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On the cover:
*Lining Up at the
Red Barn Spectacular
Gilmore Car Museum*
Photo by Amber Door

PORSCHE EVENTS GALORE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

I'd like to start off by welcoming new Über Alles editor Lina Spross, congratulating her for a fine inaugural edition, and thanking her for stepping up and taking charge of this time demanding task. Thanks again to outgoing editor Wolfgang Hofmann for all the talent, initiative, and effort he's brought to the task over the past two and a half years.



WMR-PCA was well represented at this year's Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum on August 6. WMR-PCA had at least thirty-two Stuttgart Steeds in attendance and ten from the Motorstadt region joined our corral. Terry Schieble and Scott Kraai entered their immaculate 911 S and 356 Speedster, respectively, in the Concours and quite possibly could still be waiting for the judges to get to them. Scott's 356 was meticulously and beautifully restored by our own member and monthly contributor, Tim Thatcher of Euro Autowerks. The Gilmore is turning into quite the destination for the WMR given the forty-eight Porsches that showed up for Rick Riley's July dinner drive and the great turnout for the Spectacular, which as always, was seamlessly organized by Amber Door and Gerry Arens. I can't recommend either of these events too highly for those who've not yet joined the fun.

The Grand Prix of Grattan, the only Driver Education event the WMR sponsors, is scheduled for September 10 and 11. This is a great opportunity to exorcise your need for speed thoroughly and safely with other Porsche enthusiasts on Grattan Raceway's scenic two-mile circuit or to simply hang out with friends. Remember, that paddock is only accessible at the top of each hour if you're coming to watch. There's a dinner drive on September 24th, the details of which are presently a mystery, and Peter Stott is organizing a multi-day driving tour of the UP from September 27th through 29th. For further information, go to wmr.pca.org for further details on all these events.



We'll be hosting the Tire Rack Street Survival program on Sunday, October 3 for the second time. Everybody involved in our first program last year found it rewarding and enjoyable. We can always use more volunteers and if you know of any teens and young adults with driver's licenses, please encourage them to sign up for the opportunity to practice what could be life-saving skills that are not taught in traditional driver's education programs.

Enjoy our remaining days of summer!
— Mike

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



REGISTRATION FOR GRATTAN HPDE

HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN PORSCHE CLUB

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 Feeding

America West Michigan Food Bank. 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!!



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 · 7201 Lessiter Rd. NE, Belding, MI 48809 · Phone: (616) 691-7221

SIGN UP TODAY! - ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT: [CLUBREGISTRATION.NET](http://clubregistration.net)

UPPER PENINSULA DRIVE

HOST: PETER STOTT

Let's go for a Porsche drive in the UP! Departure on Tuesday Sept 27th, a 2 night stay in scenic Marquette with local day trips on Sept 28th and a return home trip on Thursday Sept 29th.

Suggested itinerary:

Sept 27th: Pack a picnic lunch & early departure from Traverse City with a meet-up/stop near Harbor Springs. Proceed to Tahquamenon Falls for a break & picnic lunch. Scenic drive to Marquette MI and check-in at the historic Landmark Inn group rate of \$162.40/nite is available for up to (20) reserved rooms. Group dinner at a local restaurant TBA.

Sept 28th: Tour the area...options include

- Drive to scenic Copper Harbor with local drives or hikes or shopping
- Drive to and hike at Pictured Rocks National Park with hikes, kayaking or boat tours
- Group dinner at TBA

Sept 29th: Head home!



Are you interested to participate? If so, please RSVP no later than August 15th and we will reserve a room in your name at the Landmark Inn @ \$162.40/nite tax included. (20) rooms w/ king size beds have been reserved and you will be billed individually. Rooms are limited so please sign up early if you are interested.

Contact: Pete Stott
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For additional information go to the WMR website at <http://wmi.pca.org/>

IN REVIEW: RED BARN SPECTACULAR

HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS

Red Barns Spectacular Porsche Car Corral

The 2016 Red Barn Spectacular did not disappoint the participants and was just as the name says - Spectacular. With made to order weather there was no place better to be on a beautiful Michigan Saturday in August.

The PCA Car Corral and welcome tent again had a prime location on the north end of the main exhibition grounds and hosted 48 Porsches that included 8 cars that joined us from the Motorstadt Region. The corral tent welcomed the WMR "frequent flyers", Motorstadt members, several new members, region members that have not participated in any events, as well as some prospective new members. For participants the corral tent also provided a great home base to find shade, cold water and have a seat throughout the day to spend time with old and new friends alike.



Photo: Courtesy of Amber Door

Mark your calendar now to join us next year on August 5, 2017. You will not be disappointed!

IN REVIEW: P⁵R

HOST: CHRIS & CRAIG ACKERMAN (PPP); TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE (PPR)

POOL PARTY PICNIC & POKER PARKS RALLY (P⁵R)

What do you need for a pool party? Hot weather, that's what! Boy, did we have a perfect day for Craig and Chris Ackerman's Pool Party on July 23rd. The Ackerman's refreshing pool and beautiful landscape was enjoyed by the 30 WMR members who contributed delicious picnic treats to share. The pool and picnic was the destination of the Poker Parks Rally, started earlier in the day from Ada, winding through the countryside and five Kent County parks. Ten cars participated in the poker run, including two cabriolets! A good day, with good weather and good friends.



Roll em' out...



Chris Ackerman, Hostess
with th mostest



Chillin' by the Pool

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door

Month of August Events **Snap** SHOTS

Photos by
Amber Door
Lina Spross



Catastrophe at the Metro Cruise...aftermath of Sprinkler Gate



Yummy Goodness from PitStop BBQ at the Metro Cruise



911 Wins by a Nose at the Red Barn Spectacular!



Fearless! Even Tornadoes can't stop a Dinner Drive

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

HOSTS: DONALD SAZAMA AND WMR PCA / BMW CCA

Nothing but home runs at 5/3 Ballpark on Sunday October 9th!

We are again hosting the Tire Rack Street Survival school this year. Last year was a success and we hope to have twenty students this year.

We can always use more volunteer help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Don Sazama at dsazama@pioneersteel.us

If you know of a teen driver that could benefit from some great driving instruction, please direct them to the street survival website. *Thank You! Don Sazama*

If you are not familiar with Street Survival, please go to www.StreetSurvival.org for information.

Please contact me if you want to help.
dsazama@pioneersteel.us

When: Sunday 10/09/2016
from 8:00AM – 4:30PM



Where: Fifth Third Ballpark
4500 West River Drive
Comstock Park, MI 49321



The primary emphasis of the *Tire Rack Street Survival*® is a “hands-on” driving experience in real-world situations! We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them. The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive

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It's about more than driving - it's about LIVING!



SUNDAY 10.09.2016
FROM 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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2016 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

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. 20th	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
OCT	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
	TBD	October Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	TBD
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

***We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give
- Winston Churchill -***



FUELED BY VOLUNTEERS

There are numerous opportunities to Volunteer through the remainder of this year. The Western Michigan Region Porsche Club is Fueled by Volunteers. You not only get to hangout with other Porschephiles, but volunteering to help at events such as the Grattan Driver's Education (see page 5) and the Tire Rack Street Survival school (see page 8) or hosting a monthly Dinner Drive (see page 4) is what makes the Western Michigan Region Porsche Club the best in the State!



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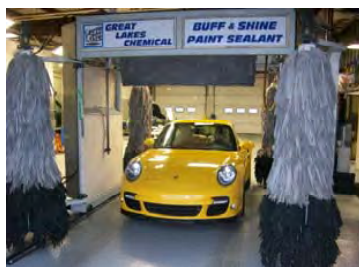
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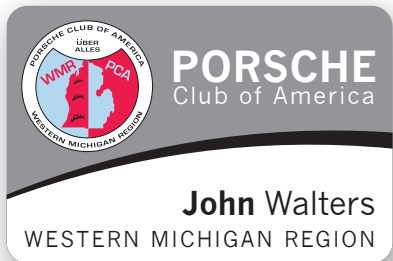


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The Restoration Process...

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Basic Processes:

1. Body and interior disassembly
2. Secure body onto rotisserie
3. Disassemble frame, suspension, steering and brake components
4. Clean and paint or power coat frame, suspension, steering and brake components
5. Disassemble drivetrain and accessories
6. Clean and paint drivetrain and accessories
7. Assemble drivetrain and accessory components
8. Interior Refinishing and Installation
9. Body work—See note below.
10. Paint—See note below



Body Work—Body work encompasses a large portion of the total project. All areas of the body will be addressed and repaired as necessary. Typical body work includes removing existing paint (stripping by hand or soda blasting/sandblasting), body filler and replacing rusted panels and/or floor/trunk pans. Apply body filler as needed. Sand, grind and form body components as necessary.



Paint—Numerous steps are involved in repainting/refinishing your car, the list changes with the type and/or quality of finish you desire. The finish on a car to be driven on the street will be much different than that of a car to be shown only.

A typical paint job involves hours of sanding, priming, painting, buffing, wet sanding, applying clear-coat, more buffing and finish sanding.



Individual Tasks Involved in Processes (not necessarily a complete list nor in order of completion):

- Disassembly
- Rust Repair
- Metal Fabrication
- Metal Repair
- Body Repair
- Prime
- Sandblasting
- Power Coating
- Paint/Refinishing
- Color Sanding
- Buffing
- Chrome Plating
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Keep on motoring — Tim

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THE TAILPIPE

BY L. SPROSS, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

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|-----------------|---|
| 1 year (2015) | John Rankin
Michael Kessenich
John Harman
Lance Weersma
Lynn Truhn
Forrest Duddles
Jim Gillette |
| 5 years (2011) | Roger & Margo Chalk |
| 10 years (2006) | Al & Dianne Wilson |

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

- Kurt Tedford, Byron Center, '16 Caymen GT4
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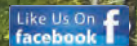
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