

ÜBER ALLES



February 2009

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

February 2009

- **02 Monthly Meeting** 7:00PM, Delta Imports
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 Winterfest 2009, 6:00PM
 University Club, Fifth
 Third Center
- 22 Morning After Brunch, 12:00PM, Charlie's Crab

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WHEN:

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 21, 2009

TIME:

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:00PM DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:30PM

FOLLOWED BY AN ABBREVIATED AWARDS
PROGRAM.

DON'T FORGET TO RVSP BY FEBRUARY 6TH 2009!!!

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings will occur on 1st Monday of every month at 7PM at Delta Imports, 6025 28th St. SE Grand Rapids, 49546

Morning After Brunch - 2009

After much searching to "mix it up" for a fabulous Sunday Brunch we discovered that we have already been dining on the best brunch in the area. So, as is tradition, we will again gather for a casual brunch on Sunday, February 22, 2009 for the "Morning After"

Winterfest.

Charley's Crab is located in downtown Grand Rapids over looking the Grand River. It has been offering some of the best seafood in Grand Rapids since 1979 and a Sunday Brunch that has been rated the Best by Grand Rapids magazine.

Reservations are for 12:00 noon at Charley's Crab located at 63 Market Ave S.W. Grand Rapids.

Mark your calendars for what will prove to be, yet again, a fabulous dining experience. We have reservations for 20 (or more).

Call if you have any questions. Can't make it to Winterfest? Come hear what you missed!

Remember: Who: You and anyone you would like to bring along

What: "Morning After" Brunch

Where: Charley's Crab 63 Market Ave SW Grand Rapids

When: Feb. 22, 2009 -- High Noon

Why: Food, Fun & Fabulous Friends -- The only 3

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How: RSVP by Wednesday February 18, 2008

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WEST MICHIGAN REGION PCA DRIVER'S EDUCATION

IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NEW PRESIDENT, THE GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN IS GOING TO "CHANGE" IN 2009

AFTER MANY YEARS OF ENDING OUR 3-DAY DRIVER'S EDUCATION EVENT WITH SUNDAY TIME TRIALS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO **CHANGE** THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL DAY SUNDAY FOR DRIVER'S EDUCATION STUDENTS AND OPEN TRACK TIME FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18 – 20. THE DETAILS ON TIME AND REGISTRATION WILL BE IN UPCOMING *UBER ALLES* AND ON THE WMR AND ZONE 4 WEBSITES.

For further information, contact Ted Blacklidge at sgrafex@chartermi.net



Congratulations to Mark Sellers, owner of the downtown Grand Rapids beer bar HopCat.

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Delta Imports, Grand Rapids — Meeting was called to order by Ted Blacklidge at 7:00pm. Members present were: Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Dan and Ren Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Eric and Lina Spross.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved. \$324 was collected through Change for Charity during 2008. We are eligible for a charity subsidy through National.

Webmaster: The website was updated this week. Ted mentioned that our website is outstanding as compared to others in the club. Go Michael!

Membership Report: 244 Primary Members, 198 Affiliate Members – total 442. New members are: Gary Jarrold, Traverse City, '81 911. Transfers In: 1, John and Jana Hanson, Grand Rapids, '76 914-4 – transfer from RSR Region, Transfers Out: 1 – to Florida Crown. Nonrenewals: 4, Renewals: 12.

We regret to announce: Former WMR member Marilyn Moses passed away January 2, 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family has chosen two memorials:

Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, PO Box 236, Popler Grove IL, 61065.

Tebala Shrine Air Squadron, c/o Art Hass, 1217 Ramona Terrace, Machesney Park IL, 61115

A motion was made and approved to donate \$50 to the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum. Going forward \$50 will be made to memorials as necessary.

Advertising: Nothing new to report . A few advertisers will not continue in 2009 as they have not paid.

Uber: Ren is toying with the idea of changing the layout.

Insurance: Kurt has nothing new to insure.

Driving Events:

IROC - No report. Ted will try to get more information regarding upcoming events.

Grattan DE — Sunday all-day event. Sept 18, 19, 20. We are looking for a marketing director for this event.

Old Business:

- December DD Appetizer Party hosted by the Konings. Well attended despite the bad weather. Great time had by all.
- Suggestions are encouraged for our 50 Year Anniversary event 2010.

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At the January meeting, the WMR Board voted to designate

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gerig's disease, as our 2009 Charity. One of our own members has been diagnosed with this disease, so please keep Bob Friday, and Carol & the twin babies, in your thoughts.

WESTERN MICHIGAN PCA 2009 CHARITY



Just what is ALS? Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a motor neuron disease, first described in 1869 by the noted French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot. Although the cause of ALS is not completely understood, the last decade has brought a wealth of new scientific understanding about the disease that provides hope for the future.

Lou Gehrig first brought national and international attention to the disease in 1939 when he abruptly retired from baseball after being diagnosed with ALS. Most commonly, the disease strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, and as many as 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time. ALS has cut short the lives of other such notable and courageous individuals as Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Senator Jacob Javits, actors Michael Zaslow and David Niven, creator of Sesame Street Jon Stone, television producer Scott Brazil, boxing champion Ezzard Charles, NBA Hall of Fame basketball player George Yardley, pro football

player Glenn Montgomery, golfer Jeff Julian, golf caddie Bruce Edwards, British soccer player Jimmy Johnstone, musician Lead Belly (Huddie Ledbetter), photographer Eddie Adams, entertainer Dennis Day, jazz musician Charles Mingus, composer Dimitri Shostakovich, former vice president of the United States Henry A. Wallace and U.S. Army General Maxwell Taylor.

ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that usually attacks both upper and lower motor neurons and causes degeneration throughout the brain and spinal cord. A common first symptom is a painless weakness in a hand, foot, arm or leg, which occurs in more than half of all cases. Other early symptoms include speech swallowing or walking difficulty.

The biological mechanisms that cause ALS are only partially understood. The only known cause of ALS is a mutation of a specific gene: the SOD1 gene. This mutation is believed to make a defective protein that is toxic to motor nerve cells. The SOD1 mutation, however, accounts for only 1 or 2 percent of ALS cases, or 20 percent of the familial (inherited) cases.

Familial ALS represents between five to 10 percent of all cases. The rest arise spontaneously and mysteriously, making seemingly random attacks on previously healthy adults. ALS can strike anyone, anytime.

Physicians have limited choices for treating ALS, and the options that do exist have

come into use within the last 10 years. Studies suggest that patients' length of survival and quality of life are enhanced by night-time breathing assistance early in the course of the disease and by aggressive application of alternate feeding options to assure good nutrition once swallowing becomes difficult. At this time, riluzole is the only drug that has been approved by the FDA for treatment of ALS. In clinical trials, riluzole has shown a slight benefit in modestly increasing survival time.

Stem cell and gene therapy are promising areas of research. In a variety of studies, ALS mouse models are being used to develop treatments that may someday lead to similar human clinical trials. Gene therapy is one field of research where The ALS Association is concentrating support for more study.

More significant advances of research into ALS has occurred in the last decade than all of the time since Charcot identified the disease. Advances in technology and the genetic revolution are aiding researchers in unlocking the ALS mystery. As more scientists focus on this perplexing disease, the outlook for new understanding brightens each day.

For more Information, please visit:

www.als.org

The Club extends its deepest sympathy to Bill Moses on the passing of his wife, Marilyn. Bill and Marilyn recently moved from our region to Chicago to be closer to their children after having been WMR members for more than 30 years.

Marilyn

Marilyn & I were more than husband & wife. We were soul mates. Maybe as unlikely soul mates as you can imagine.

Marilyn & I met at a Republican Fund Raising Barbeque in Evanston, IL., where I was living when I got out of the Army, on my first post-college job. The first thing I noticed was she had a nice shape, but it was her smile and her laugh that were endearing.

If our families of origin were not 180 degrees apart, they were at least 160! Marilyn grew up in Sauganash, an upscale north side community within Chicago. Her Dad and Uncle ran the family business, manufacturing metal card tables and chairs. The brothers lived three blocks from each other. Marilyn and her cousins spent the entire summer at a five-bedroom summer home her grandparents built in Trevor, WI - just over an hour east of here.

I grew up in St. Louis, MO as the younger of two boys. Because I was the youngest, I got to sleep in the kitchen, the only room in the house with heat.

So how did we become soul mates? We had a similar value system, respected each other for both our similarities and differences, and had a sense of humor. Marilyn taught me you couldn't have a dream come true - if you don't have a dream! So we reached together and surpassed our highest hopes. Most importantly, Marilyn provided me with a wonderful family, for which I planned from the time I was 14.

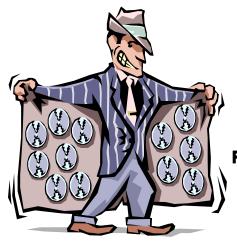
Marilyn wore a button that said - "I'm a miracle!" She truly was and she literally transformed the lives of those she touched.

Selfishly, Marilyn, we wish you were still here. Intellectually, we know you now breathe easier and are able to sing - maybe even one of my favorites - "He's Just My Bill".

Sweetie, next summer, we'll take your ashes back to Camp Lake - where you can run barefoot and play - as carefree as a child out of school. WE LOVE YOU!

Submitted by, Bill Moses

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JANUARY DINNER DRIVE

It was a cold and windy night.....

.....for a new spy novel? But, no - a dinner drive!

Ten intrepid certified Porsche nuts slipped and slid to Leo's fine dining restaurant in downtown Grand Rapids on Wednesday, January 14. I hosted Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, John & Marshall Walters, Ren & Dan Phillips, Amber Door & Jerry Arens, and Colin Carpenter, who all braved a bitterly cold Michigan evening to break bread, sip wine and compare winter driving stories.

Ted and I had the rich seafood Newberg in puff pastry. I think "Newberg" is French for cardio infarction! Wow, that was good - I had to pop extra Lipitor just on general principals.

One of the nice features of Leo's, is that you can drive into the parking ramp and take the elevator down to the restaurant level. No walking in the snow, so you don't have to wear your mucklucks.

Rest assured that no matter how many or few Porsche people gather, you are going to have some fun - and we did! Good food, good people, good fun!

See you at WinterFest and be sure to save the date for the next dinner drive in March!

Rick Riley.....





2008 FALL COLOR TOUR DINNER DRIVE

2008 FALL COLOR TOUR REPORT: Duane and Brenda Weed



This past fall found a couple dozen Porsche owners participating in the "Dam Fall Color Tour". We began the tour in Big Rapids and took a number of winding roads through Mecosta, Newaygo and Montcalm counties. During our travels, the parade of Porsches passed over Hardy and Croton Dams.

The final destination was the Loon's Nest at Whitefish Lake Golf Course. When I asked for special parking at the Loon's Nest, they accommodated us by placing all the cars out on the practice green! What a lovely sight! As the snow blows this winter, and all is white and frozen, take a moment to reflect on the cool, colorful days of fall and look forward to the warm, sunny days of summer.







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WEST MICHIGAN REGION 2009 CALENDAR - UPDATED

January	5 14	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Dinner Drive – Leo's Restaurant Host: Rick Riley
February	2 21 22	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Winterfest Host: Brenda Hildon Morning-After Brunch – Charley's Crab Host: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
March	2 11	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Dinner Drive – Grattan Bar Host: Kurt Wirth
April	6 18	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Dinner Drive – Chili Cookoff Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble
May	4 30	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Dinner Drive – Destination TBD Hosts: John & Marshall Walters
June	1 10	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Gilmore Gathering – Hickory Corners Host: Rick Riley Spring Up to Traverse City Hosts: David & Beth Howard PCA Parade (National) – Keystone, CO (29th June – 04th July)
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*Note – All dates subject to change. Please watch Über Alles and wmi.pca.org for the latest events, dates, & locations.

Visit wmi.pca.org for more fun events!

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WEST MICHIGAN REGION 2009 CALENDAR - UPDATED

July	6 11 25	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Gimmick Rally Hosts: Ted & Gabi Blacklidge Dinner Drive – Destination TBD Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips
August	3 8 22 28	Board Meeting – Delta Imports Family Picnic & Concours Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens Dinner Drive – Saunter to the Shore Hosts: Barry & Candis Collick 28th Street Metro Cruise (28th & 29th) Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips
September 14 8-20 TBD		Board Meeting – Delta Imports Grattan Driver Education Dinner Drive – Destination TBD Host: Randy Portoluri
October 5 TBD		Board Meeting – Delta Imports Fall Color Tour – Destination TBD Hosts: TBD
November 2 6		Board Meeting – Delta Imports (2010 planning) Dinner Drive Hosts: Duane & Brenda Weed
December 7 TBD		Board Meeting – Delta Imports 12 th Annual WMR Appetizer Party <i>Hosts: TBD</i>

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Porsche Museum

Stuttgart. In the new Porsche Museum the final preparations are made for the opening on Saturday 31 January 2009. At last, now that the scaffolding has been removed, it is possible to see to the full extent the bold architecture of the building at the head office premises of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG in Zuffenhausen: The 5,600 square metres of exhibition space are supported on just three so-called cores of reinforced concrete – hence just seeming to hover in space. Inside the building the majority of approximately 80 exhibits are already in place.

In the other areas of the new building – amongst them the museum workshops, the museum shop, the Porsche archive, an exclusive restaurant, a bistro and the capacious event areas – a team of experts are busy putting the finishing touches. Three days after the ceremonial opening, which takes place on Wednesday the 28 January 2009, the doors of the new Porsche Museum will be flung open to welcome the first visitors. On a daily basis, apart from Mondays, the exhibition can be viewed for an admission price of eight Euros (reduced price: four Euros). Children up to the age of 14 get free admission when accompanied by an adult.

The restaurant on the second floor – which has both a view through the glass facade onto the Porscheplatz as well as through the glass partition into the exhibition itself – has its own separate entrance and is also open at hours different from those of the museum itself.

With the new museum and its range of catering facilities additional capacity for conferences, company and private events in exceptional surroundings will come into being. We have already received hosts of inquiries.

Interested parties can get more detailed information from the Internet on www.porsche.com/museum





Porsche Wins Numerous Prizes and Awards

Stuttgart. 2008 was yet another excellent year for Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, in the truest sense of the word: once again, the 911, the Boxster, Cayman, and Cayenne brought home numerous prizes and awards for the German manufacturer of sports cars. In all kinds of contests, competitions and tests, both the public and the press, customers and connoisseurs confirmed through their vote that Porsche continues to outperform even the greatest expectations in the market.

Porsche has become a regular winner in the contest for the "Best Cars", conducted each year by Germany's leading motor magazine auto motor und sport among its readers. In 2008 the Overall Convertible Award went to Porsche's proven 911 Carrera Cabriolet. The readers of Sportauto, another leading German car magazine, chose the Boxster in the Convertible/Roadster Category up to Euro 80,000 as the "Most Sporting Car in 2008", thus paying their tribute to the enormous dynamic driving potential offered by Porsche's lightweight mid-engined roadster.

The open-air 911 also convinced the readers of Auto Zeitung to choose this outstanding car as No 1 in the Convertible Category above Euro 30,000 for their "Auto Trophy". And for the 15th time in 21 years, the 911 Carrera was chosen by the same readers as the "Best Sports Car", winning its category by a wide margin. Auto Bild Sportscars, in turn, acknowledged the 911 GT2 as their most outstanding sports car, just as the 911 GT2 was also lauded by Powercar, another leading sports car magazine, as the winner in the Supersports Category above 450 bhp. The 911 GT2 is of course the top supersports model within the 911 model series.

The editors of the same magazine also picked the 911 Turbo Cabriolet as their No 1 in the Convertible/Roadster Category and the Cayenne Turbo S as the best offroader.

The Cayenne successfully defended its leading position as the benchmark in the SUV market with several magazines. Readers of Off Road, a specialist magazine for vehicles of this type, chose the Cayenne in their "Off Road Award 2008" as the best luxury SUV. Diners Club Magazine lauded the Cayenne as the "Best Offroader of the Year", and the internet portal Autoscout24 presented the Cayenne with its "Internet Auto Award" as the best sports utility of its class throughout the whole of Europe. Porsche's SUV also won the national competitions in Germany, France and the Netherlands, with Autorecht24 placing the Cayenne Turbo right at the top in 2008 as the "Car of the Year".

Porsche models were among the winners also on other continents, as is clearly borne out by two examples in particular: No less than two Porsche sports cars appear on the podium in the prestigious "Performance Car Of The Year" Award presented by Motor Magazine in Australia, with the 911

GT2 ranking right at the top and the new Carrera S with PDK receiving third place from the jury. And in the opinion of the US car magazine Car and Driver, Porsche's Boxster and Cayman entry-level models are among the world's "10Best Cars", as in the previous year.

Porsche sets the benchmark not only in terms of products, but also through its vehicle concepts and technologies. As an example, VDI-Gesellschaft Mess- und Automatisierungstechnik awarded their "Useware Prize 2008" to Porsche's new PCM 3.0 Communication Management. PCM stands out in particular through its simple, rapid and safe operation, this special award presented once a year expressing the appreciation of the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers) for particularly user-friendly systems based on outstanding methods of development.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Well, this is it, folks - my last "official" entry as Editor of the ÜBER ALLES. It will probably not be the last time you hear from me; however, as I'm sure I'll be adding my two cents about dinner drives, social activities and the Grand Prix of Grattan.

And you should be following my example of contributing to your club newsletter! Send pictures, letters and articles of interest to you – someone else will want to see them too.

Ren Phillips will be taking over with the March issue, so please send any of these goodies, or any questions or suggestions regarding the ÜBER ALLES, on to her at: renlopes@sbcglobal.net.

See you at the wonderful events your Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America offers you!

Gabriele

C/O Ren Phillips 2676 Briarwood Court SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512



HERE'S A CHANCE TO BOOST YOUR ENTHUSIAST'S POINTS!

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU**" to all the Dinner Drive Hosts for supplying me with their event information. I really appreciate all your efforts in complying with my deadlines for advertising your events - I know it's taxing on your time. I also know that Ren will appreciate your enthusiastic cooperation when she comes acallin' in 2009.

Now for the exciting news: the Board has voted to allow an additional method to accumulate points: If you are a host, or if you attend any of the events offered by your Western Michigan Region or any PCA sponsored event; and you make the effort to submit pictures and/or a post-event write-up to the UBER ALLES, you will be issued 10 points.

Included in the original hosting points is the pre-event "ad"; but for the first time, 10 extra points will be added for follow-up articles* and/or pictures. This is your club and your newsletter and we encourage you to participate.

So, attend your next event with a camera and a pad of paper – send us your compositions and watch the points pile up!

Gabi Blacklidge, Co-editor

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