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March 2009

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2009

- 02 **Monthly Meeting** 7:00PM,
Delta Imports
- 11 **March Dinner Drive,**
7:00PM Grattan Bar, Kurt
Wirth
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**

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Grattan reminds us of our historic and long running DE event in the fall and our famous **DINNER DRIVE** to the **GRATTAN BAR** in March.

Being the host for this hearty home cooking event, I would like to invite everybody to join me on **WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2009** at the Grattan Bar for great participants, food and fun.

Reservations have been made for 7:00PM at the Grattan Bar located in the rustic town of Grattan about a quarter mile west of the intersection of M-44 and Lincoln Road.

Address: 11817 Old Belding Road NE.
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Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 10th **LATEST** via e-mail: kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net,
Or calling me at 616-956-0249

Let's get some excitement into the dreary month of March, let's have fun and enjoy some down home cookin'.

Auf zur Grattan Bar!!
Host: Kurt Wirth



Upcoming Events

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

Enter your favorite Jambalaya recipe in Porsche Club's

Bergspyder Jambalaya Party & Cook-off Competition

April 18, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Enter your own Jambalaya in a crock pot and compete for:

- Judge's Choice
- People's Choice

(Or be an official sampler of them all!)



MENU:
YOUR Jambalaya
All the extras provided

BYO:
Beer and Wine



*An award will be given to the first RSVP who knows what a
Bergspyder is!!!*

We will gather at the home of:
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Dorilee's Cell: 269-599-7324



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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-Kaempf, John Kilgren, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Eric and Lina Spross.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved.

Webmaster: No report.

Membership Report: 245 Primary Members, 200 Affiliate Members – total 445. New members are: John and Barbara Bilow, Grawn, '06 Cayman S, Bradley and Barbara Fitch, Traverse City, '03 Boxter S. Transfers In: 0. Transfers Out: 0. Non-renewals: 3, Renewals: 11.

Advertising: We are waiting for payment from a couple of advertisers. Working with Haggerty to get them back in the Uber. We've corrected the copy for Delta.

Uber: Uber should be in the mailbox this week. Ren is looking for a new printer. She should have an update by the next meeting. The Uber will now be in PDF format on the website and Amber will email the PDF to new members.

Insurance: Kurt has nothing new to insure.

Driving Events:

Grattan DE – Sunday all-day event. Sept 18, 19, 20. Eric Spross has volunteered to be our marketing director for this event. If anyone else is interested in this position, please contact Eric. The Zone 4 website lists all of the DE events. We are attempting to list our DE event in other region's publications.

Old Business:

January DD – Leo's, Grand Rapids. Hosted by Rick Riley. 10 attendees enjoyed the evening.

New Business:

- WinterFest Update – 29 attendees to date. Everything is set. Zone 4 Representative Roy Wilkinson will be attending.
- Morning After - Amber has made a preliminary reservation for 20 people at Charlie's Crab
- March DD – Grattan Bar, March 11 @ 7pm. Details to follow in the Uber and on the web.
- Parade – Colorado. July 1. Registration March 2,3,4. Accepting 1,000.
- 50th Anniversary – Planning is beginning. We need volunteers and ideas!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectively submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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Winterfest 2009

48 crazy ~~people~~ brave souls made it through the clipper to attend our annual WinterFest celebration February 21. Good food and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. The Early Bird prize went to Sherry Kelley. Paul Thieme won \$96 dollars in the 50/50 drawing and the other half was donated to our Change for Charity recipient - ALS Foundation. Dan Phillips was the Enthusiast of the Year for 2008 with Amber Door as Runner-Up. Our Zone 4 Representative, Roy Wilkinson, was in attendance and gave the group a brief update on upcoming "happenings" in our zone. A big "thank you" to everyone who assisted with this event: Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Lacey Blacklidge, Michael Betz, Amber and Jerry Door. Special thanks to Arnie and Val Axelrod who sponsored us and enabled us to host the event at the lovely University Club. Following are a few shots taken by Amber Door and Jerry Ahrens throughout the evening. ~ Brenda Hildon-Kempf



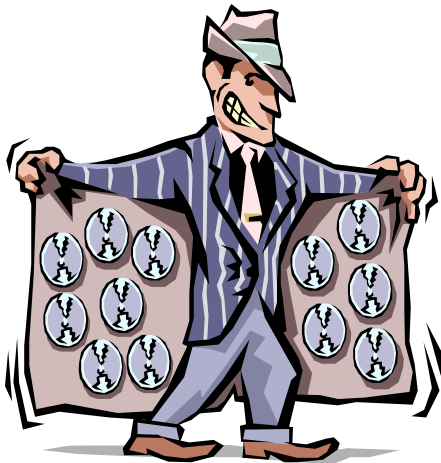
MORNING AFTER BRUNCH 2009

On Sunday, February 22 if you were looking for 15 hungry Porsche Enthusiasts you needed to look no farther than Charlie's Crab. The Michigan weather held out with no freezing rain or snow in sight for our 2009 event. This was good news to all who attended as the travel home from brunch ranged to less than 10 miles to over 300. Our long distance guest was Roy Wilkinson, our Zone 4 Representative who drove from Akron to attend both Winterfest and The Morning After Brunch.

As we arrived and were escorted to our table the array of deserts were spread before us. This seemed to be a reminder to all of us to make sure that we paced ourselves and save room for dessert! The buffet was spread with selections to please any palate from omelets to sushi. For 2 hours we casually grazed through the award-winning buffet and enjoyed great conversation with our fellow club members. Based upon observation (sitting at the end of the table) of the number of times each person took "the walk" nobody left hungry, everyone had some dessert(!) and enjoyed a nice dry drive home. We missed all of you who were not able to attend. Were your ears burning? We may have been talking about you and how sorry we were that you could not make it. We hope to see you next year! ~ Amber Door



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From the Desk of the President ...

Well, WINTERFEST 2009 has passed and I do believe that officially makes me one year into my presidency, with Dan Phillips waiting in the wings. The year 2008 passed by with a full schedule for our club including several months with two or three activities. Our schedule for 2009 is filling up, so be sure to write the dates on your calendar – you don't want to miss any great get-togethers!

WinterFest 2009 was held at a new location this month - The University Club. WMR wishes to send a heartfelt "thank you" to Brenda Hildon-Kempf and Amber Door for organizing the affair. As would be expected with Brenda and Amber handling the details, everything ran smoothly. Also, a big "thank you" to Michael Betz - if our (un)official MC were ever scheduled to be out of town on the night of the WinterFest, we would just have to postpone until he returned! Arnie (& Val) Axelrod was the man that made the University Club venue possible, which gets big thanks from all of us as well.

The super prize of the evening is presented to the person who scores the highest number of points throughout the year for activities and meetings. This year's Runner-Up is Amber Door, our club Treasurer. The First Place for ENTHUSIAST AWARD was presented to your club Vice President, DAN PHILLIPS. His lovely wife, Ren, our new *Uber Alles* Editor, accepted for Dan because he was required to go to China to play golf (or maybe work a little too).

For those of you that were not in attendance, well you missed quite a sight from the 13th floor of the Fifth Third Bank building. We were able to watch a pulsating blizzard for a couple of hours across the Grand Rapids skyline. And, just before we were finished with our activities, the snow stopped. Pretty cool – in every sense of the word!

We had approximately 50 people in attendance with four new members joining us - John & Jana Hanson and John Weidenfeller & Sharon Mainer, as well as returning member Jack Engelhardt and his guest Sherry Kelley. Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoyed WinterFest 2009.

Our 2009 Drivers' Education event will be September 18, 19, & 20. As you all know, this is the BIG event for our club for driving and for fundraising. Unfortunately, last year's turnout could have been much better and the Grattan Committee felt it is necessary to get one person to focus on marketing this event. At our last Board Meeting, ERIC SPROSS volunteered to be the man, agreeing to be Interim Marketing Director. Thanks, Eric, and members, when you see him, be sure to give him a big thumbs-up!

Everyone watch your *Uber Alles* for upcoming events. Kurt Wirth will be hosting his annual March dinner drive on the 11th - always a fun casual event at the infamous Grattan Bar. (Don't forget to RSVP to your hosts for the events as they need to provide counts to restaurants for service accommodations.) We're a pretty fun group and most of our events involve food and beverages of some sort, so you're almost always guaranteed to enjoy yourself!

Ted Blacklidge, President

PS: Hopefully, spring is almost upon us and we deserve for it to arrive a wee bit early. Just remember to wait until a couple of real hard rains to wash away the road salt before you get those older Porsches back on the road.

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MORPCA will be holding an instructor Class on Friday July 10th at Putnam Park. The format will be generally as follows: the class will be divided into two groups: Mentors and Candidates.

The more experienced instructors will be mentors, paired with a candidate. (Both mentors and candidates will be accredited). The program will be divided between in-class instruction and on track instruction. Four on-track sessions will be held through the day. The Mentor will be doing the driving (at a D student level and speed).

The program will end around 3:15 p.m. Instructors will be given open track for the rest of the day to blow off a little steam.

Instructors will be asked (not required) to instruct over the weekend on Saturday and Sunday during the regular DE.

Cost for the class \$150.00. This includes all 3 days. We expect to include a shirt and food (this is not confirmed yet because we do not have all our cost

calculated, but I would expect something more than just admission.) The size of this class will be limited by the size of the class room facilities at Putnam. We have already had enough people respond indicating they are "interested" to fill this class if they register. We expect that we will have a wait list. Therefore, if this is something that you want to do, I would recommend that when registration opens you respond promptly.

Registration will open on Monday May 11th and will close on Monday June 8th or as soon as the class is full.

Only applications with payment will be considered for acceptance. When accepted you will receive email confirmation with additional instructions. Instructors who are declined will receive an immediate refund.

Frank Todaro, Driving Events Chair, MORPCA

For any instructor who is considering this opportunity, please e-mail me at No39rsr@sbcglobal.net and I will forward an application to you. ~ Terry Schieble, WMR Chief Driving Instructor.

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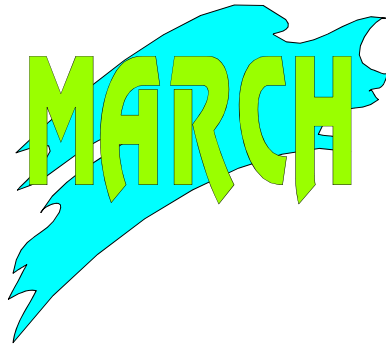
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