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On the Cover: Amber Door's '84 911 reflected in the hubcap of Rick Riley's '59 356 coupe, a.k.a. Peapod. Photo by Amber Door.



Bob Friday, 1963 - 2010

Robert Friday (Bob),
Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, Friend - Rest in Peace

Bob Friday, as he was known to his Porsche Friends, lost his battle with ALS on July 5th. He fought for life for 2 years with hope, courage and strength. Bob leaves behind his wife Carol of 17 years and his 2-year old twins Alyssa and Zeke. Due to Carol's inexhaustible strength, Bob was able to remain in the family home in Rockford up to his last days. This allowed him to spend quality time with his children and receive an endless stream of visitors.

Bob was a quiet, jovial guy even in the face of adversity. When he could no longer do anything for himself he could still nod or shake his head, very slightly, but when one of the twins would discover some new amazing thing like, "if I turn the clothes basket over and stand on it I can look Daddy right in the eye," he would smile from ear to ear. It seems that his smile was the only thing that ALS could not take away.

When you would visit, Bob would always figure out a way to communicate with Carol, even though he could not talk, to ask if anyone wanted a beer. That was Bob.

Bob and Carol were Western Michigan members since 1988. Bob tended to their "fleet" of 4 Porsches at their building in Rockford where regular meetings of the COC would ensue, with plenty of car talk, excellent brews and fine cigars. The red 1982 911 SC that Bob was driving when he and Carol met was sold to a friend and later bought back. One can only assume that it was repurchased for collector as well as sentimental reasons. (Carol is keeping this car for the same reasons.)

Rest assured that Bob is looking down, sitting in a comfortable chair with a good micro-brew beer, a fine cigar and that big smile.

Robert Friday (Bob) - Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Cousin, Uncle, Friend - Rest in Peace.

Respectfully submitted by the C.O.C. (Cascade Owner's Club)

The Western Michigan Region has designated ALS as our official charity for the year. Consistent with Carol's wishes, we will be making a donation in Bob's name to the Calvary Church Benevolent Fund at year end.



Upcoming Events: August 2010

07 Aug

Red Barns Spectacular Car Show and Porsche Paddock @ the Gilmore Car Museum

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

For 2010 the Western Michigan Region will be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts for the annual “Red Barns Spectacular” 30th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet. 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 Concours and people’s choice Concours.

The Porsche Club will have a car corral at the event that will be ‘Porsche-only’ parking. You may 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. (http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/html/event_details.php?event_id=14)

Museum/Event entry fees: \$10.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), \$9.00 for general admission, Free for children under 11.

Pack a lunch or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner. Gates open at 8:00am

Where: Gilmore Car Museum (<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org>)
6865 W. Hickory Rd
Hickory Corners, MI 49060
(269) 671-5089



When: Saturday, 07 August 2010, Gates open at 8:00am. Show duration from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

RSVP: By Tuesday, 03 August 2010, to Amber Door or Jerry Arens, (616) 340-0971 or (616) 457-4515; Email your RSVP to amdoor242@aol.com

27 Aug

2010 28th Street Metro Cruise at Delta Porsche

Hosts: Charles Van Wyk & Ryan Coe, Delta Porsche

Join your fellow Porsche-heads at Delta Porsche for the 6th annual 28th Street Metro Cruise, coming up on Friday night, 27 August 2010.



Charles Van Wyk and Ryan Coe of Delta Imports have generously offered to host a casual gathering of Porsches on their property on the Friday evening of the Metro Cruise weekend. Delta will be providing some food and beverages, along with the company of their outstanding inventory of Porsche vehicles. Last year they provided barbecue from Sandmann’s, the year before burgers and brats...what will it be this year?

We will be allowed to park along 28th Street in front of the dealership, and we can either sit and watch the hot cars cruise by, or join in at any time.

Where: Delta Porsche
6025 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

When: Friday, 27 Aug 2010
5-9 pm

No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy the company at Delta, and cruise 28th Street to your heart’s content. Arrive any time, come and go as you like.

Upcoming Events - WMR's 50th Anniversary



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August is here...and our 50th Anniversary celebration is coming right up! If you have not already sent back your RSVP, *please do so immediately* - we need to have a head-count for each event as soon as possible.

The schedule of events and many of the particulars are on your invitation, however we've also published this information on the website in the form of an expanded event page that gives all the particulars, as well as a downloadable PDF of the invite and RSVP card. But we'll fill you in on a couple of particulars right now:

Friday Dinner Drive: Starting point is the parking lot of the Cascade Meijer store, located at 5531 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512-2053. We are meeting at about 6:00 pm, but we'll be departing at 6:30 sharp for a brief drive to Thousand Oaks Golf Club, located at 4100 Thousand Oaks Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. (The invites said "Grand Oaks", but that was a mistake - sorry!!) Afterward, many of us are heading downtown after dinner. (Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, call 800.253.3590 and use code 10F3WT.)

Saturday Concours: Details are still being finalized, but there will be 7 to 8 classes of competition. While the event starts at 8:00 am, you may arrive earlier if you wish to prepare. How early? Most likely 6-ish; contact Amber Door if you need more info. There will be portable restrooms on site, rented by us, for us.

Saturday AM Parking + Gimmick Rally Start Point: **Parking for all Porsches is on the Calder Plaza.** Even if you are not competing in the Concours, there will be a separate parking area for all other Porsches, right on the Calder plaza as well. (Yes, we are ALL special.) This parking area will be the point of departure for the Gimmick Rally, but even if you're not in that, you can still park there. Only Porsches will be allowed on the Calder plaza, with the exception of the utility van. Look for the checkered-flag tent, and the flags!

Cocktail Hour + Banquet: We may or may not have a guest speaker from Porsche Cars North America present, this is still being negotiated. We will however have a number of other special guests, including past Presidents, sponsors, advertisers, and many friends you may not have seen in some time. There will also be a number of excellent door prizes (for which you must be present to win), along with a most excellent raffle prize. Awards for Concours and Gimmick Rally winners will be presented at this time, as well as the Lloyd LaHuis Enthusiast of the Year awards for 2009 - which we usually do at Winterfest.

Sunday AM Porsches & Coffee: The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Pearl Street at US-131 is not only the location of the P&C event, but also the starting point of the Farewell lunch drive to Blythefield Country Club. There will be plenty of parking, and free coffee and donuts.

Inquiries to: Dan Phillips at dphil66@hotmail.com or (616) 281-2459, and visit wmi.pca.org/50.htm.

Western Michigan Region Wins BIG at Parade!!

Submitted by Dan Phillips; Photos by Ted Blacklidge, Amber Door, Rick Riley

The ‘little region that could’?

You might say that. At PCA’s national Porsche Parade 2010, members of the Western Michigan Region took home two of the most prestigious awards a member can earn.

Amber Door was honored as PCA’s 2009 Enthusiast of the Year. This is like winning the Super Bowl in the Porsche Club. There are 139 different regions that make up the Porsche Club of America, and over 60,000 members. Her tireless dedication to the success of our club has finally been adequately recognized. Amber is Number 1. In the country.



Want to know who *else* from the Western Michigan Region is Number 1? In the country? Rick Riley, that’s who. His new (to him) 1959 Porsche 356 convertible, in Stone Grey (one of four special-order colors for that year), won the coveted People’s Choice Award in the Porsche Parade Concours, which is THE competitive concours event for Porsches in the nation. In the 356/356A class, he scored 296.3 points out of 300, and still came in 5th - the competition at this level is absolutely brutal. But many believe the People’s Choice award to be the only award that *really* matters, because it’s the people’s choice for the best car of the entire show, making it the premier trophy to take home. (That’s our story, and we’re sticking to it.)

In other events, there were even more champions from the Western Michigan Region. Colin Carpenter won his class in the Autocross, driving his 1986 911 to a class-winning time of 60.440. (FTD was 51.462, turned in by E. Leeds Gulick in his ‘72 914-6.) In both the Gimmick Rally and the TSD Rally, Terry & Dorilee Schieble made it to the upper 50% of the field - the best showing by any WMR member.

Is this record repeatable? Maybe when Parade comes to Western Michigan. (Seriously?) (Yes.) (Maybe.)



Upcoming Events: September 2010

10 Sep

Second Annual West Michigan Porsche Club Golf Outing

Host: Arnie Axelrod



Please join us for the Western Michigan Region's Second Annual Golf Outing, to be held at Egypt Valley Country Club. Home to two championship courses, this is your chance to play an extremely challenging course with a diverse group of golfers.

Where: Egypt Valley Country Club
7333 Knapp Street NE
Ada, MI 49301

When: Friday, 10 Sep 2010
3:00 pm Tee-Time

This event is open to men and women. Cost will be \$85.00 per person including cart. You will be able to pay directly at the Pro Shop. Dinner after for any interested with separate checks. Limited to first 20 persons that sign up. Please reserve your space by September 1st.

Reservation to Arnie Axelrod, (616) 676-1330 or amaxelrod@att.net.



11 Sep

Dinner Drive to Old Boys' Brewhouse

Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri



Join us for the last drive of what will feel like summer on the 11th of September. We're planning a great route that will take us from the Coopersville Park & Ride (68th Ave & I-96) to the Old Boys' Brewhouse in Spring Lake, MI. It will be a really fun time!! Please RSVP to Randy Portoluri, (616) 842-9266 or lindaportoluri@charter.net.

Where: Old Boys' Brewhouse
971 West Savidge Street
Spring Lake, MI 49456

When: Saturday, 11 Sep 2010
4:30 pm @ Coopersville Park & Ride
5:00 pm departure

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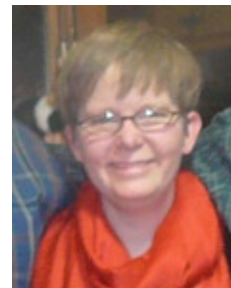
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WMR PCA - 2010 CALENDAR



August	2	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	7	Red Barn Spectacular Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
	20-22	WMR 50th Anniversary Celebration, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: Dan Phillips</i>
	22	IROC II AutoCross @ The Tire Rack (Michiana Region)
September	4-6	Road America Club Race, Elkhart Lake, WI
	5	IROC III AutoCross @ Ionia Fairgrounds (Western Michigan Reg.)
	9-12	PCA Escape, Sun Peaks, BC (Canada)
	10	2nd Annual Golf Outing - Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Host: Arnie Axelrod</i>
	11	Dinner Drive - Old Boys Brewhouse, Spring Lake, MI <i>Hosts: Randy and Linda Portoluri</i>
	13	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	19	Dayton Concours d'Elegance, Carillon Park, Dayton, OH
25-26	WMR Driver Education, Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	
October	4	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	9	Fall Color Tour, Leelenau Peninsula, MI (or) Petoskey, MI <i>Hosts: Dan and Ren Phillips</i>
	16	Covered Bridge Tour (invitation from OVR), East Dayton, OH
November	01	November Dinner Party & 2011 Planning Meeting
December	06	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	2010 Appetizer Party

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>.

PCA, Zone 4, + Other Summer Events Schedule

<u>Region</u>	<u>Region Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event (Web Address)</u>
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	July 31	Porsches to Oxford (P2O), Oxford, OH
SEM	South-East Michigan Region	Aug 12	DE @ Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
OVR	Ohio Valley Region	Aug 13-15	DE @ Bluegrass Motorsports Park, Sparta, KY
WMR	West Michigan Region	Aug 20-22	50th Anniversary Celebration (http://wmi.pca.org/50.htm)
PCA	Zone 4 (All 12 Regions)	Aug 27	Advanced Instructor Driving School @ Mid-Ohio
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	Aug 28-29	DE @ Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH
N/A	Non-PCA	Sep 9-12	Boxstober Fest 2010, Fredricksburg, TX (http://www.boxstoberfest.com/)
PCA	PCA National	Sep 9-12	PCA Escape 2010, Sun Peaks, BC (Canada) (http://www.pcaescape2010.com/)
N/A	Non-PCA	Sep 19	Dayton Concours d'Elegance @ Carillon Park, Dayton, OH (http://www.daytonconcours.com/)
N/A	Non-PCA	Sep 19	Vin Devers Inaugural European Car Show, Sylvania, OH (email Jason Perry at jperry@vindevers.com)
N/A	Non-PCA	Sep 23-25	356 Registry East Coast Holiday 2010, Cleveland, OH (http://www.eastcoastholiday.org)
N/A	Cinninnati VW Club	Sep 26	19th Annual VW-Porsche Reunion @ Cinninnati, OH (http://www.cincyvwclub.com/Reunion.aspx)

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In Review: Tech Session, 14 July

Submitted by Dan Phillips; Photos by Dan Phillips & Ted Blacklidge

On July 14th, Dave Stouten and two of his expert Porsche Technicians (Nick and Brady) gave over an hour of their time to answer questions and talk shop with our group of 18 gearheads linked by a common love for Porsches. Brady and Nick covered topics like winter storage and prepping for summer, what to look for when purchasing a used Porsche, and general maintenance topics. Being the first Tech Session our region has held in several years, the members present felt this was an extremely worthwhile event.

Many of us had some very specific questions of our own, including problems we currently have with our own cars, and the Delta staff gave some real attention to each and every one. There was a Boxster and a 944 on the hoists, and Jim Mesack 'donated' his 996 Cab to be the 911 example - which allowed them to point out the large amount of leaves accumulating in front of his radiators, a common issue on water-cooled Boxsters and 911s that diminishes the cooling system's efficiency.

Cars in general have improved dramatically in terms of safety, reliability, and ease of maintenance over the years, and the 986/996 and 987/997 cars represent a leap and a bound over the older cars in terms of being low-maintenance. But in general, two big things can still lead to problems with these and any other car: abuse, and lack of use. \$25 oil changes won't do, when the factory recommends oil that costs at least \$7/qt. Some cheap aftermarket oil filters tend not to have a center reinforcement, and can crush under normal oil pressure, allowing oil to flow around it and not get filtered. Lots of short, hard drives that don't allow the car to reach operating temperature can burden the mechanicals with a lot of heat cycling, and hard use on a cold engine and transmission can lead to premature wear or even failure. RMS leaks and other seal/gasket leaks definitely occur less on daily drivers vs. cars that are only driven once every couple of weeks.

And be sure to keep mice out of your car. They can make a mess out of your pollen filter, so use a repellent and check for them often. Don't bait more in with poison bait - you'll just attract more, and you don't want a dead one in your car!



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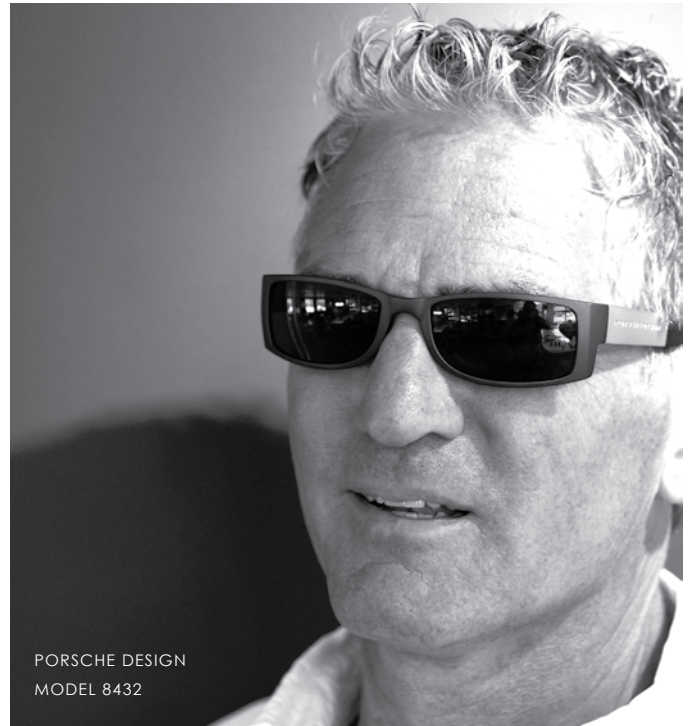
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Ted is a long-standing member and past President of Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region.



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2010 Grand Prix of Grattan Driver Education Event

**25-26
Sep**

2010 Diver Education at Grattan Raceway

The Grattan road course is a winding, hilly, complex assortment of almost every conceivable corner imaginable for a road course. The ten turns include uphill increasing-radius turns, a flat-out dog-leg off the 160-degree hairpin, a hidden apex, a Monsa bowl, "S" turns, and even a challenging downhill reverse-camber turn! It has been said that if you can master Grattan Raceway you can drive anywhere. Join the fun!

Registration opens June 1st. Please register at clubregistration.net.

Saturday & Sunday: \$ 290.00

Saturday Only: \$ 150.00

If you do not have internet access, you may return the form on page 8, along with your check, to: Amber Door, 645 Summerset Dr., Jenison, MI 49428 [*Please note: clubregistration.net is the preferred method of registration. If you mail in the form, somebody else has to do this work for you, and enter your info into clubregistration.net anyway. So please help us with the workload, and register online!*]

Questions? Contact Ted Blacklidge, Grattan DE Chair, at (616) 866-4143 or sgrafex@chartermi.net



August Anniversaries:

1 year	Ethan Powsner Clifford Sly Al Woody
5 years	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
15 years	William & Kim Ockerlund

New Members:

Kevin & Sally Carrol, Wyoming, MI
2004 Porsche 911

Willkommen!



WMR Meeting Minutes, 12 July 2010

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, July 12, 2010 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Ted Blackledge, John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door and Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Eric & Lina Spross, Arnie & Val Axelrod, and Dan Byrd.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 228 Primary Members, 185 Affiliate Members – total 413. New Members – 1: Kevin & Sally Carroll, Wyoming, '04 911. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 5. Renewals – 17.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: The latest edition was mailed July 1 and should be arriving soon. There will be a write up regarding the winners at Parade. There will also be a piece about Bob Friday.

Advertising Report: We have obtained additional advertising to offset Uber printing costs. The Demming's ad will be updated.

Webmaster' Report: The website is current.

Insurance Report: Kurt reported that insurance is set for the 50th Anniversary event and Tech Session (July 14)

Old Business:

June 23 – Gilmore Gathering (Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth)

June 26 – Spring Up (Stephen & June Knoll, Tricia & Matt Wollam) – 20th Anniversary of the event. 26 cars and 50 participants. Great time had by all.

Goodie Store – not yet up. Charlton Commerce is having issues with the website.

New Business:

July 14 event – Tech session at Delta Porsche from 5-7pm (winterization, buying used, basic maintenance). Details will be in the Uber and on the web.

August 7 – Gilmore Red Barn Spectacular (Amber Door) – there will be a Porsche paddock. Will be opened to Motorstadt, SEM and Michiana regions also. Details in the Uber and on the web.

50th event update – John Walters is working on a DVD. A discussion regarding expenses took place and it was decided we could afford to print a program and perhaps provide a giveaway (such as a commemorative name badge).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



Classifieds

2001 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 4 CABRIOLET - What can I say about this great car you don't already know? Perhaps that it has several options, like heated seats, leather front and back, black interior, electric seats, a MSRP of \$93,850 when built, Tiptronic S trans. New tires, and battery. Professionally maintained at Delta in GR and Foreign Car Service in Kalamazoo. The car was purchased out of Calif. for what it's worth. The car is a beauty with 79,000 miles. Hey, if your spouse objects, just tell her it is an small economy car with all wheel drive. \$25,950. Call Jack Vandenberg at (269) 217-3338 or Email jackvdb@gmail.com. (Jul 2010)

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)

1995 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET - Amaranth Violet (Purple) with MarbleTop. Owned since 1998 and has 65,000 miles. Price will be \$30,993.00. Call Mike Wendling at (616) 446-3797 or Email mw993cab@hotmail.com. (Jul 2010)

FOR SALE: WHEELS & TIRES - Set of 4 Euromeister (Fuchs Replica) wheels, like new condition, with Michelin Pilot SX (205/55 ZR16 front, 225/50 ZR16 rear). Less than 300 miles. Pictures available upon request. Make me an offer! Email Greg Calahan at greg@cerulean-group.com (Dec 2009)

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