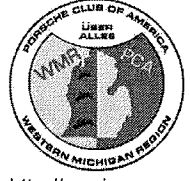




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March 2008

## This Month's Activities

### MARCH 2008

**03** Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

**12** Dinner Drive – Grattan Bar  
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**28-30** Road Atlanta (PCA)

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## A DINNER DRIVE TO GRATTAN IN MARCH

### For some hardy home cooking

Reservations have been made for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Grattan Bar located in the rustical town of Grattan about a quarter mile west of the intersection of M-44 and Lincoln Lake road. Address is 11817 Old Belding Road NE. Phone: 616-691-8221.

This Establishment is famous for their home-cooked

Meals, Soups and made-from-scratch-pies.....yum!  
So, please join us for a great meal, shaking off the winter blues and having a great ride through the beautiful country side.

Please RSVP latest by Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, by calling 616-956-0249 or using my e-mail address: [kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net](mailto:kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net)

Let's have fun and enjoy some home cooked meals.

Hope to see YOU ALL there!!!

# Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings will occur at 7PM at Delta Imports, 6025 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, 49546



Don't miss these  
great events -  
mark your  
calendar now!

## 2008

### APRIL 2008

07 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

19 Dinner Drive – Chili Cook-Off-  
Terry & Dorilee Schieble  
(269)329-1578  
[dschieble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dschieble@sbcglobal.net)

27 Michiana Autocross –Tire  
Rack

### MAY 2008

02-04 Vintage Sports Car Club  
Driver's Assoc. (VSCDA) Spring  
Brake Driver's School & Race -  
Gingerman

03-04 Las Vegas, NV (PCA)

05 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

30-01 Watkins Glen, NY (PCA)

31 Dinner Drive - John & Mar-  
shall Walters (269)672-5055  
[Marshall.Walters@WatsonWyatt.com](mailto:Marshall.Walters@WatsonWyatt.com)

31 Michiana Autocross –Tire  
Rack

### JUNE 2008

02 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

14-15 Michiana Driver's Educa-  
tion – Gingerman

13-15 VSCDA at Blackhawk  
Farms, Illinois

21 Spring Up to Traverse City  
Greg & Karlene Currie  
(231)941-7760  
[lakesidecurrie@chartermi.net](mailto:lakesidecurrie@chartermi.net)

23 Motor-Stadt IROC

25 Dinner Drive – Gilmore Muse-  
um, Hickory Corners

28-03 Porsche Parade, Char-  
lotte, North Carolina

### JULY 2008

05-06 Gingerman Raceway  
(PCA)

07 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

12 Michiana Autocross –Tire  
Rack

16 Dinner Drive - Arnie & Val  
Axelrod (616)676-1330  
[valaxelrod@cs.com](mailto:valaxelrod@cs.com)

19 American LeMans Series –  
Mid Ohio

19-20 Putnam Park, IN (PCA)

26 Dinner Drive - Gimmick Rally  
Ted & Gabi Blacklidge (616)866-  
4143 [sgrafex@chartermi.net](mailto:sgrafex@chartermi.net)

26-27 VSCDA at Autobahn -  
Joliet, IL

### AUGUST 2008

01-03 Mosport International  
Raceway, Ontario, Canada

04 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

08-10 Virginia International  
Raceway (PCA)

09 Family Picnic & Concours  
Amber Door & Jerry Arens (616)  
457-4515 [amdoor242@aol.com](mailto:amdoor242@aol.com)

09 American LeMans Series  
(ALMS) – Road Atlanta

15-17 VSCDA at Grattan

TBA WMR PCA IROC at Ionia -  
T.J. Thatcher (616)874-7932  
[tjthatcher@sbcglobal.com](mailto:tjthatcher@sbcglobal.com)

22-23 28<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise

23 Saunter to the Shore - Barry  
& Candis Collick (269)345-2488  
[cblick@iserv.net](mailto:cblick@iserv.net)

23 Michiana IROC – Tire Rack

24 Michiana Autocross –Tire  
Rack

30-01 ALMS - Detroit Sports  
Car Challenge (PCA)

30-01 Road America, Elkhart  
Lake, Wisconsin (PCA)

### SEPTEMBER 2008

07 WMR IROC - Ionia Fair-  
grounds

08 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

13 Michiana Autocross –Tire  
Rack

TBA Dinner Drive

# Upcoming Events

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**19-21** Grand Prix of Grattan  
Driver's Education Event

**19-21** VSCDA Elkhart Lake  
Vintage Festival - Road America -  
Wisconsin

**27** Dinner Drive - Greg & Lee  
Konig (269)624-1741  
gregkono@yahoo.com

## OCTOBER 2008

**06** Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

**TBA** Dinner Drive - Fall Color  
Tour - Duane & Brenda Weed  
(231)937-4867  
duane@dwvideo.com

## NOVEMBER 2008

**03** Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM -  
*2008 Event Planning Meeting*

**12** Dinner Drive - Dave & Kris  
Reid (616)957-1498  
dreid993@comcast.net

## DECEMBER 2008

**01** Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

**06** Dinner Drive - Appetizer Party  
- Bob & Carol Friday (616)863-  
9395  
bfriday@chartermi.net

**25** MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### For more information on non-WMR events:

VSCDA - Google "Vintage  
Sports Car Drivers of America"

ALMS - Google "American  
LeMans Series"

DIS - Google "Daytona Inter-  
national Speedway"

PCA Events - go to "Porsche  
Club of America" club racing  
calendar

Michiana Autocross & IROC -  
Jim Morgan  
[jimandjudi@hoosierlink.net](mailto:jimandjudi@hoosierlink.net)

Motor-Stadt IROC - Google  
"Motor-Stadt"

Metro Cruise -  
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## Club Minutes February 2008

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 7:02PM, February 4, 2008, at Delta Imports.

Members present were: Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon, Rick Riley, Colin Carpenter, Arnie Axelrod

**Minutes:** Approved as printed in Uber.

**Treasurer:** Approved.

**Webmaster:** Michael has recently updated the website.

**Membership:** Amber reported two new members: Jeremy Brieve, Holland, James & Denise Essenberg, Caledonia, Cory & Britny Wade, Traverse City. Transfers In: 1, Transfers Out: 1, Non-renewals: 7, Renewals: 10, Primary Members: 255, Affiliate Members: 210. Total: 465

**Advertising:** John is on a business trip. There is one new ad – Autobahn Extremists.

**UBER:** Gabi reported that she and Craig are working on getting the issues out sooner. The double issue will now be April/May as their vacation schedule has changed.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Driving Events:** IROC – Sept 7. The Grattan committee will

be meeting in the next couple of months to begin preparation for DE. DE dates are posted on the Zone 4 website.

**President's Report:** none

### Old Business:

- January Dinner Drive** at Leo's – 21 attendees and a great time was had by all.

### New Business:

- WinterFest** – as of today there are 50 attendees. Everything is set.
- DE results on website** – discussion as to whether or not results should be posted as other car clubs have been experiencing automobile insurance issues as a result. More discussion will follow and a question will be posed at the President's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM  
Respectfully submitted by  
Brenda Hildon

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# WMR PCA Chili Party & Cook-off Competition

## April 19, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Enter your own chili recipe (in a Crockpot) and compete for:

- Judge's Choice
- People's Choice

YOU supply the Chili and we'll provide everything else to go with it. (BYOB)



*Don't be shy - you don't have to be Emeril or Rachel Ray - the more recipes entered, the more variety to enjoy!!! And you may go home with a new favorite recipe!*

*It's also ok if you don't cook. We need people to help eat it all. That's what makes the competition so fun! Mingle & Sample! Sample & Mingle!*

Join the fun at our home: Terry and Dorilee Schieble  
726 Lakeview Dr. Portage MI

Please RSVP by April 14<sup>th</sup>

to

269-329-1578 (H) or 269-271-2489 (Dorilee's Cell)

Or [dschieble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dschieble@sbcglobal.net) (Dorilee's e-mail)

COST: \$10.00 per person  
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**2001 Porsche 911 Turbo:** Arctic Silver Metallic, black leather interior. Perfect condition. 3400 miles. Navigation system, heated seats, 6 CD changer. First 2001 Turbo in West Michigan. \$83,036. Please call Greg at (231) 780-0102 or cell phone (231) 740-1077.

As a service to WMR/PCA members, classified ads for personal items are FREE! They will run for three consecutive issues unless other arrangements are made. Commercial and non-club members please remit \$5 per ad/month for Classified Ad space.. Send info and checks to Uber Alles editor. Please try to keep adds to 25 words or less.



## Welcome New Members!!

**Jeremy Brieve**  
Holland  
'98 Boxster

**James and Denise Essenberg**  
Caledonia  
'02 - 911 Carrera

**Cory and Britny Wade**  
Traverse City  
'83 - 944

## March ANNIVERSARIES

### 10 YEARS

Frank & Elynn Koger

Daniel Mekaru & Sheryl Fett

Brenda Hildon

### 15 YEARS

John & Chad Thatcher

Sue Deming

### 20 YEARS

Bob & Barb Clark

## The Laws of Golf

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernaturaltendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by yourworst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the numberof people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot beproven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golfball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playingpartners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of theuniverse. LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himselfas an instuctor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliategolfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it worksagainst you?

LAW 11: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from theclubhouse.

LAW 12: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyonein your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist ofa football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRSagent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 13: All 3-woods are demon-possessed.

LAW 14: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (see Law three)

LAW 15: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

LAW 16: "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker."

LAW 17: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the onewho beats you.

LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust yourscore to what it really should be.

LAW 19: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 20: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset of the same day.

## Membership in PCA --- WHY?

Did you know that Porsche Club of America is the largest independent, single marquee club in the world? As PCA says, "Thousands of members, millions of admirers." Despite this, it is amazing that there are still Porsche owners in the West Michigan area who are not aware of the existence of PCA. It is very common for members of the WMR PCA to join together for a dinner drive and have people stop to ask about the gathering because they have a Porsche at home in their garage. We have even had people follow our mini Porsche parade to see where we were all going!

We can set an example for other Porsche owners to join PCA, but we also need be able to inform potential members of some of the more tangible benefits of belonging. The cost of membership is a mere \$42 per year. The cost is very reasonable, but what do you get for less than a tank of gas? It's only fitting that you get a few perks, right? For starters, your membership is for 2 people - a primary member and a designated family member or another enthusiast that you choose (18 years old or older). Second, you will receive a subscription to Porsche *Panorama*, PCAs monthly magazine (\$7 of your membership goes for this publication). You also have access to these additional benefits:

- Vast technical publications — "Up-Fixin der Porsche" (Vol. 1-11 — reprints of all technical articles ever appearing in Porsche *Panorama*, organized by year of original publication, fully indexed).
- Tech Committee available to answer your questions. Specialists for all models plus exteriors, interiors and historic racecars.
- Valuation committee to help you establish the value of your Porsche for insurance purposes.
- Access to specialized insurance for Porsches that are second autos/pleasure only/limited use. Translates to money saved on premiums. (Leland-West Insurance — must be a PCA member.)
- PCA Club Racing Program — nationwide; modeled on vintage racing rules.
- Annual national convention (Porsche Parade) gathers in a different location each year. Over 600 Porsches and 1500 folks gather for a week of nothing but Porsche!
- Group tours (PCA Treffens®) to Europe and the Porsche factory.
- Access to a wealth of Porsche information on the PCA website

There is no additional cost to you to belong to your local region. In fact, when you join PCA, you will be placed in the region in which you live, unless you choose another region. The Western Michigan Region covers counties from north of Petoskey to just south of Kalamazoo, west of I75; which happens to cover some of the most scenic sights in the state!

There are also local benefits both to you and to the local region for joining PCA. For you:

- You will receive our newsletter, *über Alles*, published 11 times per year, reporting on the Upcoming Events and featuring pictures of members and Porsches.
- Access to discounted services and purchases from our local advertisers.
- Monthly local social activities with fellow Porscheophiles.
- E-mail notification of upcoming WMR PCA events.



- The chance to hone your driving skill on the track at Drivers Education and at Autocross events.
- Laughs about seeing people fly by us only to see them stopped on the side of the road taking pictures of our convoy.
- Access to other Porsche folks who may have been there, done that ... on their car.

But, for many, the greatest benefit turns out to be the friendships that are forged. PCA has a saying that "It's not just about the cars, it's the people". This is so true. Although it may be our love of Porsches that initially brings us together, we find that we have many other things in common. WMR PCA has at least 2 events every month and, during our fair weather driving season, may have as many as 4 or 5. The reason for this is to provide our membership with an assortment of activities to choose from. Of course, the most popular outings are the monthly dinner drives – and yes – they are every month. This goes back to – it's the people.

The region also benefits from increased membership in that PCA rebates a small portion of the national membership dues back for every member. This is used to help subsidize the *Uber Alles*, as well as other events as directed by the region's Board. If you have any questions, or would like to become involved or have any ideas for activities, please let one of the Board Members know – we'd love to have your input!

As you can see, there are many benefits to becoming and maintaining your membership to PCA. So, as the 2008 driving season begins, our challenge continues to be --- let's spread the word about PCA and WMR. There's no such thing as too many members - the more the merrier!

## **ARE YOU UP TO DATE?**

From Carolyn Ewbank, PCA National Membership Chair

"Each member can maintain their own (records) information so they're personally empowered and can take workload off the club volunteers. As a member logs in to the [pca.org](http://pca.org) site using their User name and Password, their individual member record is shown in the blue box on the right side. If any information needs to be changed, simply select an item and the edit page will come up so that changes can be made."

**UNLESS YOU HAVE JOINED RECENTLY, NEXT TIME YOU'RE ONLINE, PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD TO MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CURRENT – have you changed cars, auxiliary members, addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses??**

## WE HAD A GREAT TIME !

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, twenty intrepid Western Michigan Porsche Club members assembled at Leo's Restaurant for the first Dinner Drive of the New Year !.

Coming back to Leo's as a dinner drive location was a pretty easy choice for me - there are several things I like about Leo's:

First: the Salmon-wrapped Scallops, yummm.

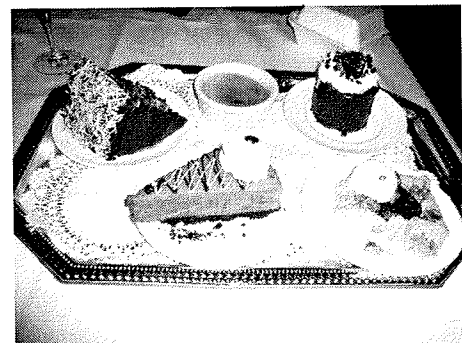
Second: we all sit at one very long table and it's great that everyone can see and talk to people to the left of you, people to the right of you, and people across from you !

Third: if the weather happens to be unpleasant (what? in January?), you park in the ramp and take the elevator down to the restaurant without having to step outside!

Fourth: Leo's is in downtown Grand Rapids and you get all the ambiance that comes with it. The white horse-drawn carriages go by and if you come early you can tour the new Art Museum just across the street.

If you missed Leo's, but are looking for a fun, low-key way to meet other Porsche fans, the monthly Dinner Drives are the way to go. Most of them are on a Wednesday evening (what else you going to do?) - it is always great food at an interesting Restaurant and you can be home by 10:00 ! However, more than just the automobile we all know and love, the people are as varied and as interesting as all the Porsche models under the sun !

Join us and I'm sure you, too, will **HAVE A GREAT TIME !**



WE'RE COMING IN FOR A LANDING ON OUR

## **MAY DINNER DRIVE WITH HOSTS JOHN & MARSHALL WALTERS**

The **May 31st** dinner drive destination is the **747 Neighborhood Bistro** in Plainwell (<http://www.the747.com/>). The restaurant just opened last June and one of the owners is a former 747 pilot (thus the name!). The 747 Bistro is located across the street from the Plainwell airport. In addition to a varied menu, with a focus on fresh ingredients, and full bar, the 747 Grill has a fantastic pastry chef who produces a large variety of decadent treats, so be sure to save room for desert! (Marshall's personal favorite is the sticky toffee pudding, although the canolis are good too!).

Plan to join us at the park-n-ride at the Bradley exit (Exit 59 off of US 131) at 5:00. Departure is 5:30 for a 75-minute (or so) drive through Barry County, which includes a number of lakes and curvy tree-lined roads. Our drive will end at the restaurant (a little before 7:00).

Please RSVP to Marshall by May 28th -- via e-mail at [marshall.walters@watsonwyatt.com](mailto:marshall.walters@watsonwyatt.com) or via phone (616) 254-2610 (work) or (269) 672-5055 (home).

## **WMR PCA Charities**

If you attended a WMR PCA event in 2007 you no doubt encountered the "**Change for Charity**" bucket. From the pockets and purses and car consoles of our event attendees, the club collected \$355 last year. In December, the Board voted to match the collected amount and divided the monies between the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and to the Marine Corps League of Michigan, which helps Veteran's and their families with Christmas gifts.

In addition to the "**Change for Charity**" the club also supports the Huntington's Disease Society of America - **HDSA**. Huntington's Disease is a hereditary degenerative brain disorder, which typically begins show itself between the ages of 30 - 45, although can begin as early as 2 years old. Although the Huntington's gene was isolated in 1993, there is still no treatment or cure and everyone who carries the gene will develop the disease. All participants who attend the Lloyd LaHuis Memorial Grand Prix of Grattan Driver's Education weekend have become familiar with this charity because of the passion of our members Karlene & Greg Currie, who have been directly impacted by this devastating disease. In 2007, our Drivers Education participants and the club together donated \$2000 over the weekend.

In 2008, you will continue to see the "**Change for Charity**" bucket out and about all of the WMR PCA events. The Board has agreed to continue the collection for donation to our veterans who have sacrificed so much to all of us.

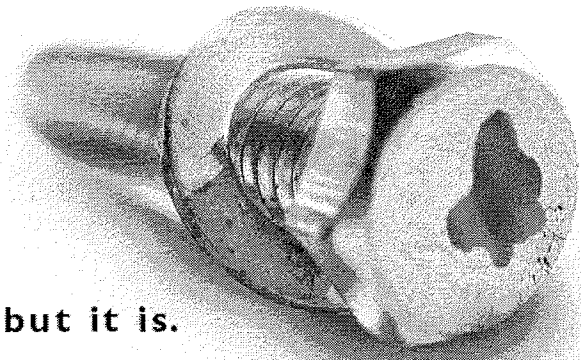
The Board would like to challenge all its members to double your donations from last year! A contribution of a mere \$5 (less than 2 gallons of gas) at each monthly event would more than double what we were able to collect in 2007. As the person who totes and counts the contents of the can, I would like to encourage you to donate generously and often – all U.S. currency denominations are gladly accepted!

Amber Door, Treasurer

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## A Winter Statistic

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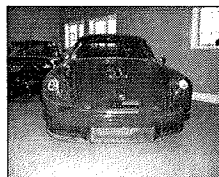
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