART STORY BY TIM THATCHER - PART 2 OF 3

Last month we began our discussion of restoration with a description of the various types or degrees of restoration which may be performed. This month we're going to give you some items to consider as you begin to plan your cars restoration and the necessary budget to complete it. It will help to have a pad of paper with you to make any notes you may want to make as you look at your car.

Carefully completing each of these items will allow us to better assist you in determining a budget price.

**OVERALL**—Describe the current overall condition of the vehicle and what you picture as the end result of the restoration. Do you want a daily driver, a show car or a 10 point concourse car? Custom? Stock?

**PAINT**—Describe the current state of the paint, how you want it to turn out and any special details.

**BODY**—Describe the current state of the body. Any missing parts? How much rust is there overall? If there is severe rust, what's its location? Any dents, dings or damage? And how do you want it to look when finished?

**CHROME**—Describe the current state of the chrome. Are all chromed pieces there? Is it old and pitted? Do you want it all re-chromed or is it okay to leave it as it is?

**INTERIOR**—Describe the current state of the interior. Are you leaving it as is? Is it all there? Does the entire interior need re-done or just certain pieces? Only new foam in the seats? Any special features like exotic wood dash or steering wheel? Describe how you want the interior to turn out.

**ENGINE**—Describe the current state of the engine. Does it start? Does it run? Any issues or problems? Do you want it cleaned and painted? Replaced with a different engine? Rebuilt or modified?



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#### OTHER:

In the next issue we will describe the 10 processes normally taken to restore a car.

Drive safely, - *Tim* 



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