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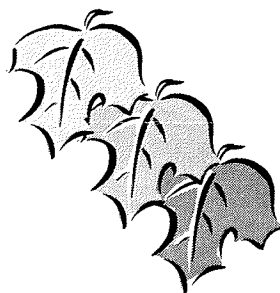
October 2008

This Month's Activities

OCTOBER 2008

06 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

11 Dinner Drive - Fall Color
Tour - Duane & Brenda Weed
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Grab your camera and join your hosts
Duane & Brenda Weed as they put on our fall event:

The Dam Fall Color Tour 2008 Saturday, October 11

It has been a few years since we traveled across the Hardy and Croton Dams
in search of the spectacular fall color that Michigan has to offer us.

This year we will take a much different route beginning at the
Big Rapids Meijers (US131 exit 139).
Our tour takes M20 west out of Big Rapids through a series of windy roads
cruising through White Cloud and back roads to the Hardy Dam.
Continuing on to Croton Dam, we can take a scenic photo or two before
heading out to the restaurant (yet to be determined).

Ladies, I am searching for a place with restroom along the way
for that all important break!

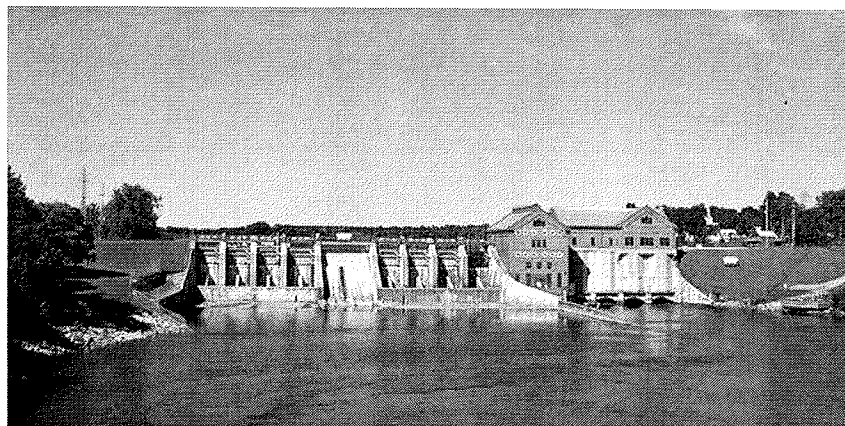
Depending on stops, this year's trip will be around 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Arrive at 4:00pm

At the Big Rapids Meijer Parking Lot (over behind Ruby Tuesday's)
Leave for Tour: 4:30pm

Please RSVP by October 6th

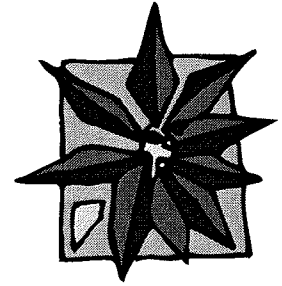
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Upcoming Events

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

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NOVEMBER 2008

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

12 Dinner Drive - Dave & Kris Reid
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DECEMBER 2008

01 Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

13 Dinner Drive - Appetizer Party -
Greg & Lee Koning (269) 624-1741
gregkono@yahoo.com

25 Merry Christmas

DECEMBER DINNER DRIVE

Saturday, December 13th at 7:00 PM

We are about to go where no appetizer has gone before.
In light of Bob & Carol Friday expanding the future
(population-hoorah!) of Rockford,
Lee and I are hosting the party this year in Lawton.
Yes, you're heading south (for most) in the winter –
a novel idea, eh?

*Let's kick it off at 7:00 PM on Saturday,
the 13th of Christmas month.*

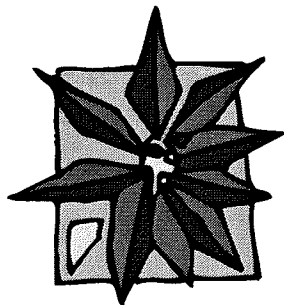
Per the party planner – please bring an appetizer to pass.
She can grow wine bottles, but cooking is a stretch.
(just ask her!)

If you've got a favorite seasoned grape (bottle) you wish to bring along
to share – the more the merrier – ho ho ho!

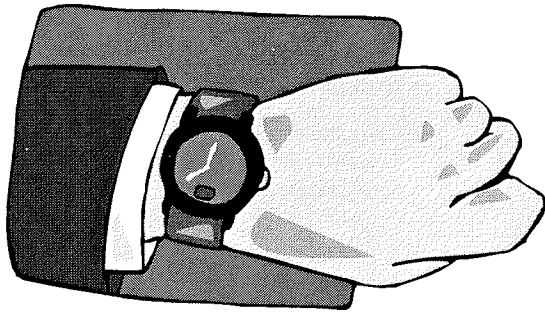
We are located about 45 minutes south of M6 & I131

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Lawton, Michigan 49065

Please RSVP by December 10th
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Upcoming Events



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE.....

It's *that* time of year again....the time of year to plan for *next* year!

Have you participated in and enjoyed your club events this past year? Would you like to do more activities with this fun group of Porschephiles? Is there an event you would like to have added to the calendar? You are part of a special club and we want your input!

If you've got an idea and would like to host a monthly dinner drive or special event – join us for the annual dinner ***Planning Meeting*** on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3TH @ 6:00PM @ PIETRO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 2780 BIRCHCREST SE, GR, 616-452-3228**. This is when the schedule is organized for the upcoming year - new faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

To the folks who would still like to put on their “Annual” event – please find a calendar for 2009 to pick a date for the upcoming year and let me know (616) 866-4143 or sgrafex@chartermi.net . The planning date will be here before you know it. And you thought it was still summer.....

If you are unable to join us at the meeting, or have any questions, please call or email your Board and they will present the information or suggestion. Thank you ! Ted Blacklidge

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE ABOVE :

6:00 FOR DINNER

7:00 FOR PLANNING MEETING

CLUB MINUTES: September

Delta Imports – Meeting was called to order by Ted Blacklidge at 7:03pm. Members present were: Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Lina Spross, Arnie Axelrod, Colin Carpenter, and Paul Krapp.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved.

Webmaster: Grattan information has been updated on the web.

Advertising: The Monk Ad will go into the next Uber.

Uber: Classified pricing will be \$10/month for a 3 month minimum for non PCA members.

Insurance: Insurance was mailed in for Grattan. Insurance is set for the September Dinner Drive, and for the color tour. No insurance is needed for the December Appetizer party.

Driving Events:

Grattan: 54 people have signed up to-date. The T-shirts have been ordered. The Charity will be the Grand Rapids Veteran's Hospital and Gabi will be providing breakfast items with the proceeds benefiting the Charity. The club may consider a match to the donations.

Old Business:

- Picnic Report: There were 15 cars at the event.
- Saunter Report: 36 attendees. The evening started gray and ended with a beautiful sunset.
- Metro Cruise: 9 cars showed at Delta. Burgers and brats were served.
- November Planning Meeting – Dinner will be at 6pm, prior to the meeting. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- WinterFest: Bridgewater is no longer managed by the Gilmore Group. The club is looking into alternative venues.
- Belle Isle Grand Prix: Attended by Dan and Ren Phillips, Amber Door and her family (who volunteered in the PCA tent). Great event. <http://detroitgp.com/>

New Business:

September Dinner Drive – Hosted by Paul and Renee Krapp. Details in the Uber and on the web.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm
Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon

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The average life expectancy was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in 1908 was 22 cents per hour. The average worker made between \$200 - \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 - \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at *HOME*. 90% of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country *for any reason*.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea had not been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults could not read or write.
Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "*Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.*"

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

I forwarded this from someone else without typing it (all) myself, and sent it to you and others all over Canada, the USA, possibly the World, in a matter of seconds!

Now try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.
It staggers the mind!

In Review: 4th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise

By Dan Phillips

Gearheads unite! The 4th annual 28th Street Metro Cruise was a blast, a very special weekend when hot rides from all over the West Michigan area converged to cruise from one end of 28th Street to the other.

Put on jointly by the Kentwood and Wyoming chambers of commerce, the event always begins on a Friday afternoon and continues until about 9:00 Saturday evening. The parking lots in front of Centerpointe Mall in Kentwood and Rogers Plaza in Wyoming serve as the event's dual focal points, providing roped-off parking areas, entertainment, and food booths. Participants can park their special car in one of these areas for \$10 on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no automotive discrimination at this event. Cars of all kinds populate the parking lots, with proud owners usually sitting in lawn chairs next to their prized beauties, ready to answer any questions you might have. Many have professionally-made signs or other displays or trophies, showing off just how cool and unique their cars are.

The main event is an 'unofficial' cruise of 28th Street, starting each day at about 5:00 pm. There is no real organization to this part of the event, as individual motorists cruise the street on their own terms, showing off their chrome, their pipes, their polished fenders, gawking at the others at the same time.

This is a really great event that could be called the Woodward of West Michigan. Cars of all kinds are on display and cruising around, with a universal acceptance of each other, drivers temporarily bonded by the common ground of automotive lust. Guys in Porsches giving the thumbs-up to old muscle cars. Teenagers and grown men alike sitting on curbs or in lawn chairs all along 28th Street shouting "Light 'em up!" to every hot car that passes by. A 19th-century stagecoach mounted on a Ford Model-A frame, with an LED 3rd-brake light that spells "WHOA". Dogs and cats living together. It's madness. It's great fun. I can't wait for next year.

However, this year at the Rogers Plaza site, the event was terminated with extreme prejudice just after 9:00 pm by a massive force of State, Kent County, Grand Rapids, and Wyoming police. At first, one would think that the 15 to 20 officers on motorcycles from all four branches in the center turn lane in front of Rogers Plaza was a matter of participation in the event by the police, in the way that fire trucks might be shined up and shown off at the county fair. This quickly turned into some sort of menacing oppression as officers completely blocked off 28th Street, basically forcing people out of the area. It created confusion and fear, and arguably created more problems than it solved. This could have been handled better by actual participation in the event, notification (like a "thanks for coming, drive home safely") over a loudspeaker, and some officers walking through the crowds shaking hands, but instead they chose the Tiananmen Square method. The extremely rude behavior of a few Wyoming officers was the cherry on top of it all. The completely unnecessary show of force by the police really soured the tail end of a nice community event.

Makes me want to do a smokey burnout the next time I'm in Wyoming...

Learn more about this event at <http://www.28thstreetmetrocrui.se.com/>



In Review: Porscheplatz at the 2008 Belle Isle Grand Prix

By Dan Phillips

If you have not yet been to the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, you owe it to yourself to experience this event first-hand. It is big-time racing at its best, and your nearest opportunity to get up-close and personal with LeMans prototype and GT racing.

For an entire weekend each August, Belle Isle, an island in the Detroit River less than a mile from downtown, is converted from a public park into a world-class racing circuit. The beautiful park, with its tall, mature trees and waterfront location, creates a great setting for this event.

Part of the American LeMans series, the Saturday race showcases four classes of cars on the track at the same time: sophisticated LMP1 (like the Audi R10) and LMP2 cars (Porsche RS Spyder) compete for series points while lapping the extremely loud IMSA GT cars. Who wouldn't want to see racing versions of some of the world's best sports cars go toe-to-toe in a beautiful park-like setting? In the GT class, Corvettes, Vipers, Aston-Martins, Ford GTs, Porsche 911s, Ferrari F430s, BMW M3s, and Panoz Esperante GTLM cars all duke it out for the top prize and series points.

What's more, you can see the race in true Porsche style – and save money in the process – by purchasing the Porscheplatz ticket package. This was a great deal and great way for Porsche-philes to experience the race. The package includes a great grandstand seat, a paddock pass, concession-stand bucks (good even for beer!), and a parking pass for your Porsche in the Porsche Corral on the island itself. (Everybody else has to park off the island, which really sucks. For them.) Porsche has a large tent set up with tables and chairs, a big-screen TV, and free water and pop. More than anything, it's a nice place in the shade to watch the race on TV while still hearing the ear-ripping exhaust notes just 100 yards away. This was a welcome relief to Porscheplatzers this year, with the scorching 90-something temperatures in the shade-less grandstands. The PCNA President and Porsche Racing executives were on hand to talk about the factory teams (Penske RS Spyderys and Flying Lizard GT2 cars), and they answered all the fans' questions. At the end of the day, you even get to do a parade lap – that's you, driving your car, on the track. Slowly, but still way cool.

One and two day Porscheplatz packages are available at \$80 and \$150 per person respectively. This is a big savings over buying your tickets separately and parking off the island. How can you go wrong? This year, the 120-car Porscheplatz sold out about two days before the race. Next year will be even more popular. You don't have to be a Porsche club member, but you do have to own a Porsche, or at least bring one to the race.

It is also very cool to be able to see the other car corrals adjacent to the Porscheplatz. Most of the manufacturers sponsoring cars were represented by fans in their own specially-arranged corral areas, including Ferrari (+Maserati), Audi, and the always popular Corvette corral. This year, the largest corral by far was for Dodge Vipers, as there was a Viper convention in Detroit the same weekend. Over 400 Vipers in one place is something to see. Not to mention the SMART car corral – odd, but cool.

IRL fans will love the weekend's main event – the IndyCar race on Sunday. The Indy cars are by far the fastest cars of the weekend, and are a lot of fun to watch. There is also the tons-of-fun SCCA SPEED World Challenge GT race on Sunday, with modified street cars on hand to ratchet up the excitement. If you only come for the Saturday ALMS event, don't worry – you can still witness Indy cars and the SCCA GT cars practicing and qualifying on Saturday. However you choose to enjoy it, it's a weekend you won't want to miss!

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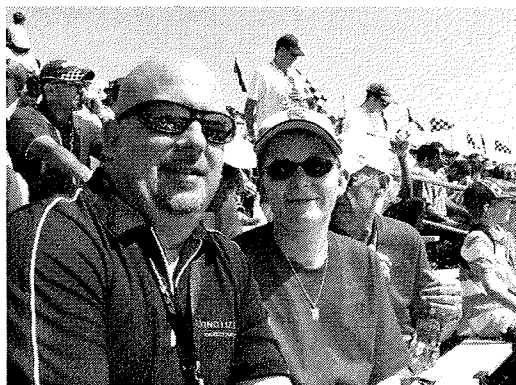
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P02-M	1	9	Dale Leonhard	914 2.0L	MIR	56.09
P04-M	1	100	Alan Ford	944 Turbo 2.5L	MIR	47.61
P08-M	1	13	Matt Napieralski	911 SC 3.0L	MIR	48.66
P08-L	FTD	14	Fran Napieralski	911 SC 3.0L	MIR	50.57
P09-M	1	8	Colin Carpenter	911 Carrera 3.2L	WMR	50.62
P12-M	1	44	Keith Halley	996 Carrera 3.6L	MIR	55.26
P15-M	1	610	Adam Laubach	Boxster S 3.2L	MIR	50.34
P16-M	1	92	Jim McKamey	Cayman S 3.4L	MIR	46.55
	2	26	Ricardo Gonzales	Cayman S 3.4L	CIR	46.74
	3	11	Edward Klunk	Cayman S 3.4L	WMR	49.22
M03-M	FTD	97	Tony Koufos	911 3.6L	MIR	45.34

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	2		Charles Hagen	986 Boxster S 3.2L	MSR	49.223
P03-M	1		Michael Betz	944 2.5L	WMR	47.174
P07-M	FTD		Denny Garrett	911 2.7L	WMR	45.120
P09-M	18		Colin Carpenter	911 Carrera 3.2L	WMR	46.302
			Michael Van Wyk	911 Carrera 3.2L	WMR	46.487
			Terry Feichtenbiner	911 Carrera 3.2L	MSR	51.520
P12-M			Scott Lockwood	996 Carrerra 3.6L	WMR	45.944
P12-L	FTD		Lori Lockwood	997 Carrerra 3.6L	WMR	51.510
P16-M	1		Edward Klunk	Cayman S 3.4L	WMR	45.715
I01-M	1		Craig Garrett	912 1.7L	WMR	48.139

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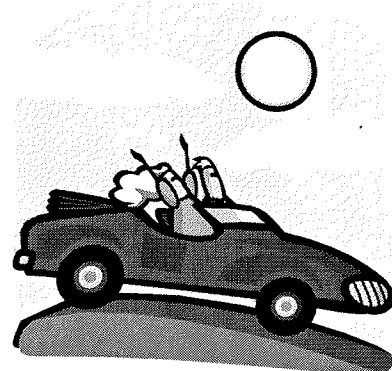
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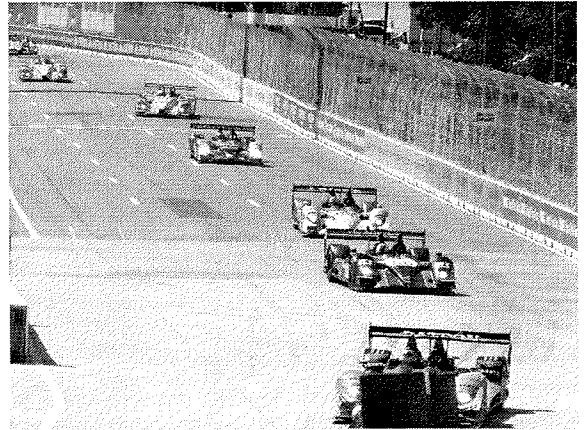


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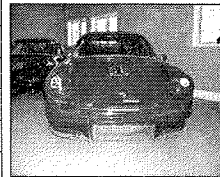
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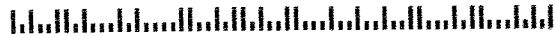
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