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# Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips  
President, Western Michigan Region

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Greetings my friends! The driving season for most Porsche owners is coming to a close, but this temperate and beautiful sunny fall weather is keeping many of us in denial. We just wrapped up an awesome summer with our annual Grattan Driver Education event, and our annual fall color tour up north in beautiful Leelanau County. It doesn't seem like it should end. Even so, I know it's only two short weeks before the snow tires go on, and after that...it won't be long...I won't even say the dreaded 's'-word. But regardless of the weather, your club will still be getting together regularly to enjoy friendships old and new, and our shared joys of driving a Porsche. We hope you can join us in the fun this fall and winter season.

### Introducing our new Club Historian, Kurt Wirth (see page 12)

Kurt Wirth has been a cornerstone of our club for many years, and we welcome him to the new position of Club Historian.

### TechSpalte: Quite literally, the 'tech column'

We hope you're enjoying the new TechSpalte feature in the newsletter. But I'd rather not write all of them myself, and guess at what you'd like to hear about. So - what would you like to hear about? And...why don't you write a column? We welcome your suggestions and submissions. Have something you'd like to share? Let us make you famous.

### November Planning Dinner - Monday, 01 November 2010:

Even if you cannot make it for our region's annual planning session, preceded by dinner at Pietro's in Grand Rapids, we hope you'll choose to participate in absentia by forwarding your ideas, comments, and suggestions to John Walters prior to the event.

In addition, we appreciate any and all input you may have regarding the Uber Alles newsletter, our website, or anything else for that matter. We welcome your comments, criticisms, praise, and ideas, and we're happy to discuss them with you at any time. You can help make this club the best it can be. All you have to do is contact us!

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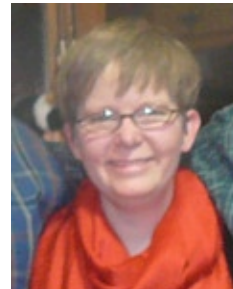
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# Upcoming Events

## 01 Nov 2010's Annual November Planning Dinner

The members of the WMR PCA are planning to meet on November 1st to plan for our 2011 events. This is your club and the board would like to hear from you. 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 2011? ... Then come to the meeting. Would you like to see a new event or drive destination on the schedule? Bring your ideas!



Remember this is YOUR club! And the WMR PCA needs your help and input.

Where: Pietro's Italian Restaurant  
2780 Birchcrest SE  
Grand Rapids, MI  
(off 28th St. – just west of Breton)  
<http://www.rcfc.com/Pietros/locations.asp>

When: 6:00 pm - Dinner  
7:00 pm - Meeting

If you have any questions, please contact John Walters at (269) 672-5055, or email [jwalters@wmis.net](mailto:jwalters@wmis.net).

## 17 Nov November Dinner Drive: The Grille at Watermark Country Club, Cascade, MI *Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens*



Please join us for great conversation, wonderful friends old and new, and great food at 7pm, Wednesday, November 17th at The Grille at Watermark Country Club.

### *The Grille at Watermark*

Un-chain yourself and experience a really good meal in a great setting. Watermark Country Club has been unique over these last 9 years in that it has been the only private club to have an open to the public restaurant and banquet facility. The Grille at Watermark has a menu of items to please everyone whether you love wood-fired pizzas made with homemade dough, flame grilled Alaskan salmon or gourmet salads with grilled chicken, steak or fried calamari. There's even a rumor that the Grille's burger is the best in town. The relaxing atmosphere, friendly service and well prepared food make the Grille a restaurant that meets the needs of all diners. The Grille is an award winning restaurant as well. Grand Rapids Magazine has awarded it a winner in the casual dining category four times.

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Where: The Grille at Watermark Country Club  
5500 Cascade Rd.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

When: 7:00 pm

RSVP by Monday, 15 November 2010 to Amber Door at (616) 340-0971, or email [amdoor242@aol.com](mailto:amdoor242@aol.com).



# Upcoming Events

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## 04 Dec Holiday Appetizer and Wine Tasting Party

Let the warmth of friendship take the chill from the air and the spirit of the season make winter easier to bear. Ted & Gabi Blacklidge invite you to join us at our home for a festive holiday appetizer and wine-tasting party!

Bring an extra bottle of your favorite wine to share, and participate in a blind taste test where you can try your friends' favorite wines as well.

*Stop in early, stop in late...Bring your tastiest appetizer plate  
Share a bottle, split a case...And meet your friends at our place!*

Where: The Blacklidge Residence  
2753 13 Mile Road NE  
Rockford, MI

When: 5:00 pm to ???

Please RSVP to Gabriele Blacklidge at (616) 866-4143, or email [gabriele@chartermi.net](mailto:gabriele@chartermi.net).



## In Review: 11 September Dinner Drive

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*Text and Photos by Dan Phillips*

18 people and a total of 8 Porsches braved some of Michigan's lousiest weather to prove that enthusiasm knows no bounds. Unseasonably cool temperatures in the upper 50s, dark clouds, and a fine mist of rain blowing sideways could not deter a small, dedicated group from enjoying Stuttgart's finest for a Saturday afternoon in September.

Our group enjoyed a casual drive along beautiful country roads from Coopersville to Spring Lake, ending at Old Boys' Brewhouse for a laid-back evening of food, live music, and assorted merriment. The day kept getting better as Michigan stuck it to the Irish in college football, eliciting groans of discontent from all the State fans present. (Cue the violins...)

But instead of violins, we all enjoyed the 'acoustic classic rock with cool harmonies' of local favorite band Natchez Trace, and many stayed well beyond the dinner hour to enjoy the festivities. Truly, 'a good time was had by all...'



# In Review: 18 September Fenn Valley Winery Tour

*Text by Dan Phillips; photos by Dan Phillips and Alan Smithee*

After a beautiful drive through Allegan country, our group of Porsche and wine enthusiasts arrived at Fenn Valley Vineyard in Fennville, just a few miles east of Saugatuck. We piled onto Doug Welsch's vineyard tour wagon, with coolers of cheeses and meats in tow, to taste Fenn Valley wines side-by-side with the fruits from which they are made. This unique experience, combined with a thorough winery tour, gave us insight into the life of grape farmers and wine makers. And what is it with September and Saturday rain? What began as a perfectly beautiful day developed into a downpour, but only after we were as far from any shelter as we could get. Oh well! We all laughed it up and had a great time anyway, wet as we were. After the tour, we gathered in the dining room to enjoy our (indoor) picnic. Fast, beautiful cars...fine wine...good food...great friends...who could ask for more?



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. Email 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! Limited availability!



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# WMR PCA - 2010 CALENDAR



<b>November</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>November Dinner Party &amp; 2011 Planning Meeting</b> 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! <a href="http://wmi.pca.org/events/2011_planning_meeting.htm">http://wmi.pca.org/events/2011_planning_meeting.htm</a>
	<b>17</b>	<b>November Dinner Drive - Watermark CC, Cascade, MI</b> Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	<b>20</b>	<b>Northern Ohio Region (NORPCA) 50th Anniversary Celebration</b> ( <a href="http://norpca50.com/">http://norpca50.com/</a> )
<b>December</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>2010 Appetizer Party - Blacklidge Residence, Rockford, MI</b> Hosts: Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
	<b>06</b>	<b>Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI</b>

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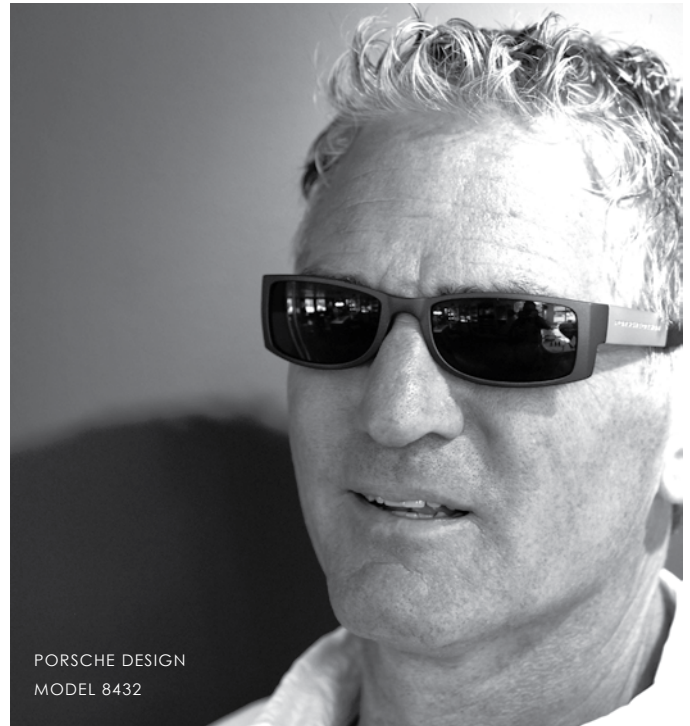
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*Ted is a long-standing member and past President of Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region.*



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# In Review: Grand Prix of Gattan Driver Education

*Text by Ted Blacklidge, DE Chair; Photos by Ted Blacklidge and Dan Phillips*

Well folks, our annual Drivers' Education event was held on September 25th and 26th, with a pretty good turnout of 55 drivers. About 15 joined us from out of the area – Chicago, SEM, and RSR regions – with 40 from WMR. As you know, we have over 400 members in our region, which means 90% of you missed out on a really great time!

Our day started out very early Saturday morning since we have eliminated the Friday drive day, leaving Saturday as the most popular day. We were greeted with not one, but two rainbows in the western sky as the sun came up in the east – and we have the photographs to prove it! Not a drop of rain on the track. After the hustle and bustle of Registration and Tech Inspections, our students headed to the classroom with Chief Instructor Terry Schieble, while the experienced drivers started the 20 minute track sessions. Kurt Wirth, one of the pillars of this DE event, honored us by instructing a novice student in her 50-year old 356 on the finer points of Grattan Raceway. Thank you, Kurt!

As always, we had a predominance of Porsches; however a sprinkling of other vehicles were in attendance – Mustang, Corvette, Audi, and Camaro. Exalted Leader, Dan Phillips flung his beautiful 6-series BMW coupe around the track. He is now officially no longer a novice!

Saturday evening was casual with a hot pizza buffet and cold adult beverages – and a chance to discuss the intricacies of the “esses” and off-camber turns.

I would like to express my gratitude to the GRATTAN COMMITTEE and volunteers for running a seamless event year after year after year - AMBER DOOR, COLIN CARPENTER, CRAIG ACKERMAN, MICHAEL BETZ, CRAIG PAULL, RICK RILEY, DOUG TEPPER, TERRY SCHIEBLE, and ERIC & LINA SPROSS. Also thanks to Kurt Wirth, Don Sazama and Jerry Arens who pitched in. Thank you all.

WMR runs an excellent Driver's Education Event and we receive many favorable comments from our participants. Be sure to write next year's date on the calendar as soon as it is announced – don't be part of that 90%!



# In Review: Fall Color Tour in Leelanau County, MI

*Text and Photos by Dan Phillips*

“Stunning.” “Absolutely gorgeous.” “Worth the drive.” These were the sentiments of attendees of WMR's annual fall color tour on October 19th. The weather was as perfect as it could be, and the fall colors were at their peak. It was a glorious weekend of touring in beautiful Leelanau County, just north and south of the 45th parallel. I counted 24 different cars in our group, although not all at the same time as people came and went throughout the day. The fall colors were dazzling, and some said the same of my 'louder the better' shirt. :) But the cherry on top of all this sensory overload was when one of our Traverse City members dropped in for a short while with his new 911 GT3 RS. Awesome!



# Upcoming Events

## 20 Nov 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 Porsches on display, dinner, dancing, and will also benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland.

For more information, and to download an RSVP form (by Nov 5th!) visit:

<http://norpca50.com/>



### November Anniversaries:

5 years John Zevalkink

### New Members:

*Willkommen!*

Ronald & Casey Cheney, Woodland, MI  
1987 Porsche 944S

Mike Murphy, Grand Rapids, MI  
1983 Porsche 944

Larry Molegraaf, Wyoming, MI  
1988 Porsche 911

Wolfgang & Miluska Bubeck, Belmont, MI  
2005 Porsche Boxster

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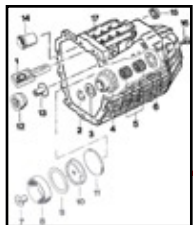
# Introducing Kurt Wirth, WMR PCA's Club Historian

*Dan Phillips, President, Western Michigan Region*

After our 50th Anniversary Celebration in August, the Western Michigan Region Board of Directors voted to create the new position of Club Historian. Because he has displayed such an extraordinary commitment to the history of the Region for so many years, the Board recommended the appointment of Kurt Wirth to this new position, which he has accepted.

In this new role, Kurt will be responsible for maintaining past historical documents and artifacts, and creating and maintaining a living history of the Western Michigan Region. If you attended the 50th Anniversary banquet on August 21st, you were treated to the historic 'boards' depicting our Region's rich history in pictures and words. These have been painstakingly assembled and maintained by Kurt over the course of many years.

We are indebted to Kurt for his dedication to the preservation of our history, and are excited to retain his efforts in this new official capacity. If you have items of interest that you feel are worthy of preservation in our archives - original newsletters, newspaper articles, letters from Porsche or PCNA, invitations, pictures, or any other artifacts or information - please contact Kurt Wirth at (616) 956-0249, or email [kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net](mailto:kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net).



## TechSpalte: Porsche's GT3 R Hybrid Drive Technology

*Submitted by Dan Phillips*

You may have seen Porsche's new GT3 R Hybrid racing car debut at Geneva, and race in the 'experimental' classes at LeMans and in the ALMS's Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta. But how exactly does this innovative new hybrid-drive system work?

This new platform basically takes a rear-wheel drive GT3, and adds two electric motors driving the front wheels. However there is no 'battery' in the traditional sense.

Instead there is an electrical generator, sitting next to the driver where there could otherwise be a passenger seat. When the brakes are applied, the two electric motors at the front operate in reverse, becoming electrical generators themselves. This electricity, created under braking, goes to the generator, and spins the internal flywheel via electro-magnetism. Thus, energy is stored temporarily in the form of kinetic energy of the flywheel, spinning at up to 40,000 rpm. When the driver exits the corner after braking, or needs to pass, the touch of a button reverses the hybrid system. The spinning flywheel becomes the rotor of an electric motor, and it's momentum creates enough electricity to power the two electric motors driving the front wheels for about 6-8 seconds. Ingenious!



1. Power electronics
2. Portal shaft with two electric motors
3. High-voltage cable
4. Electrical flywheel battery
5. Power electronics



# WMR Meeting Minutes, 04 October 2010

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*Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, October 4, 2010* – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 6:59 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Craig Ackerman, Arnie Axelrod, Rick Riley and Marci Thieme.

Minutes: Approved. Correction: September 10 – Golf Outing hosted by Arnie Axelrod. 14 attendees enjoyed a nice round of golf.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. There are some outstanding bills from the 50th weekend and Grattan.

Membership Report: 233 Primary Members, 188 Affiliate Members – total 421. New Members – 3: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck, Belmont, '05 Boxter, Larry Molegraaf, Wyoming, '89 911, and Michael Murphy, Grand Rapids, '93 944. Transfers In – 1: Thomas Trumbull, Leland, '89 911, from Maumee Valley. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 2. Renewals – 8.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Swift Printing is our new printer. The paper stock has changed as a result but there seems to be no discernable difference. It appears that most mailing delays are due to the 3rd class mailing status. There was a slight decrease in cost as compared to D & D. The colors online differ from print and this is being addressed by the printer.

Advertising Report: There are 3 advertisers who are outstanding.

Webmeister's Report: “The site is completely up-to-date as of yesterday, with detailed info on all upcoming events through the end of the year (except for the Appetizer Party – no details on that yet). Thanks to a bunch of photos Amber provided at last Thursday's Grattan Race Committee meeting, we now have 6,826 photos on-line, spread across about 580 pages. That's a lot of content.

“I took a look at the number of visitors to the site this year. Not unexpectedly, we had a big peak in August. Not only were people seeking information on our 50th anniversary events, they were also looking extensively at the IROC and driving pages. We were only four visitors shy of the August 2009 high of 457 visitors.” - *Michael Betz*

## Old Business:

- September 18 – Fenn Valley Dinner Drive hosted by Len and Bonnie Gawron. Despite a rainy afternoon, a nice drive and great cookout was enjoyed by all.
- Grattan DE – this event is a “well-oiled machine” as stated by Dan Phillips. A great time was had by all. In lieu of a banquet, pizza was provided. \$1,200 was donated to our charity (Calvary Church Benevolent Fund in honor of Bob Friday).
- Goodie Store – available through our website. A percentage of sales will go to the club.
- Web Advertiser – more discussion regarding web advertising. No definitive decision has been made.
- November Planning Meeting – John Walters will be directing the meeting. Please direct all inquiries and agenda items to John. An email blast will be sent requesting information and requests for any upcoming events.

## New Business:

- Fall Color Tour – October 9, hosted by Dan and Ren Phillips. Lunch will be at Trattoria Stella; Dan & Ren will meet you at the restaurant. Should be great weather and peak color.
- November Dinner Drive – Watermark. November 17 – details to follow.
- Appetizer Party – December 4, hosted by Ted and Gabi. Details to follow.
- WinterFest – We have decided against Bridgewater Place, in part because of their \$1,000 room fee and high food/beverage minimum. We are currently researching other venues. The date remains the same – February 19, 2011.
- Kurt Wirth has graciously accepted the position of Club Historian. There will be an article in the next Uber.
- We have collected \$2,283 in charitable donations this year-to-date. Typically we present a check to the charity during the November Planning Meeting, but we will check with Carol Friday in order to find out how she would prefer to handle the donation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf*



## Classifieds

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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](mailto:jackvdb@gmail.com). (Jul 2010)

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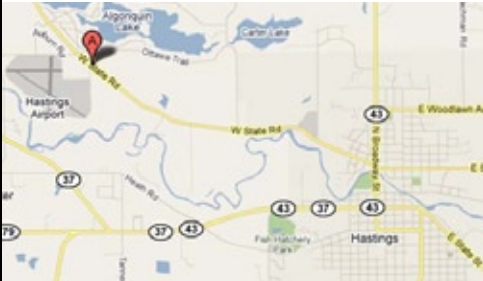


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