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October 2009

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2009

- 01 Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation, hosted by Ohio Valley Region (01 - 04)
- 05 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm, Delta Imports
- 10 Fall Color Tour, hosted by Randy Portoluri

NOVEMBER 2009

- 02 2010 Event Planning Meeting, Pietro's Restaurant
- 06 Dinner Drive,hosted by Duane & Brenda Weed
- 18 Dinner Drive, Shanghai Ichiban, hosted by AmberDoor & Jerry Arens



2009 Fall Color Tour October 10, 2009 @ 1:00pm

As summer slowly winds down, and the temperature falls, West Michigan explodes into a spectacular frenzy of color along our country roads. What better way to enjoy this annual blaze of glory than in your Porsches with your Porsche friends?

Please join your hosts Paul and Renee Krapp as they guide us through some of the most scenic and twisty roads our area has to offer.

We will meet at Russ' Restaurant (across from US-31 to 120 - Fremont exit) at 1:00pm. We will depart at 1:45pm.

Dinner will be at the Northern Trails Bar & Grill

(231) E 88th Street (M82), Newaygo MI 49337

Please check out WMR PCA's website for maps and more information.

Please RSVP to: pkrapp59@hotmail.com



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Aerial view of Russ'



Map to Northern Trails Bar & Grill (Corner of

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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

November Planning Meeting November 2, 2009

The members of the WMR PCA are planning to meet on November 2 to plan for our 2010 events. We have an entire year to plan! Did you have a great time at an event in the past and would like to do it again in 2010? --- come to the meeting. Would you like to see a new event or drive destination on the schedule? Bring you ideas!

Remember this is YOUR club! And the board needs your help.

The meeting will be held at Pietro's Italian Restaurant 2780 Birchcrest SE Grand Rapids, MI (off 28th St. – just west of Breton) http://www.rcfc.com/Pietros/locations.asp 6:00pm - Dinner (separate checks) 7:00pm - Planning Meeting

If you have any questions please contact any board member.

Ted Blacklidge Dan Phillips Brenda Hildon-Kaempf Amber Door



West Michigan Region - 2009 Calendar of Events (UPDATED)

October

1 - 4 Porsche Escape 2009

Dayton, OH

5 Board Meeting10 Fall Color Tour

Hosts: Paul & Renee Krapp

November

Board Meeting (2010 planning)

6 Dinner Drive - Hosts: Duane &

Brenda Weed

Dinner Drive - Hosts: Amber

Door & Jerry Arens

December

7 Board Meeting

TBD 12th Annual WMR Appetizer Party - Hosts: E&H Czarnopys



Maxfield's Restaurant November 6, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Duane & Brenda Weed will be hosting the November Dinner to Maxfield's Resturant near Edmore on Friday November 6th for their ever famous Seafood Buffet.

The Seafood Buffet features crab legs, frog legs, fresh battered shrimp, ocean perch, baked cod, Cajun catfish, roast beef, barbecue ribs, and more for \$24.99

Other items are also available.

The Porsche club has reservations for 7pm so be fashionably early. Please R.S.V.P. 231 937-4867 or Duane's cell 231 250-9624.

Maxfield's Restaurant is located at 11228 Wyman Rd., Blanchard, Michigan 49310 (800) 550 - 5630, Local (989) 427 - 5630 For driving directions go to

http://www.maxfieldsrestaurant.com/restaurant/directions.php

November 18, 2009 7:00pm Join your fellow WMR PCA member for Dinner, Conversation and a Show



at

3005 Broadmoor AVE SE Grand Rapids MI 49512

Formerly Shang Hai Garden; Shang Hai Ichiban continues to serve one Western Michigan's finest dining experiences run by the Yang family. Head Chef James Yang and his brothers Steve and Eric continue their success of 20+ years of restaurant experience.

With two restaurants under one roof Ichiban offers two unique dining experiences. Our Japanese Steakhouse offers all of the flare and excitement; while our Chinese dining becomes the perfect compliment, offering a quiet, private dining experience.

This has been a popular dinner event for the last several years. Mark you calendar for a night of friends and food around the hibachi grill.

RSVP by 11/16/09

Amber Door

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Monthly Meeting Minutes:

September 14, 2009.

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids – Meeting was called to order by Ted Blacklidge at 7:07pm. Members present were: Ted Blacklidge, Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Colin Carpenter, and Arnie Axelrod.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved.

Webmaster: Web page is up-to-date. Everything looks great!

Membership Report: 245 Primary Members, 197 Affiliate Members – total 442. New members are: Ethan Powsner, Grand Rapids, '83 911sc; Clifford Sly, Grand Haven, '99 Boxster; Alfred Woody, Norton Shores, '84 944. Transfers In: 0. Transfers Out: 0. Non-renewals: 6, Renewals: 10.

Advertising: From Dan: We have not yet received a pdf for the Delta ad that separates the text from the photo. We've received an updated photo for the Deming's ad.

Uber: Completed August 28. Proof received from the printer the following Tuesday. Looks great!

Insurance: Insurance is set for Grattan. Kurt is working on the insurance for the Color Tour.

Driving Events:

Grattan DE - 37 participants are registered/paid. 7 are registered/unpaid. Amber will send an email blast out as a reminder.

Old Business:

- IROC Gorgeous day. Nice turn-out. Thanks to all who helped. We may consider another date next year – perhaps in August.
- Golf Outing at Egypt Valley, August 7 Hosted by Arnie Axelrod. Great event. 8
 participants. Beautiful day.
- Saunter to the Shore, August 22 Hosted by Barry and Candis Collick. Great turnout.
 Nice drive and great camaraderie at Boatwerks in Holland.
- Metro Cruise, August 28/29 Friday event at Delta was outstanding. 25 cars. About 12-15 participants on Saturday.

New Business:

- Escape, October 1-4 Dayton OH. Pre-registration is light. Asking for \$50 per region to support a flyover at the end of Escape. The motion to donate \$50 was approved by members present.
- Color Tour Information on the website and in the Uber.
- November Planning Meeting, November 2 Pietro's restaurant, Grand Rapids.
 The Club is looking to fill some vacant board positions.
- Appetizer Party, December 5 Hosted by the Cznaropys. Information will be posted the website and in the Uber.
- 50th Anniversary Planning is underway. We need volunteers! A suggestion was
 made to send a letter or include an insert in the Uber to remind everyone about
 the event. Kurt has volunteered for the Friday afternoon Dinner Drive. Randy
 Portluri has also volunteered to help.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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PORSCHE CAYMAN S NAMED BEST SPORTS CAR IN U.S. AND U.K.

ATLANTA - August 31, 2009 - Motor Trend Magazine has chosen the Porsche Cayman S as the "Best Driver's Car" for 2009. Additionally, the Cayman was also picked by British car journal Auto Express as "Best Sports Car" in their New



Car Awards 2009. In both cases Porsche's mid-engined coupe won over experts with its driving dynamics, precision, feedback and response.

Featuring PDK (Porsche Doppelkupplung), Porsche's Double-Clutch Gearbox, the Cayman S impressed Motor Trend on both regular roads and the race track, making its way to the top against nine other thoroughbred sports cars. The test team included select members of the Motor Trend staff as well as two professional race drivers - Randy Pobst and Massimiliano "Max" Angelelli.

With its circulation of 1.1 million copies and 7.6 million readers, Motor Trend, an internationally renowned magazine, is acknowledged as one of the leading car magazines in the USA.

Auto Express, the British car journal, was equally clear in emphasizing that the Cayman leads the

sports car scene with unrelenting efficiency. The title of "Best Sports Car" was won with the ultimate blend of traction, balance, and agility. Apart from the characteristic sound of the boxer engines, the testers also lauded the practical qualities of the Cayman with its two luggage compartments and large tailgate.

Auto Express is the best-selling car journal in Great Britain.

Along with the Porsche Boxster, the newest generation of the Cayman has been available since February of this year. Its newly-developed six-cylinder boxer engine provides exceptional fuel economy and performance - 320 horsepower delivered by the 3.4-liter power unit in the Cayman S and 265 hp from the 2.9-liter engine in the Cayman. Both models are EPA rated at 29 mpg highway and both fulfill the strict EU5 emission standard in Europe and the ULEV standard in the USA.

Distinguishing itself from the other competitors in the "Best Driver's Car" competition, the Cayman S also remains below the fuel consumption limit for Gas Guzzler Tax. ###



2009 PCA Escape to the Birthplace of Aviation October 1-4, 2009

The PCA Ohio Valley Region invites you to this year's Escape in Dayton, Ohio.

Join us for Country Road Tours, Scenic Covered Bridge Tours, the Aviation Trail Interpretive Centers, and private Behind the Scenes Tours at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Opportunities for car viewing and dining are combined at White Allen Porsche, the Packard Museum, Quaker Steak & Lube, the Taj Ma Garaj and at Carillon Park.

So come to the "Heart of it All" in Southwest Ohio for Escape 2009!

Register for Escape 2009 at:

http://escape.ovrpca.org

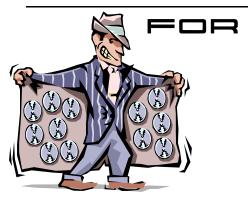
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From the Desk of the President ...

By the calendar, summer is winding down, yet as I write, you would never know it – the temperature is 80 degrees with high humidity and scattered showers. Such a contrast to the spectacular weather we enjoyed at the Driver's Education Event at Grattan the weekend of September 18-20! Too bad some of you missed this wonderful opportunity to enjoy driving your beautiful Porsche while learning new techniques that would be useful on the road in your daily lives.

First, I would like to give a big "Thank You" to DELTA PORSCHE. Ryan Coe and Charles Van Wyck donated great items for Banquet Door Prizes. We heard lots of appreciative "oohs" and "aahs." Also sponsor, RACER PARTS WHOLESALE, has been very supportive for a number of years with many useful items as door prizes. Please check out their website http://www.racerpartswholesale.com or contact me for a catalog.

Hard to believe we are looking at fall, then winter, activities already! Be sure to check the calendar so as not to miss any of the fun activities still offered by our club. Don't miss the Fall Color Tour in October. And we have two – yes two – drives in November, plus the important PLANNING MEETING to schedule next year's events. We need your input for activities – do you have an idea for something new? Contact someone on the Board with your idea – or just show up and pitch it!

Another important new date and location to write on your calendar is the APPETIZER PARTY on December 5th. Check the promo article for details.

My second term as President of WRM is nearly over. Our club's policy is to move our VP into the President's position, so your next fearless leader will be Dan Phillips and we ask you to welcome and support him in his term. This, of course, leaves the position of Vice President open and we are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer! Your Board of Directors gets support from club membership and the position is a wonderful experience. Please consider joining us. You can call me (616-866-4143) or email Rick Riley, Nominations Chair at Rick.Riley@grandxray.com.

Once again, I would like to thank the Grattan Committee and several new volunteers for their help making the DE run seamlessly. Watch for the information for next year's DE and mark it on your calendar – we'll see what we can do to replicate the weather!

Ted Blacklidge President

PS. Do you know that BP and Sunoco are the only gas stations that *do not* carry Middle Eastern Oil and that CITCO is owned by the Venezuelan government?

PORSCHE SAYS IT IS WORKING ON ALTERNATIVE POWERED SPORTS CAR

New CEO unveils four new high-powered 911s and hints at future hybrid and electric vehicles at Frankfurt Auto Show

ATLANTA, September 15, 2009 - Speaking publicly for the first time at the Frankfurt Auto Show, Porsche's new president and CEO, Michael Macht, revealed that Porsche is considering and working hard on an electric-powered sports car that would meet the high demands of the Porsche brand.

"I am also convinced that one day Porsche will have an electric sports car in its line-up," said Macht at the company's press conference today. While he cautioned that so far the available battery technology is not "sufficient to meet Porsche's strict requirements," he said "our engineers are already working hard on this challenge."

"An electric sports car would therefore only make sense for Porsche if it offers performance and a cruising range similar to that of current sports cars in the market," he said. "We are therefore taking the first step in this direction with a full hybrid - in the Cayenne, the

Panamera and maybe in the not too distant future also in a racing car or a production 911. Why not?"

Macht pointed out that Porsche has a long legacy with hybrid technology as it was exactly 109 years ago that Professor Ferdinand Porsche built the first fully functioning car with hybrid technology.

Speaking about Porsche's newest model, Macht said the new Panamera Gran Turismo is already generating thousands of orders just three days after its market launch in Europe.

The highly anticipated Panamera represents Porsche's fourth model line and is the brand's first-ever four-door sports car. It goes on sale in the U.S. on October 17, 2009.

"Although the car has only been at the dealership for three days, we already have 4,500 orders for the Panamera, most of them from customers who have not even seen the car yet," he said Macht. "And since test drives for customers have only just started, sales of

the Panamera are already making a very positive start."

Another highlight of the press conference at Frankfurt was Porsche's presentation of its new 2010 911 Turbo, the flagship of the venerable 911 range

"The 911 Turbo is the spearhead in innovation throughout Porsche's complete range of sports cars. It has been successful in the market for 35 years, accounting throughout this period for almost 80,000 units sold worldwide," said Macht

Premiering alongside the venerable Turbo will be a series of asphalt-burning 911s, including the 911 GT3 RS, and its race ready sibling the 911 GT3 Cup car.

Porsche also took the wraps off its limited-edition 911 Sport Classic at the Frankfurt show, marking a return to the tradition of occasionally issuing ultra-exclusive production cars. The Sport Classic will not be offered in the U.S. Production will be strictly limited to 250 units.###





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DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY December 5, 2009 @ 7:00pm

EJ and Helene Czarnopys will be hosting the December Appetizer Party.

Bring an appetizer and a bottle (or two)of wine to share.

More details to follow in November's Uber Alles!

WHAT A SHAME - LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!

As you are no doubt aware, this year the summer in West Michigan began in September. It just so happened that it peaked the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20 – which luckily coincided with the WMR Grand Prix of Grattan.

The sun rose each morning to one of the prettiest scenes – rolling hills around a two-mile track, surrounded by two small lakes, trees starting their color change and wildlife. Our Chief Driving Instructor, Terry Schieble, spent the nights in his motor home and commented the clear nights with no ambient light were spectacular.

Friday was set aside for our experienced drivers to enjoy the track and Saturday we had a full class of novice students. The students were apparently listening intently to their Instructors because, by late Saturday afternoon, most of them were driving the track on their own.

Sunday morning, Terry had planned a Track-Walk with the students; however, the newly-minted idea was so popular that almost all of the drivers joined the lesson. A little less than an hour went a long way that day.

For a brief daily rundown: Friday's experienced drivers were first to warm up the track. We enjoyed drooling over a "RADICAL" SR8 – a real race car – carbon fiber, 1300 lbs and 440 horsepower, owned by Ken Grabowski. Oh my - - if you saw him in your rearview mirror, get out of the way! Friday night, 25 of us ended the day at the Grattan Bar for good food and good conversation.

Saturday arrived e-a-r-l-y (I'm not a morning person) and we finished up registration and sent students to the classroom. Each morning, for a small donation, we were nourished by breakfast goodies provided by Eric & Lina Spross and Amber Door. On Saturday and Sunday the track is opened for visitors to tour during the lunch hour for a donation to charity. All proceeds go to our 2009 Charity – Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) – and we sincerely thank all those who participated.

After a full day of driving, we were all tired. The track went cold at 5:00 and so were the beverages. Our caterer, Mike Warrelman, served up a delicious buffet again this year – his cheesy potatoes have won awards. You know his food is good when people get second helpings on vegetables!

The entertainment for the evening was giving away the wonderful gifts given by our Sponsors, Delta Porsche and Racer Parts Wholesale. They were very

generous and deserve our support for their efforts, so please thank them!

Sunday started with the Track-Walk and by 9:00 am the first run was on the track. Around 11:00 Darren Draves joined us with his gorgeous Carrera GT and even joined us on the track during the first Advanced Driver's Session. He was behind me one minute and w-a-y past me the next – really cool what 600 horsepower can do for a 2,800 lb car. Oh, and did I mention it's gorgeous?

We ended the weekend with good news – no major car boo-boos.

I would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to the Grattan Committee – Amber Door, Colin Carpenter, Rick Riley, Craig Ackerman, Eric Spross, Terry Schieble, Michael Betz, and our volunteer helpers, Don Sazama, Lina Spross, and Jerry Arens for helping to make this year's Grand Prix of Grattan an enjoyable event.

Oh yeah, and "Thanks" to Mother Nature.

Ted Blacklidge, Grattan Committee Chair

























In Review: 5th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise

By Dan Phillips

This year, the Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region organized a 2-day participation in the Wyoming-Kentwood Chamber's 5th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise.

Friday night, over 60 people gathered at Delta Imports, west Michigan's only Porsche dealer. Delta was kind enough to host this gathering on their property, cleared the frontage on 28th Street so club members could display their cars, and even provided a great little cookout catered by Sandmann's. Fox Motors Chairman and CEO Dan DeVos brought out his Porsche Carrera GT, which was on display in the Porsche showroom. Many thanks to Charles VanWyk at Delta for helping organize this event.

Many participants then took to the road to cruise the night away amid classic hot rods, high-end sports cars, and unique one-off mystery machines that all came out of the proverbial woodwork for this year's Metro Cruise. It was a nice night of cruising, and a great pre-amble for the next day.

Saturday started out a little rocky as club members arrived at the parking site at Centerpointe Mall, in front of the Toys-R-Us and Krispy Kreme. There was no cordoned-off area reserved for either the Porsche or Corvette clubs, which had been negotiated in advance with the Cruise organizers. We both had to make due with less than half the space we thought we'd have. A large (and decidedly low-end) swap meet monopolized the prime real estate on the corner of 28th and the Beltline, letting the real stars of the show – the cars – fight "L.A.

riot" style for the leftover space off to the side. (e.g. take what you want, don't ask permission.) Jerry Arens' roll of 'caution' tape saved the day.

The crowd at the event was not your typical carshow crowd either, but rather it was the general public, who had to be told to not lean on the \$100,000 cars with their zippers, car keys, and switchblades. We also had too many customers of the aforementioned Cuban auto parts store walking between the Porsches with old rusted parts for their project cars back at the farm. And then there was Joseph A. Sixpak, who parked his old Chevelle diagonally right in the center of our area, got out, locked it, and walked away, blocking in 3 Porsches and 2 Corvettes. Miraculously, not a scratch was to be seen, and nobody got killed, but this left organizers with a clear mandate for any participation next year but who will volunteer the chain-link fences?

Maybe we could borrow them from the beer tent, who certainly didn't need them. Perhaps due to the unseasonably cool weather (65 in August?), or the location (tucked behind Toys-R-Us), not a soul was in the beer tent all day long. That record was not to be improved upon Saturday evening, because at about 4 pm, the skies finally opened up and drowned the event in a torrential downpour.

Many of us left for home, or for the pub. But some of the hardcore remained, watching the parade of cars on 28th Street - with cigars in hand - from under an umbrella. Now, that's when you know you're a real car enthusiast! Looking forward to next year...































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50th Anniversary Celebration!

WMR PCA 50th Anniversary Celebration 20-21-22 August 2010

Your Help Is Needed! Really!!

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 [Taken: Kurt Wirth]
- 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 [Taken: Brenda Hildon]
- 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 <a href="mailto:dphilo:

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