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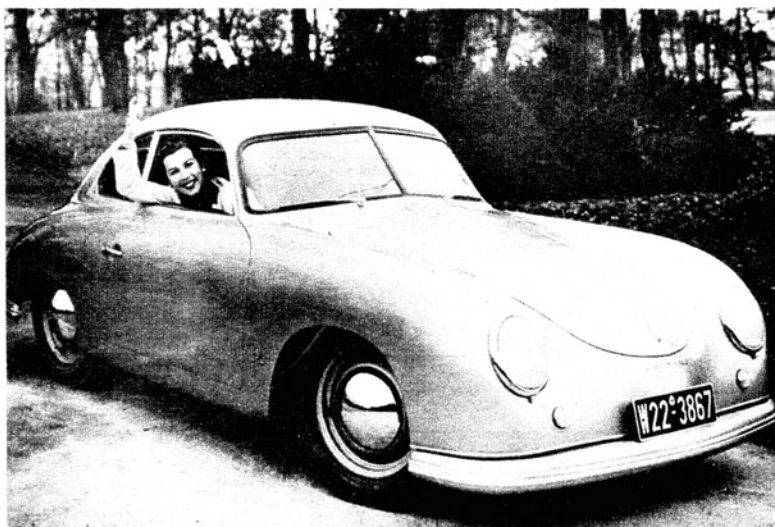
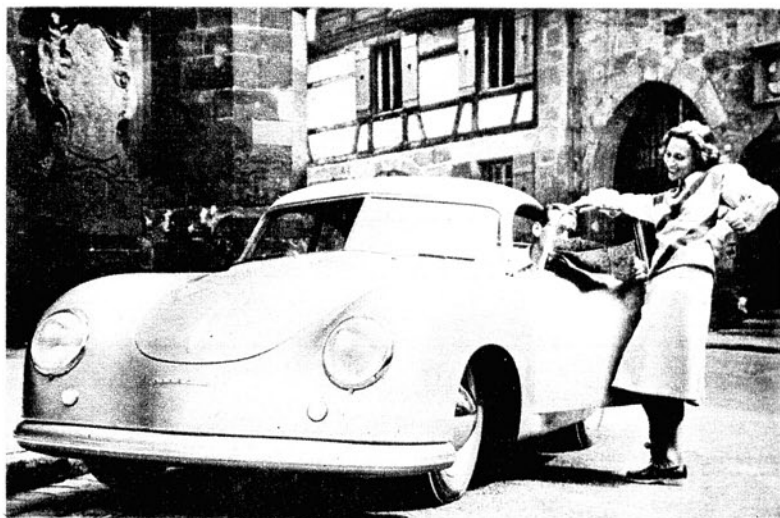
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Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips
President, Western Michigan Region

Hello again, my fellow Porsche enthusiasts. As winter winds down - yes, it's actually winding down - I start to think of all the fun we'll be having this summer with the top down, the stereo up, and the roar of 6 horizontally opposed cylinders pushing us across the land under a bright sunny sky.

I also start to think of all the winter-wonderland fun that's already in the rearview mirror. I'll miss skiing down a snow-covered hill at break-neck speed (without actually breaking anything!) I'll miss snowball fights with the boys next door. And most of all, I'll miss doing donuts in a Porsche.

Yeah, you heard it - donuts in a Porsche, those things where you deactivate the PSM, drop it in 1st, and let out the clutch fast enough to get that big pendulum out back doing its best imitation of NASA's 20g centrifuge. Or perhaps charging hard and fast into an open parking lot and yanking up on the parking brake whilst turning the wheel hard to the right. Or any manner of hooligan shenanigans involving sliding a car on ice.

Don't worry, today's Porsches are built to take it. And so are yesterdays', what with the fully galvanized uni-body being introduced in the 1974 on the 911, 1977 on the 928, and 1983 on the 944. Drive them into the mountains for a ski trip, take them to grandma's on a Sunday in January, or just slog through the slop every day on the way to work. If you're on reasonably plowed roads, or on roads where the snow hasn't gone over 5 inches, you really have nothing to worry about. Your stainless, aluminum, plastic, composite, and galvanized Porsche is built to last, even in salty ol' Michigan. You'll find yourself a safer driver than all those SUV pilots with 'all-season' tires, with your Blizzaks, hyper-sensitive steering, and 150 lbs of kitty litter in your rear trunk (if you have one).

Porsches truly do make excellent winter cars, and this allows you the potential to enjoy your favorite car every day of the year. This also keeps the car and its parts moving, which is the key to avoiding a costly RMS leak. Just be sure to 1) have 4 good snow tires, 2) keep your following distances, and 3) watch out behind you.

Speaking of the rearview mirror...

I'd like to take a moment to offer a very sincere 'Thank You' to our outgoing Western Michigan Region PCA President, Mr. Ted Blacklidge.

Ted spent 4 years of his life - 2 as Vice President, and 2 as President - devoting his evenings, his weekends, his summers, and sometimes his home to make the club something that people want to be a part of.

A club President can spend a little bit of time serving the club, or a lot of time serving the club...and it's usually obvious which. Ted was clearly the latter, and for his time, his effort, his skill, and his devotion, we thank him. His support and enthusiasm for the club endures, and we're glad to have his smiling face still with us in a big way.

Thanks Ted...we appreciate everything you've done!

Upcoming Events

Mar 10 **March Dinner Drive to the Grattan Bar!**

Who could resist a down-home, relaxed good time at the charming Grattan Bar, just moments away from one of the most prolific roadcourses in the Midwest?

Come join your fellow Porsche-heads for a very laid-back evening of food, friends, and fun on Wednesday, March 10th. Enjoy the Grattan Bar's famous all-you-can-eat fish fry, or order any of the many other great choices on their menu. This is a time to chill, tip a few, tell some old war stories, and talk about what's in store for *your* Porsche-riffic summer!

Where: The Grattan Bar
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When: Wednesday, 10 March 2010, 6:00 pm until "whenever"



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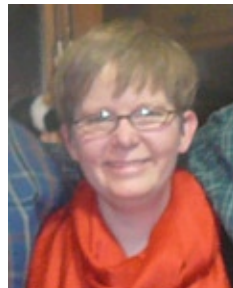
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In Review: January and February Events

Jan 13

January Dinner Drive to Leo's Seafood Restaurant

www.leosrestaurant.com



Leo's seafood restaurant once again did a fine job of satiating our group's need for a fresh, high quality seafood dinner in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids. With an outstanding turnout, we filled just about the longest stretch of dining tables we've seen in months!! Our thanks go to Rick Riley for setting up yet another memorable evening for us. A very good time was had by all...



Feb 21

February Brunch Drive to Charley's Crab

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Charlie's Crab was the place to be on February 21st if you were looking for a gathering of Porsche Enthusiasts. Twenty five of us gathered to dine and catch up with old friends from the club (some of who have a new Porsches in the family – Congratulations Len & Bonnie Gawron) and to meet soon to be old friends. Welcome to our newest members – Mark & Kathy Bonnema.

As usual the buffet was endless and had enough selections to please every palate. The Bloody Marys and the Mimosas were sampled (in moderation) by many and seemed to be quite popular. I think that everyone made the buffet sweep at least 2 or 3 times!

We missed all who did not attend (all 389 of you). If you could not make it out for brunch – because you were some place warmer than Michigan in February – we hope to see you in March or April or May.....

Text and Photos Submitted by Amber Door



Parade '09 Revisited - Will We See you in 2010?

By Cole Scrogam (Excerpt)

Colorado in July, sounds kind of backwards doesn't it? Most people head to the Mountain West to take advantage of powder snow in the winter, but not much snow is to be found in the summer months. "Most people," however, are not Porsche people; where the location is just an excuse to get together with friends that share a love for the Porsche car. PCA holds its annual Porsche Parade each summer at locales around the US and even Canada from time to time, alternating east, central and west coast destinations. The Parade is the premier event



event for our club, and as PCA grows the Parade has also been growing over the past decades into a world class event that is not to be missed, and the 2009 edition in Keystone, Colorado was no exception.

Most Parades for me have been an opportunity to take the family on a nice summer vacation, AFTER the competition is over! This is going to sound really weird to most of you, but the Concours is what I really enjoy. It's not just seeing all the beautiful cars lined up on some beautiful golf course, or all the people that are around enjoying the sight or even the opportunity to get to see something very unique in Porsche's history. For me, I really enjoy competing in this event, whether with a restoration of a unique Porsche car or a newer model that requires an eye for detail (and very small fingers)...I love the competition. Years ago I was a little more serious about it than today, but that fire still burns enough once a year to make me think about new projects.

This year was a different story. No project, no car and no competition. I thought about not going at all, but after a lot of prodding by my son Michael we were thinking about turning Parade 2009 into a guys' trip with just the two of us. I was lucky enough to be asked to judge the 356s, so that at least gave me enough of a 'job' to put me over the top. It was a surreal experience to walk around the Concours prep area and not have anything to work on. I always enjoyed it when people would come up and comment on your car and ask questions, so I guess now it was my turn. Some of the cars were really nice, and it was a pleasure to actually meet some first timers without looking out from under a car with sweat dripping off my nose!

I wanted to stick around for the Tech Quiz, but we had to get back home early and so we settled for a quick trip to the Autocross instead. The same can be said of the Rally, I guess it boils down to everyone can participate and have a great time at any level, but these events can also be extremely competitive. I love it when first timers show up, they always have such a good time just being there and taking it all in, asking questions and getting a lot of help from those more experienced. It is easy to see future friendships taking place, some of which will last many, many years if not a lifetime. Won't you join us this year in St. Charles, IL for your first one?

Parade registration opens in early March. If you have never attended and are wondering what it's all about, check the Parade website at <http://parade2010.pca.org>. The 2010 venue is a 'resort' Parade at beautiful Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL, which means everything you need is close at hand and most events are within walking distance. Priority registration is n March 9th through 11th to give everyone an even start and not overwhelm the server, and continues through June 20th. So put those dates on your calendar and join your Porsche friends for a great time!

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA 2010 CALENDAR

January	4	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Dinner Drive - Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI
	29-31	Race: Rolex 24 at Daytona, Daytona, FL
February	1	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	4-7	Sebring Club Race, Sebring International Raceway, FL
	21	February Brunch - Charley's Crab, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
March	1	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	9	Parade Registration Opens
	10	Dinner Drive - Grattan Bar, Grattan, MI <i>Host: Kurt Wirth</i>
April	5	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	17	Dinner Drive - April Cookoff, Kalamazoo, MI <i>Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble</i>
May	3	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	8	Dinner Drive - Destination TBD <i>Hosts: John & Marshall Walters</i>
	14-16	Mid-Ohio Club Race, Lexington, OH
June	7	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	23	Gilmore Gathering, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth</i>
	26	Spring-up to Traverse, Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: Steve & Judy Knolls</i>

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities.aspx>.

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx>.



July	2-10	PCA Parade (National), St. Charles, IL
	5	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	16-18	Putnam Park Club Race, Mt. Meridian, IN
	31	Porsches to Oxford (P20), Oxford, OH
August	2	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	7	Red Barn Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
	TBD	2nd Annual Golf Outing - Location TBD <i>Host: Arnie Axelrod</i>
	20-22	WMR 50th Anniversary Celebration, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: Dan Phillips</i>
September	4-6	Road America Club Race, Elkhart Lake, WI
	11	Dinner Drive - Location TBD <i>Hosts: Randy and Linda Portoluri</i>
	13	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	25-26	WMR Driver Education, Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI
October	4	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	9	Fall Color Tour, Leelenau Peninsula, MI <i>Hosts: Dan and Ren Phillips</i>
November	1	Annual Planning Dinner - Location TBD
	TBD	Dinner Drive - Destination TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
December	6	Monthly Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids
	TBD	13th Annual WMR Appetizer Party, Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>

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Upcoming Events - WMR's 50th Anniversary

Join us for the PCA Western Michigan Region's 3-day 50th Anniversary Celebration!

20-21-22. August. 2010 in Downtown Grand Rapids



We're celebrating our region's 50th anniversary in 2010! Come celebrate with us - it will be a weekend filled with Porsches, friends, and fun!

Here is a quick look at what you can enjoy:

Friday:

PM casual dinner drive, ending at a casual restaurant
Meet up downtown for drinks later

Saturday:

AM topside Concours d'Elegance, at Calder Plaza, downtown Grand Rapids
A catered box lunch at the Calder Plaza
Afternoon Gimmick Rally, departing from Calder Plaza
PM cocktail hour / reception
PM formal banquet with special guests and awards

Sunday:

AM Cars & Coffee
AM lunch drive, ending at a casual restaurant
Farewell by early Sunday afternoon

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February / March Anniversaries:

1 year	Len & Bonnie Gawron Les Winegar
5 years	Dennis Garrett
10 years	Robert De Vilbiss

New Members:

Mark & Kathy Bonnema
1988 Porsche 911

Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid Debuts in Geneva

Porsche Intelligent Performance to make Race Cars even More Efficient

ATLANTA - February 11, 2010 - 110 years after Ferdinand Porsche developed the world's first hybrid, the Lohner-Porsche, Porsche engineers are now expanding this visionary drive concept with a production-based GT race car: Over the past 45 years, Porsche 911 race cars have recorded more than 20,000 victories and on March 4, a Porsche 911 GT3 featuring an innovative hybrid drive will make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show, opening a new chapter in the history of Porsche.



This innovative hybrid technology has been developed especially for racing, differentiating itself from conventional hybrid systems by way of its configuration and components. In the case of the 911 GT3 R Hybrid, the front axle features two electric motors, each developing 60 kW and supplement the 480 hp, naturally aspirated four-liter flat-six that drives the rear wheels. Instead of the heavy batteries usually found in a hybrid road car, an electrical flywheel power generator is installed inside next to the driver delivering energy to the electric motors.

The flywheel generator is also an electric motor, with its rotor spinning at speeds of up to 40,000 rpm while mechanically storing energy. The flywheel generator is charged whenever the driver applies the brakes, as the two front axle electric motors reverse their role and act as generators. Then, when accelerating out of a bend or while overtaking, the driver can use the extra energy from the charged flywheel generator, sending up to 120 kW of stored kinetic energy to the motors. This additional power is available after each charge for approximately six to eight seconds.

Energy formerly converted into heat upon each brake application, and therefore wasted, is now converted into additional drive power in a very efficient manner.

In addition to increasing available drive power, depending on racing conditions, the hybrid drive can also be called upon to save fuel. By increasing the efficiency and, accordingly, the performance of the 911 GT3 R Hybrid, reductions can be made to the weight of the fuel tank or the car can make less frequent pit stops, for example.

After its debut in Geneva, the 911 GT3 R Hybrid will be tested in long-distance races on the Nürburgring. The highlight of this test program will be the 24 Hours on the Nordschleife of Nürburgring, May 15-16, 2010. The focus is not on the 911 GT3 R Hybrid winning the race, but rather spearheading technology as a "racing lab." The intent is to provide hands-on know-how for the subsequent use of hybrid technology in road-going sports cars.

The 911 GT3 R Hybrid is a perfect example of the Porsche Intelligent Performance philosophy, a principle to be found in every Porsche: More power on less fuel, more efficiency and lower CO₂ emissions - on the track and on the road.

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WMR Meeting Minutes: January 2009

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, February 1, 2010 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:07 pm.

Members present: Dan Phillips, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, John Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Craig Ackerman, and Arnie Axelrod,

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: Current membership information not available from pca.org as of meeting time.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Dan reviewed the cost structure for the new color edition of the Uber. We will need to increase advertising revenue to support new cost structure. More to follow.

Advertising Report: As of this morning (2/1/10), John Kilgren has decided to open the Advertising Chair position to membership. Anyone interested should contact a board member. Ted Blacklidge and John Walters will fill the position in the interim.

Webmaster' Report: The website was updated January 3. Dan will be working with Michael on a 50th Anniversary webpage.

Insurance Report: No report.

Old Business:

January DD @ Leo's – Hosted by Rick Riley. 18 members enjoyed wonderful food and company

New Business:

- Feb DD – Charley's Crab – Hosted by Amber Door and Jerry Arens. February 21 @ Noon
- 50th Anniversary
 - * Banquet location still TBD – we have a couple of options we're pursuing. Devos Place looks like the best option so far.
 - * Graphic designer to do logo/theme/design – Dan and Ren Phillips have asked their friend Sara Patterson to help.
 - * February save-the-date cards and April invitations
- Uber Discussion
 - * Timing/Feb issue – discussion about whether to skip February issue. Consensus was not to skip due to the March Dinner Drive that is scheduled, unless combined Feb/March issue can be done early enough.
 - * Cost analysis – members present reviewed the spreadsheet Dan created detailing the current costs vs. future costs of maintaining a partial color Uber Alles. More discussion to follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectively submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

(Ed. note: January 2010 Minutes available online



Classifieds

1996 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET - Polar Silver w/black top & black interior. 6-sp. factory ltd slip diff, Hi-Fi opt, CD, new battery, new tires, like new top, many extras. Car is in superb condition. Stored winters, etc. 44,300 miles. \$40,000 obo, call John Weidenfeller at (616) 942-7050 (work) or (616) 540-4386 (cell) (Aug 2009)

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FOR SALE: WHEELS & TIRES - 4 x 16" wheels off a 993 with all season tires. \$600.00 or best offer. Call Arnie at (616) 443-4901 (Aug 2009)

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