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Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips President, Western Michigan Region

As I write this, I'm still simmering in the afterglow of our 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend. Our tireless volunteers put on one awesome event, and we owe them and all of our event sponsors a debt of gratitude for making it a spectacular, memorable weekend for our club. If you missed out, you can still check out the event program (available at wmi.pca.org) for a taste. It was a tremendous weekend - we'll tell you all about it next issue.

As for September, there is a LOT going on! If you count the 50th weekend, there is an event with your club on 6 out of 8 weekends. I guess we're trying to squeeze as much motoring as we can into this last bit of summer before it's gone! And nothing makes that feel like more of a reality than when we start talking about the Fall Color Tour, which will take place on the 9th of October in the stunning fall setting of the Leelenau Peninsula.

This busy season leaves us with hard decisions about what and how much to include in this newsletter, as real estate is limited. We try to keep a balance between event promos, reviews, calendars, and the 'interest' articles, while still reserving space for our



advertisers - without whom this would not look nearly as cool. We also try to avoid duplication of information such as Porsche press releases and general PCA things that are already covered thoroughly in Panorama and other sources. Still, we welcome your questions and suggestions, and especially your tech questions for the all-new TechSpalte. Danke!

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Upcoming Events

O5 Sep IROC III Autocross - Ionia Fairgrounds, Ionia, MI

Host: Western Michigan Region, c/o Duane Weed

So you have a car that handles very well...check. Has the ability to go very fast if you want it to...check. You own a Porsche...priceless! On September 5th 2010 the WMPCA welcomes you to the Ionia IROC III, the third event this season in an Inter-regional Race Of Champions we run with our friends from the MotorStadt and Michiana PCA regions.

What is an IROC? This timed event on a closed course allows drivers to learn more about what their car can do, while at the same time is a safe, controlled environment. Plus, it's *cheap fun* at only \$25 per driver.

No matter your skill level, age or gender, this event is for everyone. Questions? Contact Duane Weed at (231) 937-4867 (home), or (231) 250-9624 (mobile). (*Please note - this is on SUNDAY, 05 September*)

For more information, visit:

Where: Ionia Fairgrounds

317 South Dexter Street

Ionia, MI 48846

Times: 9:00 am - Check-in

10:30 am - Walk the track 11:00 am - Timed Runs begin



10 Sep Second Annual Western Michigan Region 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

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

Willkommen!

This event is obviously open to all the ladies in our club who love to golf as well, so don't be shy! This is not just a 'guys day out'. So come on out and enjoy a gorgeous and challenging course with us.

Cost will be \$85.00 per person including cart. You will be able to pay directly at the Pro Shop. Dinner in the Egypt Valley CC clubhouse afterward, w/separate checks. Limited to the first 20 persons that sign up. Please reserve your space by September 1st. Reservation to Arnie Axelrod, (616) 676-1330 or amaxelrod@att.net.

September Anniversaries:

1 year Larry & Colleen Alexander

Eric & Sarah Cavalli

5 years Brady & Kristi Harnishfeger

25 years Tim Thatcher

New Members:

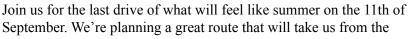
Theo Miller, Richland, MI (2010 Boxster)
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Dave Cramer, Grand Rapids, MI (1989 911 Cab)
Lane VerSchure (1983 911 SC Targa)

Doug Smith, Portage, MI (004 911)

Upcoming Events

11 Sep Dinner Drive to Old Boys' Brewhouse - Spring Lake, MI

Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri





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 When: Saturday, 11 Sep 2010

971 West Savidge Street 4:30 pm @ Coopersville Park & Ride Spring Lake, MI 49456 5:00 pm departure, ~1 hour drive

18 Sep Fenn Valley Vineyard Tour - Fenn Valley Winery, Fennville, MI

Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron

Come and join us for a fun filled early fall afternoon at Fenn Valley Vineyard on Saturday, 18 September for the 12:15 p.m. "Extended Vineyard Tour". The tour will be given by vineyard owner Doug Welch, as he tows our specially constructed 22 seat 'Wine Wagon' behind his



favorite tractor, through his many vineyards. Doug will introduce each of the different grape varieties, along with samplings of the many wines each brings forth.

The \$8.00 per person tour includes a complementary plate of bread and cheeses, your souvenir Fenn Valley logo glass, and a \$5.00 coupon for later wine purchase. Additional discounts are available for case size purchases. We may combine our less than case size purchase with others to make a full case and receive the additional 12 bottle case discount.

We will meet at 10:00 am at the Biggby Coffee shop parking lot, located at 5795 Byron Center Ave. (just north of the Byron Center Ave. exit off M-6, west side of the street directly across from Metropolitan Hospital.) We will depart at 10:30 am for a leisurely drive through Allegan county on our way to the winery.

Following the vineyard tour, Fenn Valley will allow us to use their gas grill and picnic area for a 'bring your own to grill and dish to pass' luncheon. We encourage you to join us for this friendly cook-out that the many wine samplings can be reduced in our systems before we take to the road on our return.

As seating on the 'WineWagon' is limited to 22 people, we must employ a first come first served policy. So please check your calendars for the date and respond to Len at lagawron@comcast.net to reserve your seat. Should you be going directly to Fenn Valley, please note that you must be there not later than 11:45 a.m.

Lastly, this is a fun tour with much laughter and time for photographs and the like. We suggest you bring your camera and a sampling of your favorite cheeses and crackers to share along the way. There are many different wines to sample, and the provided cheese and cracker plate disappears quickly!

We hope you can join us, and we encourage your prompt confirmation/response.

Where: Fenn Valley Winery When: Saturday, 18 September 2010

6130 122nd Avenue 10:00 am @ Biggby on Byron Center Ave

Fennville, MI 49408 10:30 am departure

In Review: Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore

Text and Photos by Amber Door

On Saturday, August 7th members of WMR PCA and Michiana PCA, along with a few potential/future members gathered for a sun-filled day at the Gilmore Car Museum's annual Red Barns Spectacular car show. For anyone that has not made the trek to Hickory Corners, MI you do not know what you are missing. The site includes eight historic barns, a recreated 1930 service station and a small town train station – plus ample cars and memorabilia to keep an enthusiast busy. On August 7th it was also the host to over 500 cars, boats and vintage campers – can you say – wow!

Over the course of the day over 30 Porsches and their owners/families found a reserved parking space in our corral area right in the midst of the activity. From there participants had



access to all the open barns and the amazing display of beautiful and unique vehicles that attended the event. Although some of the participants arrived and quickly headed out for an infusion of car enthusiast sugar – others gathered in the corral and met with old friends, as well as many new friends.







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WMR PCA - 2010 CALENDAR







September	4-6 <u>5</u>	Road America Club Race, Elkhart Lake, WI IROC III AutoCross - Ionia Fairgrounds, Ionia, MI Host: Western Michigan Region		
	9-12	PCA Escape, Sun Peaks, BC (Canada) (http://www.pcaescape2010.com/)		
	9-12	Boxstober Fest 2010, Fredricksburg, TX (http://www.boxstoberfest.com/)		
	<u>10</u>	2nd Annual Golf Outing - Egypt Valley CC, Ada, MI Host: Arnie Axelrod		
	<u>11</u>	Dinner Drive - Old Boys Brewhouse, Spring Lake, MI Hosts: Randy and Linda Portoluri		
	13 18	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Fenn Valley Vineyard Tour - Fennville, MI		
	19	Host: Len Gawron Dayton Concours d'Elegance, Carillon Park, Dayton, OH		
	19	Vin Devers Inaugural European Car Show, Sylvania, OH		
		(email Jason Perry at jperry@vindevers.com)		
	23-25	356 Registry East Coast Holiday 2010, Cleveland, OH (http://www.eastcoastholiday.org)		
	<u>25-26</u>	WMR Driver Education - Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI DE Chair: Ted Blacklidge		
	26	19th Annual VW-Porsche Reunion @ Cinncinnati, OH		
		(http://www.cincyvwclub.com/Reunion.aspx)		
October	<u>4</u> <u>9</u>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Fall Color Tour - Leelenau Peninsula, MI Hosts: Dan and Ren Phillips		
	16	Covered Bridge Tour (invitation from OVR), East Dayton, OH		
November	<u>01</u>	November Dinner Party & 2011 Planning Meeting (Location TBD)		
	20	Northern Ohio Region (NORPCA) 50th Anniversary Celebration (http://norpca50.com/default.aspx)		
December	<u>06</u> TBD	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI 2010 Appetizer Party - Location TBD, Host TBD		

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.



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Registration opens June 1st at ClubRegistration.net

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Two days of Driver Education at the 2-Mile Grattan Raceway, a winding, hilly, complex assortment of almost every conceivable corner imaginable for a road course.

25-26 September 2010 Saturday & Sunday: \$ 290.00 Saturday Only: \$ 150.00

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Notes and Contact Information

Notes:

- 1. Your check reserves your space.
- 2. Student space is limited to one per automobile and a maximum of 15.
- 3. Students RSVP by 8/27, all others 9/3.
- 4. Select only one Participant Day Combo.
- 5. Cancellations must be in writing by 9/3. Refunds will be charged a \$25 Cancellation Fee.
- 6. We reserve the right to refuse any application.

Please register online at: http://clubregistration.net/

If you absolutely can not register online, mail this form to:

Amber Door, Grattan Registrar

645 Summerset Drive, Jenison, MI 49428

Direct all inquiries to:

Ted Blacklidge, Grattan DE Chair

Ph. (616) 866-4143, or email sgrafex@chartermi.net

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25-26 Sep

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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





Annual Fall Color Tour - Leelenau County, MI

Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips



We're trying something a little different this year, by bringing you north to one of the most beautiful and picturesque areas of Michigan to enjoy the fall colors, north to Leelenau County.

This is a longer than usual drive for some members (and much shorter than usual for others!), but we're strucutring it so you can do it all in one day, or spend one or two nights to enjoy a nice weekend getaway.

We will meet at the historic Rosie's Diner, located at 4500 14 Mile Rd, just off US-131, between Rockford & Cedar Springs. Get there earlier to enjoy breakfast if you wish, but we'll depart by 9:30 am at the latest. We will arrive in the Traverse City area by roughly 12:00 noon, where we'll have lunch. (The location for this has not yet been set, so please watch the website and the email blasts for more info.)

After lunch, expect to go for a 1.5-hour drive through the gorgeous roads of Leelenau County in a parade of Porsches. Maps will be provided, and of course we'll plan a pit stop along the way. Maybe two, because we'll have to stop in Cedar for Pleva's specialty meats, and rare Polish & Russian 'specialties' next door.

There are many great resorts and hotels in the Traverse City area, so consider making it an extended weekend getaway, one more time before the snow flies. (Yes, it will be back...) Otherwise, you should be able to make it back to our morning starting point by about 5:30-6:00 pm.

Start: Rosie's Diner, 4500 14 Mile Rd, Rockford, MI Depart by 9:30 am
Arrive: [Restaurant TBD], Traverse City area ~12:00 noon
Drive: Leelenau County route, with stops ~1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Return: Depart by 3:00 pm (on your own after that unless you make plans w/others)

Please RSVP to Dan & Ren Phillips by Friday, October 1st @ (616) 281-2459 or dphil66@hotmail.com.

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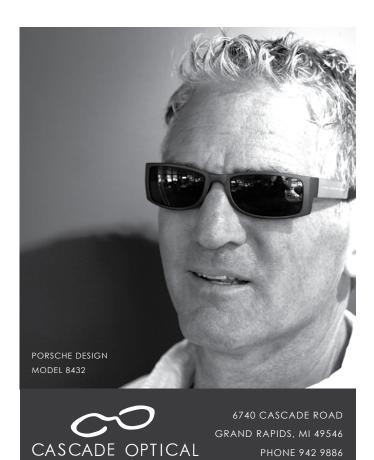




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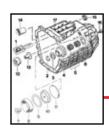
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TechSpalte: Should You Inflate Your Tires with Nitrogen?

Submitted by Dan Phillips

You may have noticed that many tire shops offer a fill of pure nitrogen for your tires. So should you opt for nitrogen, or not? I'll save you the suspense – the simple answer is "no". It won't hurt anything, but I wouldn't pay any extra for it.

Nitrogen is an inert diatomic gas with the symbol N, and an atomic number of 7 – just to the left of oxygen (O) on the periodic table. The Earth's atmosphere is composed of 78% N, 21% O, and small amounts of carbon dioxide, argon, neon, water vapor, and traces of other gases, noble and otherwise. This "air", as we know it, has a different coefficient of thermal expansion than pure nitrogen, and also contains water vapor – something that "pure" nitrogen does not have.

Knowing these basics, what are the advantages of filling tires with pure nitrogen, according to "N-thusiasts"?

- 1. Larger molecules prevents leakage better than plain air, so tires stay inflated to correct pressures longer.
- 2. Lack of moisture prevents corrosion of metal components, and prevents tire rot
- 3. Lower coefficient of thermal expansion tire pressures increase less, as operating temperature increases

First, let's look at the claim that larger molecules lead to less leakage, and therefore more stable handling and better fuel economy, because the tires are maintaining the correct pressure for a longer period of time. This sounds great, except for one simple fact – "air" as we know it is already 78% N to begin with. In measured experiments, any differences in fuel economy due to such gains were trivial, and only slightly noticable to OTR truckers who cover enough distance where this might actually make a difference. Those green valve stem caps that indicate a nitrogen fill don't seal any tighter either.

Filling tires with nitrogen involves filling and purging several times in succession, serially diluting the concentration of

oxygen in the tire. This will also remove any water. So the second claim is only valid if your tires are filled this way. Even so, the actual corrosion benefits of a moisture-free gas are only realized in the most extreme applications anyway, such as with mining and construction equipment that use steel wheels, and even then, only in the most extreme working conditions.

As for the third claim, moist gases can cause more of a pressure change than dry air; and compared to dry air, pure nitrogen sees the least amount of pressure change with temperature. Racers figured out pretty quickly that tires filled with nitrogen rather than air exhibit less pressure change with temperature swings. That means more consistent inflation pressures during a race as the tires heat up. And when you're tweaking a race car's handling with half-psi changes, that's important. But these benefits are best realized only by those who are running a car in the upper echelons of competitive racing.

Nitrogen tire inflation does have its applications - OTR trucking, construction, racing, aerospace, etc. (Because nitrogen is inert, it will not fuel a fire in cases of explosions in aircraft tires.) But finding any benefits when applied to the tires of a street car will be like chasing a ghost. Limited benefit in theory, even less in application.

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WMR Meeting Minutes, 02 August 2010

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, August 2, 2010 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Arnie Axelrod, Marshall Walters, Eric Spross, Lina Spross, Kurt Wirth, Randy Portoluri

Minutes: Minutes from July meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 226 Primary Members, 184 Affiliate Members – total 410. New Members – 4 Transfers In – 1. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 7. Renewals – 15.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Uber will now go out mid month to ensure that the Uber is in member hands prior to 1st of the month. Event Host submissions will be needed a minimum of 2 months prior to planned activities to ensure that it is in the publication prior to the event.

Additional pages planned for July/August with Grattan Registration.

Advertising Report: No new advertisers. Deming's has increased their long-standing ad to ½ page color. Thank you for the support of our advertisers. No further color advertising space remains at current specs. Black and white space is still available.

Webmaster's Report: Michael is working hard to keep the web site updated with all of the summer activities.

Insurance Report: Insurance for August events complete. Insurance as been requested for the Grattan DE. September Drive Insurance to be requested.

Old Business:

- July 14 event Well attended 20 participants
- Goodie Store Still working with Charlton Commerce. Will notify membership when things are finalized.

New Business:

- Charity will donate Charity funds to Calvary Church Benevolent fund per Bob & Carol Friday's wishes
- August 7th (Amber Door & Jerry Arens) Red Barn Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
- Car Corral within the event is planned with membership information available
- 50th Update RSVPs are returning; will extend RSVP date with email blast
- Final planning committee meeting scheduled this week.
- September 10th Golf Outing (Arnie Axelrod) no insurance required. Start at 3pm Max 20 people Egypt Valley. Dinner following event open to anyone just need to let Arnie know.
- September 11th Dinner Drive (Randy Portoluri) Old Dogs Brewhouse, Spring Lake meet at Park & Ride in Coopersville further information in Uber.
- September 18th Fenn Valley Drive (Len Gawron) further information to follow
- 28th Street Metro Cruise (Delta) August 27 & 28th Delta planning Friday evening event like 2009 no official gathering is planned on Saturday for WMR.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted by Amber Door



Classifieds

2001 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET – Manual trans. w/matching hard top and windscreen. Car is very well equipped, heated leather seats, almost 45,000 miles. Professionally maintained by Porsche mechanic. Orient Red (black top) w/gray interior. \$29,500.00. Call Scott Lockwood at (616) 490-5773 or Email slockwood@c-and-o.com (Sep 2010)

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)

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