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Dan Phillips President, Western Michigan Region

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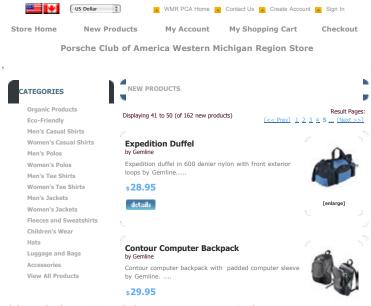


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Questions? Contact Ted Blacklidge, Grattan DE Chair, at (616) 866-4143 or sgrafex@chartermi.net



09 Oct

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. Although a longer-than-usual trek, we're structuring it so that it can easily be done in a single day unless you'd like to turn it into a nice little 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.

In Review: WMR's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by Dan Phillips & Amber Door Photos submitted by Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Ted Blacklidge, & Kurt Wirth

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration was a great success, and will go down as one of the best and most memorable weekends we've ever had. A total of 6 different events spread out over 3 days brought together over 100 members to Grand Rapids to celebrate our golden anniversary - 50 years of camaraderie and fun among fellow Porsche enthusiasts.

Friday began with a casual drive led by host Kurt Wirth along the Grand River to Thousand Oaks Golf Club just off 5 Mile. The beautiful wooded setting and excellent food made for a relaxing, casual, yet classy start to a great weekend.

The next morning, rain and thunderclouds greeted us as we entered the Calder Plaza at 6:15am to prepare for the morning Concours d'Elegance. The rain even brought a sight most of us have never seen – a beautiful silver 1965 356 cabriolet, owned by Kurt Wirth with a top up, covered with rain! As the morning progressed, the weather cleared and the plaza became a rainbow of Porsches with "La Grande Vitesse" by Alexander Calder, in Calder Red (not Guards Red), as the backdrop. Voting for the People's Choice Topside Concours winners was a very difficult task – even though the rain plagued us early on, the cars were all gorgeous. The winner of each of the 12 classes was presented an enameled ceramic plaque by Concours host Amber Door to commemorate their accomplishment.



(Vist our website for a complete list of the victors.) By the end of the event we even met our goal to have 50 Porsches on the Plaza. Throughout the morning, despite the wet start to the day we had a total of 50 Porsches arrive!

Shortly after the awards ceremony, host Craig Ackerman treated us to lunch catered by Blythefield Country Club. The chefs at Blythefield even made cupcakes with a '50' on each one, in the colors of our logo.

It was just what we needed before embarking on the afternoon Gimmick Rally, organized by hosts Ted & Gabi Blacklidge. A fun 'scavenger hunt' drive took us from La Grande Vitesse to the woods of Ada and Cascade, bringing us to the famed Grattan Raceway, where a Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association event was underway. Winners were Paul & Marci Thieme (1), EJ & Helene Czarnopys (2), & Chris & Heather Hoexum (3).

Saturday's evening festivities began with cocktails & hors d'ouerves in a beautiful modern setting - the glass-walled gallery of DeVos Place, overlooking the Grand River. Three of our members' Porsches were on display indoors, as party-goers mingled around them, sipping their drinks and bidding on our charity auction items, including great prize packages from our sponsors, thanks to our sponsorship chair Randy Portoluri.

At 7:30 pm, emcee Michael Betz offered sincere gratitude for all the hard work of the weekend's event organizers, and introduced WMR President Dan Phillips, who kicked off the evening program with a brief speech and



In Review: WMR's 50th Anniversary Celebration

a toast. Dinner was served, and due to the tireless efforts of banquet organizer Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, our members were treated to an authentic German meal, enthusiastically prepared by the outstanding chefs of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. It was like being in Zuffenhausen for a night!

After dinner, an awards program ensued, honoring the WMR PCA Enthusiast of the Year (Amber Door) and Runner Up (Dan Phillips), along with winners of the Gimmick Rally, door prizes, and raffle. Rick Riley helped establish an excellent evening program that left plenty of time (and an available bartender) for members to mix and mingle. Ron Carr, our Zone 4 rep, made a long trip to be with us, and had a great time. We were even graced by the presence of Lori Mauthe



(Schutz), the daughter of former Porsche AG CEO Peter Schutz, and personal friend of several WMR members. She was our long-distance champ, traveling all the way from Dallas.

One of the highlights of the evening, if not the whole weekend were the WMR historical displays that were created and shown by member Kurt Wirth. These were an outstanding way to learn and reminisce with friends old and new, with each year chronicled on a different poster-sized board. Peter & Dorothy Dykema displayed an entire table filled with Porsche and PCA artifacts that were enjoyed by many, and Dan Conklin even showed off his pristine Porsche factory employee coveralls from decades ago. Also on display were the many trophies earned by WMR PCA members, including the PCA national Enthusiast of the Year award and Parade Concours People's Choice award - perhaps the biggest awards in the entire national club, with nearly 60,000 members.

A beautiful Sunday morning found dozens of early-risers on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum for host Len Gawron's Porsches & Coffee event. We were treated not only to Krispy Kremes and hot coffee, but also Rick Riley's factory-built one-off prototype 911 Speedster from the 1980s, and Darren Draves' awesome Carrera GT.

After member Duane Weed collected more footage for his upcoming 50th Anniversary DVD (available soon!), the group departed on the morning 'brunch drive' through the country roads of Walker and Alpine township, arriving at Blythefield Country Club for an outstanding brunch buffet. Event sponsors Greg Callahan and Jerry Broersma set up an excellent driving route, and managed to convince Blythefield that they needed to have their driveway filled with Stuttgart's finest. (It must have been easy...) It was a great way to say 'farewell' after such a memorable, fun-filled weekend!

To read the special-edition Über Alles and to see many photos of our blowout golden-anniversary weekend, visit our website at http://wmi.pca.org/. More photos are being added all the time.

"May our club continue to grow in membership and fellowship for another 50 years!" - Dan Phillips, WMR President



WMR PCA - 2010 CALENDAR







September	<u>18</u>	Fenn Valley Vineyard Tour - Fennville, MI Host: Len Gawron
	19	Dayton Concours d'Elegance, Carillon Park, Dayton, OH (http://www.daytonconcours.com/)
	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> 9	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 (http://www.ovrpca.org/> go to calendar of events)
November	<u>01</u>	November Dinner Party & 2011 Planning Meeting Pietro's Ristiorante, Grand Rapids, MI Dinner @ 6:00 pm, Meeting @ 7:00 pm Bring your ideas! It's your club - get involved, have fun! http://wmi.pca.org/events/2011_planning_meeting.htm
	<u>17</u>	November Dinner Drive - Watermark CC, Cascade, MI Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	20	Northern Ohio Region (NORPCA) 50th Anniversary Celebration (http://norpca50.com/)
December	<u>06</u> <u>TBD</u>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI 2010 Appetizer Party - Rockford, MI Hosts: Ted & Gabi Blacklidge (or) Craig & Chris Ackerman

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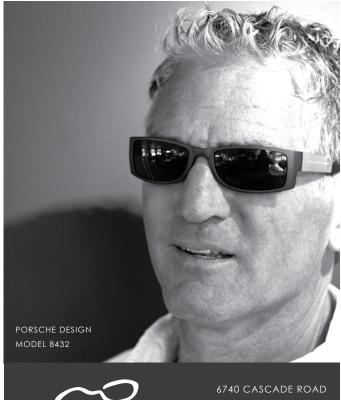




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In Review: IROC III - WMR's Annual Autocross

Text and Photos by Dan Phillips

A combined group from the Western Michigan and MotorStadt regions of PCA, along with several cars from the Furrin Group tore up the 'track' at WMR's annual autocross event on September 5th, called IROC III.

For those who may not know, IROC stands for 'Inter-regional Race Of Champions', and is our tongue-and-cheek way of having a bit of friendly competition on the autocross course between members of three PCA Zone 4 regions - Western Michigan, MotorStadt, and Michiana. (And we tend to let some other fun-loving folks come out and play with us as well!) This IROC is typically three different autocross events, one held in each region. At the end of the season, an official winner is declared for fastest time...and the most bent traffic cones too!

At this year's IROC III, Michael Betz and his new (to him) Cayman S scored FTD (fastest time of the day) in men's competition at a very quick 45.779 seconds around the road-course we set up at the Ionia Fairgrounds. In ladies' competition, Lina Spross scorched asphalt and hustled around the track in only 55.722 seconds in her new (to her) Boxster S.

18 cars and twice as many spectators had a great time, and great weather to boot!

Complete results are available on our website at: http://wmi.pca.org/driving/iroc/iroc 2010 results.htm.







Get your special 50th Anniversary WMR PCA T-shirt today! A very limited quantity of these one-of-a-kind shirts are available, in exchange for a small \$15 donation to our WMR annual charity fund. Please contact Rick Riley at rick. riley@grandxray.com to order yours. Shirts are black and printed on 2 sides as shown. Show off your pride and support a great cause with one of these rare 50th Anniversary shirts!



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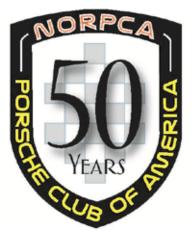
NORPCA's 50th Anniversary Gala Event - Independence, OH

Host: Northern Ohio Region PCA, c/o Keith Inniss

If you are free the weekend of November 20th, consider spending a day with our friends in the Northern Ohio Region to celebrate their golden anniversary. NORPCA is hosting MC Mark Shevitz from PCA National, along with Darren Law and David Donohue from Brumos Porsche.

This semi-formal event will include special Porshces on display, dinner, dancing, and will also benfit the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland.

For more information, and to download an RSVP form (by Nov 5th!) visit: http://norpca50.com/



October Anniversaries:

1 year Andrew Craig & Bryanna Taylor

Carol & David Laenen

Curt Pullen

5 years Michael Kessenich

Scott Kaai Kevin O'Connor

10 years Greg & Karlene Currie

New Members:

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Ronald & Casey Cheney, Woodland, MI

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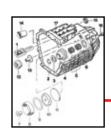
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TechSpalte: Winterization for your Porsche

Submitted by Dan Phillips

First of all, your Porsche, especially if made post-1974, makes an excellent a winter vehicle. With a body made of galvanized steel, plastic, aluminum, and stainless, and with numerous anti-corrosion measures taken at the factory, you can slog through a salty Michigan winter with impunity. (Only if your car's had body work done may you want to take caution.) Put on a set of snow tires on a separate set of rims, the factory ski/snowboard rack (and some kittly litter in the trunk of your Boxster/Cayman), and have a good time. If you've never done donuts in a 911, you are really missing out. Everything that makes it a great car in the summer translates directly in the winter – communicative steering, control of your power, braking, traction, chassis dynamics – it's the little German snowmobile, no joke. Just avoid those unplowed roads with more than 5 inches of snow and you'll never notice a ground-clearance issue. Treat yourself, and enjoy it every day, the way it was meant to be enjoyed. But...if you choose to store your car (sad face), here are some recommendations:

- 1. <u>Wash it!</u> Don't let dust, dirt, road tar, bird droppings, etc. sit on your paint. Clean it well, and wax it now so you don't have to in the spring. Don't let brake dust sit on your wheels. Clean them well, and consider applying a coat of wax or sealant to your wheels for easier cleaning next time. (Try Poorboys or DP wheel sealants, or Collonite 845 wax.)
- 2. <u>Cover it!</u> Not only will a cover prevent the buildup of dust on your precious, but it will help prevent minor scratches from people or items moving around in your garage during the storage season. One word of caution a cover can make 'some' people think they can stack junk on top of it, and slide things around on it! Lay down the law.
- 3. <u>Avoid flat spots!</u> As the car's weight compresses the tires, they can take a permanent set over a long period of time, creating a flat spot and hence a vibration. If you can't put the car up on jack stands to get the weight off the tires, you can either take the car for a drive twice a month, or just pump up the tires to about 60 psi in the fall. This will drop as the temperature drops, but try not to let it go below 50 psi. This will minimize if not completely eliminate this problem.
- 4. <u>Disconnect it!</u> Cold weather is hard on a battery. Your best course of action is to remove the battery from the car, and store it in your warm basement. You may need a quick charge in the spring, but it won't need a maintenance-charger. Otherwise, you can connect one to your car if you leave the battery in, but it's always best to remove it. That way, it never gets cold, and its ability to hold a charge will not degrade.
- 5. <u>Consider your fluids!</u> You should change your oil at least once a year, and brake fluid every two years, even if you drive your car less than the recommended service interval each year. Consider changing your oil in the spring, to help expunge any internal condensation that may have built up over the winter. Before you store, top up your other fluids.
- 6. <u>Fill 'er Up!</u> Condensation in the tank, and fuel turning to varnish are the two big issues with fuel storage. Immediately before you store, stop at a fuel station, and put some fuel stabilizer (consider Sta-Bil) and some dry-gas in your tank, then fill all the way up with a premium, name-brand fuel (Shell, Mobil, BP). If you put the additives in first, they will mix thoroughly as you fill the tank. Before you get to your storage location, drive the car at least 5-10 miles just enough to get the additives throughout your entire fuel system, but not enough to appreciably drop your topped-up fuel level.
- 7. <u>Button 'er Up!</u> Roll up the windows and put the convertible top up you'd be amazed at how small an opening a mouse can fit through. Stuff a rag or some crumpled foil into the air intake, exhaust, and heater air intake (passenger side, bottom of the windshield) to prevent rodents from entering. Some suggest using mothballs to keep animals away, but these can leave a smell in the car. Do NOT leave traps w/bait or birdseed around your car. Sweep the floor, too. Any food just attracts animals, and you don't want a dead mouse in your fresh air intake. In the spring, check the car out carefully for signs of nesting animals before you start the car inside and out, in the trunk, the engine bay, wheelwells, everywhere.

Finally, consider placing a sheet of vapor barrier (Tyvek) under the car on the floor if stored indoors. This will prevent water vapor buildup in an unheated garage, and makes it very easy to spot fluid leaks when the car is removed from storage.



WMR Meeting Minutes, 13 September 2010

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, September 13, 2010 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Arnie Axelrod, and Rick Riley.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. There are some outstanding bills from the 50th weekend. Beginning to receive money for Grattan registrations. Payment is due to Grattan the day of the event.

Membership Report: 227 Primary Members, 185 Affiliate Members – total 412. New Members – 2: Ronald & Casey Cheney, Woodland, '87 944s, Douglas Smith, Portage, '11 997 Cab. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 5. Renewals – 13. Nationally: There are 58,000 primary members, over 104,000 total members, and currently averaging 200 members per month.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: John Walters was inadvertently left off the minutes as an attendee at the August meeting. Dan is using actual Porsche colors in the header and footer of the Uber.

Advertising Report: A couple of advertisers are up for billing. Discussion regarding banner ads on the website is tabled; further clarification from National needed as to whether or not they are acceptable.

Webmaster' Report: The website is current.

Insurance Report: John Walters will contact Kurt to verify insurance is set for the September 18 dinner drive. Insurance for Grattan is set.

Old Business:

- August 7 Gilmore Red Barn Spectacular. Great weather, and a great time had by all.
- 50th Anniversary Weekend What a wonderful weekend of camaraderie!
- September 10 Golf Outing hosted by Arnie Axelrod. 4 attendees enjoyed a nice round of golf
- September 11 Dinner Drive hosted by Randy and Linda Portoluri. A great time had by all.

New Business:

- Goodie Store website is up and running, but is missing header picture: announcement to be made in October newsletter
- Bull Publishing can we/do we want to offer books on the goodie store or otherwise. Discussion tabled for now.
- September 18 Dinner Drive/Fenn Valley vineyard tour hosted by Len Gawron. Insurance needed if a drive preceeds the tour.
- John Walters will be directing the November 1 planning meeting at Pietros. 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting.
- WinterFest will tentatively be held February 19, 2011 at Bridgewater Place, Grand Rapids.
- Nametags We are currently looking into alternatives for the production of name tags. Our current method is not viable and we are unable to print any name tags at the moment. Ted is maintaining a list of name tag requests.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



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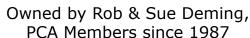
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