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August 2009

WMR PCA Picnic and Topside Concour *Saturday August 1, 2009*



[Gilmore Car Museum](#)

6865 Hickory Road
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For 2009, the Western Michigan Region will be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts for the annual Red Barn Spectacular. This event is billed as West Michigan's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic and special interest car show. The event includes a swap meet, food booth, judge's concour and people's choice concour.

The Porsche Club will have a car corral at the event located on the [north end](#) of the track (west side of the museum grounds). We will be having a Porsche only topside concour.

You may also enter your 1980 and older Porsche in the People's choice category.

Feeling the need for Detail – enter it in the Judges Choice category (open for 1983 and older vehicles)!

You must register separately for this portion of the event.

Museum entry fees are as follows –

\$10.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people)

\$8.00 for general admission, Free for children under 11!

Gates open at 8:00am Picnic tables will be available.

Pack a lunch or purchase food at the [Blue Moon Diner](#).

To ensure that we have adequate corral parking, please

RSVP by Wednesday July 29, 2009

...with Your Name, Car Year, Make & Model, to
Amber Door or Jerry Arens

616 340-0971 / 616 457-4515 / Amdoor242@aol.com



See you at the Museum!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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Upcoming Events

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



INAUGURAL WMR GOLF OUTING HOSTED BY ARNIE AXELROD AUGUST 7, 2009

Sign up now for our first club golf outing. Date is Friday, August 7, 2009. Tee time 2PM

We will play Egypt Valley Country Club. This is one of the finest golf courses in the area.

Participation will be limited to the first 16 who reserve. We will play 18 holes and those who wish may enjoy food and drinks after golf.

Cost is \$75 per person for golf and cart. Food and drink will be additional. To reserve, please contact me as soon as possible to confirm your place.

Payment must be to me by July 25. No provisions have been made for last minute walk-ons. You must reserve and pay to play.

Reserve to me at amaxelrod@att.net. Checks made payable to me and sent to 1550 Cramton Ave, NE, Ada, MI 49301. Phone 616-676-1330.



JOIN US...



...FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL 28TH STREET METRO CRUISE!

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 28-29 2009

This year, your Western Michigan Porsche Club invites you to experience the Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber of Commerce's 5th annual 28th Street Metro Cruise with your fellow Porsche Club members.

Join us Friday night at 6:00 pm at Delta Imports, where we will park our cars along 28th Street, to both see and be seen. Sandmann's BBQ will be provided courtesy of Delta Imports! Everyone can come hang out for a while, and cruise 28th Street at their leisure or in groups. Don't miss it!

Then, on Saturday, we are gathering in the parking lot of Centerpointe Mall to form a PCA Paddock! *[This location may change, so watch your email, and the wmr.pca.org for updates!]* There will be ample parking space for club members wishing to show off their shiny, clean Porsches to the adoring crowds. Best of all, there is NO CHARGE for this – they want us to participate, so let's give them a show!

Dan Phillips will be at the Paddock location beginning at 9:00 am, and will hoist the big Porsche flag, so it should be easy enough to find. (If you still can't find us, call Dan Phillips on his mobile at (616) 292-3852.) There will be a tent for shade and a place to park your lawn chairs. There will also be bottled water for club members.

Bring your car, bring your dust cloth, bring your display signs, bring your trophies and bring your sunscreen...it will be a day to remember!

- Friday Night, 6:00 pm, Delta Imports
- Saturday (9:00 am - all day), Centerpointe Mall *[location subject to change!]*

Contact Dan Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or dphil66@hotmail.com for more info.

<http://www.28thstreetmetrocrui.se.com/>



Saunter to the Shore ...



Don't you just love this time of year? Time to relax, time to hang out with friends on the deck – cocktail in hand, time to get out the Porsche and just meander through the countryside. It's what summer is all about – kicking back and just taking life in. And that is the point of our August Dinner Drive – time to just **Saunter to the Shore** with fellow enthusiasts!

August is a time for driving and exploring beyond your own backyard. So with exploring in mind, we once again started searching for something new and exciting to add to the Event Calendar. But you know what? We just couldn't improve on the last two years! Boatwerks – and the saunter there – were so well received by everyone we decided to repeat the whole venue one more time. So get ready to relax and have fun on this year's **Saunter to the Shore!**

We are once more headed someplace truly special – **Boatwerks** on the waterfront in Holland!

The theme at **Boatwerks** is classic vintage motorboats of the 40's, 50's and 60's. Names like Chris Craft, Century, Garwood, Hacker Craft. Boats made during the golden age of American craftsmanship. Clean, graceful styling, beautiful varnished mahogany, shiny chrome hardware, and the roar of a fast engine. Boats like these are still in use on Lake Macatawa, and some are still being made the time honored way right here in the area.

The approach at the restaurant is similar to these vintage and modern classics: buy the best ingredients, use time tested methods and expert craftsmanship, avoid shortcuts, trends and fads. Simple, honest cooking and friendly, efficient service in a clean, comfortable environment is their goal. We can't wait to share it with you!

Hosts: Candis and Barry Collick 269-345-2488 or cblick@iserv.net

You must RSVP for this event by Thursday August 20th – we will have a private parking area set aside just for our group along with an area in Boatwerks where we can be "clustered" together. So mark your calendar, give us a call or email to get on the list.

When: Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 PM Meet at the Overisel Lumber Company parking lot in Douglas, just off of the 196 exit 36 ramp to get registered for the drive.

We will depart at 4:30PM SHARP! You really don't want to miss the drive – it is why we own these cars after all! We will be following the coast, avoiding the highways and exploring the possibilities on our way to a fabulous dinner @ Boatwerks!

5:00 PM: Cocktails in the lounge at Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant 216 Van Raalte Ave Holland, MI

5:30 PM: Group seated for dinner. Order off the menu. Separate checks. No calculator or sharp pencils required!

GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN DRIVERS' EDUCATION EVENT SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20 2009

The event is limited to 80 Participants – 15 Novice, 65 Experienced – REGISTER NOW!!

Grattan is one of the finest road courses in America. It is located only 20 minutes northeast of Grand Rapids. The 2-mile course is winding, hilly and has a complex assortment of almost every conceivable corner imaginable. The 10 turns include both uphill ascending and descending radius turns, a flat out dog-leg off the 160 degree hair-pin turn, a hidden apex, a Monza bowl, "S" turns, and even a downhill reverse-camber turn. It has been said that if you can master Grattan, you can drive anywhere! It also allows spectators the most viewing surface to watch, with 90% of the racetrack visible from one seat.

If you are new to road courses, you will experience first-hand how to manage your high-performance automobile in a controlled, closed environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in everyday driving conditions. Each novice will be assigned an instructor and will be a Drivers' School Participant.

The event format is as follows:

Friday, September 18 is set aside for ADVANCED Drivers' Education only. Prior track experience, either at Grattan or other tracks, is required. NO EXCEPTIONS! Novices are welcome to help – and will benefit from learning more about the track.

Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 21 will be Drivers' Education with full instruction and professional corner worker support. Novices will begin each day with DRIVER'S SCHOOL before starting track activity with assigned instructors. Saturday night, the *Western Michigan Region PCA* invites you to join us for a TRACKSIDE BANQUET.

Sunday September 01 will complete the Driver's Education instruction at approximately 5:00. No Time Trials this year.

During lunchtime on Saturday and Sunday, we will have low-speed TOURING around the track. The "cost" is a \$20 donation, which will be given 100% to the designated WMR Grattan Grand Prix charity. Lunch is available at the track on all three days.



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SEE YOU AT THE TRACK IN SEPTEMBER!



Drivers Education

(from a Novice's Point of View)

I was so excited when I finally got my Porsche, a 1990 911 C4. She is small, sharp and fun to drive, needed "a little work" but overall I was in love. Of course my excitement led me to the internet and during the first of many searches I discovered PCA, along with *Pelican Parts*. My number one search site, which had been *Neiman Marcus*, was immediately replaced by *Pelican Parts*.

I spent countless hours washing and waxing her while bugging my husband to make sure all the gauges worked and that the oil pressure was right, making sure to specify for him all the lights and little details that I wanted fixed.

I had the car a year and would drive AMAMA (as much as Michigan allows).

While reading through Uber Alles one month, an article stood out, "*Drivers Education*", I thought it sounded kind of fun, but I already knew how to drive! For some reason, I couldn't stop thinking about it. So I signed up out curiosity, wondering what a "Tech" check was and why would I need a helmet?!

The article I had read said to go the day before to kind of get the feel for things and help out a little. My heart started racing as we pulled into the Grattan track and suddenly I realized that maybe I was the one that needed "a little work!" After watching a few Porsches fly by, and hearing the deep exhaust sounds that were completely over the top, they let us cross the track. We walked toward a tent and Amber pops out and warmly says "You must be Jill!" Feeling an immediate sense of camaraderie, Amber walks us around to meet some people and get a feel for what I am about to experience.

I became awestruck walking between all the beautiful Porsches parked near the track. After strolling around we head to the Grattan bar. WOW, nice people, great fun, food and lots of talk about cars.

Saturday morning I show up for the drivers meeting. I think that's cute we're probably going to talk about a few rules. As the instructor begins talking I think "WHAT, my car needs to be 'teched'?? If I go off the track I have to go back to the Tech area? WHAT? OK...breathe... I tell myself to settle down. I find out my personal instructor is Terry, bonus that he's the head instructor, whom we met at diner the night before. I am hyper beyond and he seems laid back... this will work out perfectly.

Terry tells me to get in because it's our turn to go out. I get in, Terry starts my car, but hey this doesn't feel like my car, my car jerks a little when going in reverse. We approach the grid and get released into the first curve. My heart pounds as I think that this totally is not my car... my car can't pull these kind of G's in a turn. Its 90 degrees, my

heart is racing and the Porsche is reborn! I had no idea my car had these capabilities. This simply was not doing 90mph on I-96 with my radar detector. I can't stop smiling with excitement as we make our way to the 90 degree turn. Just raw hard cool! I realize at that moment that this car that I had never really driven the car I had owned for 2 years.

Now it's my turn to drive and I now knew this was not going to be easy. Still in shock that my 19 year old car could "shake it up" I shook inside. After about 30 turns, I hear "Jill where are you?" referring to my place on the track. Next thing I know it's "GO!" and "keep your hands on the wheel!" Then the one thing that Terry dreads, "let him go by." (My left arm was developing a bicep from letting others go by!)

After what feels like a thousand turns, Terry says I'm ready for him to sign me off. This translates to "Jill is aware of other drivers and not a danger."

On the last run I walk up and say I am not driving, Terry is shocked and confused at first but I explain "I need you to drive my car but this time like you want me to drive." I know that this example will be my best teacher. I would never change that decision. He knows the cars capabilities and I obviously don't have a clue. With Terry at the wheel I started to realize the true potential of this machine on the track.

As my husband and I drive home on Saturday, I am exhausted and in love with my car, wondering if I could do this tomorrow.

Sunday arrives and as I am getting ready to go to the track I can feel the adrenaline rush. I love the smell of brake fluid in the morning. I look at my car with a whole new respect. My first run on the track is a lot better and I decided I'm ready to do it by myself. I pull up to the "grid" and they let me go. I drive into the first turn and think, "Don't brake until you see God" (I think I might of); now line up with the tree; that hill is going to fall out in front of you---God, trees... hills... almost sounds like a nature retreat.

Well I make it and as I get out of my car, Terry says I can do the time trials. TIME TRIALS!!! I'm so excited! As I sit in the time trial meeting with all the seasoned drivers, I look around and think Let the Big Dogs eat, just knowing that I could was enough for me so I opted not to do the time trials (Hey don't laugh it won me a hug)

DE class is great once but it has got to be over the top the second time! I tell myself Jill needs to marinate for a while. I have never driven the same since. I am a much better, safer and confident driver.

I am confident that anyone who owns a Porsche WILL NEVER OWN IT UNTIL THEY HAVE DONE A DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE.

See you at the track!
Jill Myers-White

Porsches. All of them.



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June 2009 Meeting Minutes

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:10 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod

Minutes: Approved by members present

Treasurer's Report: Approved by members present

Webmaster' Report: Michael is still working through some issues. Grattan information has been updated.

Membership Report: National is having some issues with membership reporting. Here are the figures available at the time of the meeting: 194 Primary Members, 242 Affiliate Members – total 436. New Members are: Fred Diekman, Jenison '85 928, Mike Karluk & Barb Doss, West Olive, '03 996, Jim & Pamela Reed, '70 911S Targa, Denny Wise, Traverse City, '84, 911. Transfers in: Clark & Tyler Benson, Spring Lake, '05 GT3 from Southeast MI, Ola & Agneta Wettergren, Kalamazoo, '01 996 from Suncoast.

Advertising Report: Amber has come up with a nice spreadsheet to help Ren with knowing what ads to place in the Uber.

Uber: Ren is hoping to get the latest edition to the printer 6/2

Insurance: No report.

Driving Events:

- Grattan DE – Committee meeting June 25 @ 6:30.
- IROC – June 13 @ Ionia

Old Business:

- Delta ad in Uber – last one ran in May issue, June to have no Delta ad
- May DD – 17 cars, many new members, enjoyed by all.

New Business:

- Nametags - \$4 + \$1 shipping. Email Ted Blacklidge with requests.
- '09 Gilmore event – June 10. Amber will send an email blast.
- New '09 calendars provided to Delta – Dan has created half page calendar of WMR events to place on the tables at Delta. Grattan fliers will also be placed on the tables.
- 50th Anniversary – Will need numerous volunteers to ensure a fun and successful event. Ren will put a save the date blurb in the Uber with pictures from the Holiday on Wheels (1973) Dan has submitted the form to the city of Grand Rapids to enable us to use Calder Plaza for a concourse. We're waiting for approval from the City.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectively submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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July 2009 Meeting Minutes

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids – Meeting was called to order by Ted Blacklidge at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, John Kilgren, Rick Riley, Eric and Lina Spross, Arnie Axelrod, Colin Carpenter, Kurt Wirth, Greg Calahan

Minutes: Approved by members present

Treasurer's Report: Approved by members present

Webmaster' Report: No report

Membership Report: 241 Primary Members, 196 Affiliate Members – total 437. New Members are: Tom Dewitt & Linda Brown, Grand Rapids '86 911 cab, John & Ana Endres, Ada '06 911 cab, Jim Lindsay, Traverse City '85 928S, Greg & Nikola Calahan, Grand Rapids '87 911. Transfers in: Bill & Mary DeGrow, Charlevoix '08 Boxster, Russell & Linda Wright, Muskegan '02 996. Transfers out: 1. Non renewals: 9. Renewals: 23

Advertising Report: Delta has opted not to renew at this time. Dan has asked for ad copy with separate pictures and text so that we'll be able to scale without losing resolution. Delta may consider renewing at a later date. We have a few other advertisers who may also drop. John is pursuing Crystal Clean.

Uber: Positive feedback on the latest edition. June minutes will be in the next Uber.

Insurance: Insurance is set for the Gimmick Rally and IROC.

Driving Events:

- Grattan DE – We have 17 signed up so far. Approximately 11 spots are available for novices.
- IROC – Info regarding IROC to be given to Ren for the Uber.

Old Business:

- Gilmore in June – The weather held out and a great time was had by all.
- Spring Up in June – A great turnout. Beautiful day with a fun rally by the Curries. Over 60 people at a wonderful dinner hosted by David and Beth Howard. Great time had by all.

New Business:

- Gimmick Rally – Saturday, July 11
- Picnic @ Gilmore – August 1. Red Barn Extravaganza. \$8 fee for general admission. We will have a roped off area on the north side of the track. Opened up to Motorstadt, SEM and Michiana regions also.
- Golf Outing @ Egypt Valley – August 7. Hosted by Arnie Axelrod. No walk-ons allowed. 2:00 tee time. Reserve ahead of time please.
- Saunter – August 22. Hosted by Barry & Candis Collick.
- Metro Cruise – August 28/29. Friday afternoon, Delta will provide brats and burgers at 6pm. Saturday, there will be a Porsche paddock at the eastern endpoint of the cruise. RSVP for a space. \$10 per space. More details to follow in the August Uber.
- 50th Anniversary – **Tentative date is now August 20-22, 2010** We may have to move the date a week earlier depending on availability of Calder Plaza. Details continue to be worked out. We welcome all ideas. Will need numerous volunteers to ensure a fun and successful event.
- Appetizer Party host – TBD
- Porsches to Oxford – Dan and Ren are going, along with a few other members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectively submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Chris Stander
15 Years

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5 Years

David & Yvonne Hunter
5 Years

Chase & Gina Van Dyne
5 Years

Roger Jacks
1 Year

Goodbye, Jerry King!

Jerry King has been a very active PCA member in our region for years, and it saddens us all to see him move from his Muskegon home to Sarasota, Florida. We will miss his smiling face, his beautiful white '94 Speedster, and his friendship through the years. "Auf wiedersehen, our good friend!"



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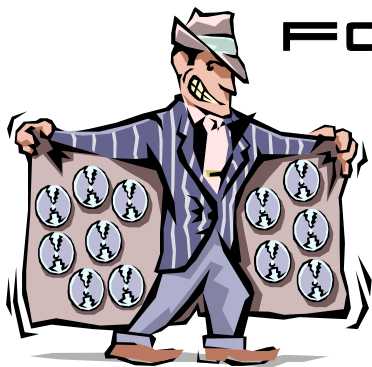


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FOR SALE: 4 16" Wheels off a 993 with all season tires. \$600.00 or best offer. Call Arnie at 616-443-4901

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From the Desk of the President ...

As I said last month, August is an exceptionally busy month for our club – making up for the lack of activities when the snow flies. Counting the 2 days of Metro Cruise, we have 5 days of events out of 31 !

August 1st is the Big Event at the Gilmore Car Museum, which includes not only our *Picnic & Topsyde Concour* gathering, organized by Amber Door & Jerry Arens, but 100’s of antique boats, trucks, cars, fire trucks, campers, trailers, etc etc etc. It is called the Red Bard Spectacular and is the Gilmore’s #1 show - don’t miss this one!

On August 7th, planned by Arnie Axelrod, you have the opportunity to participate in our first *Golf Outing*, played at the course used for the Professional Senior Gold Tournament. Egypt Valley is considered the finest course in West Michigan. Only 16 spots are available – hopefully you have already signed up – if not – call Arnie now.

August 22nd is our annual *Saunter to the Shore*, organized by Barry & Candis Collick. It is always a beautiful drive along Lake Michigan to a lovely lakeside dinner. Be sure to join the convoy of Porsches in parade – always an impressive sight.

And, last but not least, the club is setting up to participate in the 28th *Street Metro Cruise* on August 28th & 29th with help from Delta. A weekend of car-gawking . . . inexpensive fun for the whole family!

But does the excitement end here? No! In September we have another *Dinner Drive* hosted by Randy & Linda Portoluri on September 12th and our *IROC* at the (infamous) Ionia Fairgrounds on September 6th (Sunday). A fast and challenging Autocross – join us – more cheap fun!

Of course, the *Grand Prix of Grattan Driver’s Education* weekend on September 19-21 is our major event for the year. We are currently at 40% capacity. Normally as the event draws near, we fill up and start a waiting list, so don’t delay in signing up for three days of learning how to manage your Porsche on one of the finest road courses in America. Now, if you are unable to join us for the DE, please consider coming out on Saturday or Sunday at noon to drive around the track for a \$20 charity donation. All cars are welcome – bring a car big enough to accommodate the whole family!

As you can see, we have lots of Porsche entertainment for you to enjoy – so c’mon and join the club!

Ted Blacklidge, President

2009 ZONE 4 DRIVERS’ EDUCATION SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track/Location</u>	<u>Organization</u>
August 1-2	Gingerman Raceway	Chicago Region
August 13	Waterford Hills	Southeast Michigan
August 22-23	Mid Ohio	Mid-Ohio Region
August 25	Waterford Hills	Rally Sport Region
September 10	Waterford Hills	Southeast Michigan
September 18,19,20	Grattan Raceway	Western Michigan Region
September 22	Waterford Hills	Rally Sport Region
September 26-27	Mid Ohio	Allegheny Region
October 16-1	Bluegrass Motorsports	Mid-Ohio Region

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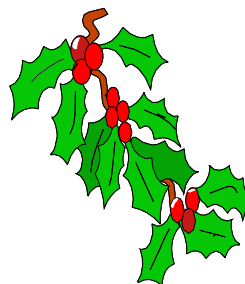
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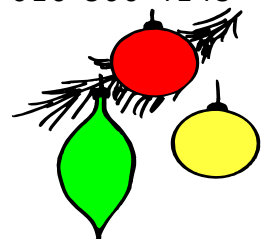


CHRISTMAS IN JULY

No, not a sales pitch for gift-
buying, but an appeal to any
of our members who might be
gracious enough to open
their home during the holiday
season some time in

December to host our annual Appetizer Party
this year! It's a fun event – everybody brings
an appetizer and/or wine to share – all you
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Spring Up to Traverse



The Spring up to Traverse City was a great event for us to host. Beth and I enjoyed over 60 WMR members and a few from other regions including a couple from PCA Canada! The outsiders commented that we are a great group of folks. The weather was questionable early on which made Beth very concerned but it couldn't have been nicer for the party. The Curries organized a great drive and the Traverse City Party Meister, Dennis Weise organized lunch at the Apache Trout Grill. Dennis has put these things on for years and gives me great advice on what to expect! The dinner was catered from "Mickey" at the Tuscan Grill and music provided by Darin Irvine who also restored my 60 Roadster. We even had my boat Captain "Jungle" give boat rides on North Lake Leelanau. He liked Northern Michigan, but feels a little more at home catching Sailfish and Wahoo in the Florida Keys.

So, if you were unable to attend, you missed a good one even though all the WMR events are great with such camaraderie. See you at Grattan in September. ~ David and Beth Howard



Spring Pre-Loading

Also a technical term...but in this case it's what 8 enthusiasts did the day before Spring-Up this year. We met north of GR on Friday afternoon, and went up to the Leelenau peninsula a little early to sample some fine Michigan vineyards! Of course, the "loading" only began after we got back to the hotel, with several pizzas and many bottles of wine in tow. New friendships forged and fun experiences had, all because of our WMR Porsche Club! Fun Uber Alles!~ *Dan Phillips*



Photos Courtesy of Dan Phillips

GIMMICK RALLY

Well, I tell you what – we couldn't have ordered a nicer day for our Gimmick Rally on July 11th. We had a rain shower the night before, so my garden looked fresh; but the rain cleared out in the morning, leaving us with the type of spectacular Michigan summer day that makes you forget all about winter. We had 35-40 participants at the Rally and buffet supper, and heard many positive comments on the fun challenge of the Rally route and questions, the garden, and even my potato salad! Craig Ackerman helped Ted man the Rally activities and Chris Ackerman was my "Sous Chef Extraordinaire" again this year. We are really grateful for their volunteer efforts!

First Place went to Amber Door & Jerry Arens, Second Place went to Dan & Ren Phillips, and Third Place went to EJ & Helene Cznaropys. Congratulations! Everyone else considered it a successful Rally when they made it to the house and were still on speaking terms and Terry & Dorilee Shieble will forever remember where they met their Waterloo!

Thanks again to all those who participated in the Gimmick Rally. We appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to challenging you again next year as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. To those who were unable to attend – watch for next year's date - we've already ordered up another lovely day! ~Ted & Gabi Blacklidge



Photos courtesy of Dan Phillips & Don Szama

West Michigan Region - 2009 Calendar of Events (UPDATED)

August	1	Family Picnic & Concours <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>	October	5	Board Meeting
	3	Board Meeting		TBD	Fall Color Tour <i>Hosts: Paul & Renee Krapp</i>
	7	WMR 1st Annual Golf Outing <i>Hosted by Arnie Axelrod</i>		1 - 4	Porsche Escape 2009 Dayton, OH
	22	Dinner Drive – Saunter to the Shore - <i>Hosts: Barry & Candis Collick</i>	November	2	Board Meeting <i>(2010 planning)</i>
	28	28 th Street Metro Cruise <i>(28th & 29th) - Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i>		6	Dinner Drive - <i>Hosts: Duane & Brenda Weed</i>
September	06	WMR IROC - Ionia	December	7	Board Meeting
	14	Board Meeting		TBD	12 th Annual WMR Appetizer Party - <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	18- 20	Grattan Driver Education			
	12	Dinner Drive - <i>Host: Randy Portoluri</i>			



SAVE THE DATE



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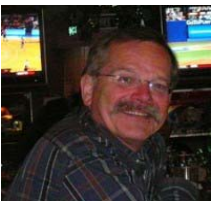
Please help us make our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success! We are looking for leaders to plan and manage the various events of our 50th Anniversary celebration weekend. We welcome volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Oberbefehlshaber [*Taken: Dan Phillips*]
- Director of Friday Afternoon **Dinner Drive**
- Director of Saturday AM **Concours**
- Concours Judges (need 3 people!)
- Director of Saturday **Box Lunch**
- Director of Saturday Afternoon **Gimmick Rally** [*Taken: Ted Blacklidge*]
- Director of Saturday PM **Banquet**
- Banquet MC
- Awards Manager
- Director of Sunday AM **Cars & Coffee**
- Director of Sunday AM **Dinner Drive**
- Director of Marketing & Advertising
- Sponsorship Director
- Charity Coordinator

The officers will be on call to help in any way necessary, but it will be the primary responsibility of the volunteers to "own" their portion. The idea is to break down a big event into small, easily-managed parts. Become a big part of this important event – get involved!

Please contact Dan Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or dphil66@hotmail.com to volunteer, or for questions about any of the jobs.

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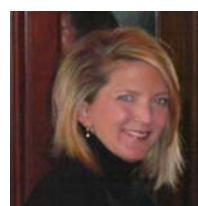
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PORSCHE SELECTS MONTEREY CAR FESTIVITIES TO UNVEIL NEW PANAMERA IN NORTH AMERICA

Highly Anticipated Four-Door Gran Turismo Debuts Amidst America's Most Prestigious Celebration of the Automobile

Atlanta, July 6, 2009 – Porsche announced it will show its all-new Panamera Gran Turismo to the North American public for the first time during Monterey Peninsula's Classic Car Week

(August 9-16) that includes the Quail, a Motorsports Gathering, the Monterey Historics and the famed Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

The new Panamera has been eagerly awaited ever since Porsche announced it would build the brand's first-ever four-door sports car. Porsche's unique four-seater was conceived and designed as a grand touring car, combining numerous talents in typical Porsche style: sporting driving dynamics, a spacious interior, and the supreme comfort of a gran turismo.

The Panamera will go on sale at Porsche's 202 U.S. dealers on October 17, 2009.

"The exclusive automotive events that take place on the Monterey Peninsula this August are the perfect stage to roll out this extraordinary car," said Detlev von Platen, President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. "Our Panamera will feel right at home among both vintage and modern classics and will make quite a splash among the tens of thousands of true automobile enthusiasts there."

To celebrate the arrival of the new Panamera Porsche has joined numerous prestigious brands in sponsoring the Quail, a Motorsports Gathering and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. While the Quail Lodge will be the backdrop of a Porsche Experience Center where VIP test drives will be conducted throughout the week, Pebble Beach has, for the first time, introduced a Porsche category on the hallowed grounds of the 18th fairway.

The Panamera celebration also involves the 36th Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races where Porsche is the featured marque this year. This will have special meaning to all those race drivers, teams, and fans of Porsche as one of the most famous vintage racing events in the world honors the most successful racing brand of all time. Porsche will bring to the event a number of significant and rare historic race cars, the Formula One and Two cars among them.###

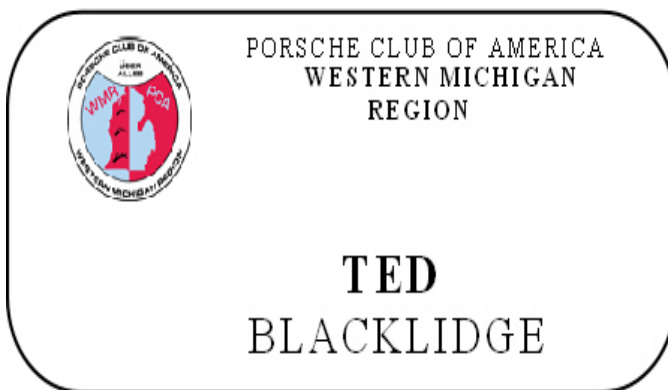
Photo Courtesy Porsche AG - The new Porsche Panamera during on the famous 17-mile drive in Monterey

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