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# Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips  
President, Western Michigan Region

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Greetings, and Happy Thanksgiving to all. It's hard to believe the summer flew by so quickly, and we're already into another holiday season. I'm getting fatter just thinking about it. Good thing I'm on that new diet, Slim-Slow.

If you happen to be looking for a gift for that special Porsche enthusiast you know (or if you'd like to give somebody special some hints...), we hope you'll consider WMR's new online goodie store, where you can find top-quality logo-embroidered apparel and accessories. Show off your PCA pride and enjoy some cool new gear at [wmrpca.onlinestore.us.com](http://wmrpca.onlinestore.us.com).

And if that's not enough to float your boat, check out this month's TechSpalte. I know shopping for rare and covetable oddities on eBay may not be technical advice for your car, but that car for most of you is probably put away by now, and... you know... 'that season' is coming up soon. I know, a shameless plug for commercialism. I'm a junkie, I admit it...

Congratulations from Porsche: We are honored to receive congratulations on our 50th anniversary directly from Porsche AG. Read the official letter from Paul Gregor of Porsche Clubs Coordination on Page 10.

The New 911: Oh, by the way...the 911 is being totally redesigned for the 2012 model year. (!!!) Read about the all-new 991 model here: [http://www.automobilemag.com/features/news/1008\\_2011\\_porsche\\_911\\_deep\\_dive/index.html](http://www.automobilemag.com/features/news/1008_2011_porsche_911_deep_dive/index.html)

The 2011 WMR PCA Calendar: We've had our annual planning dinner, and thanks to a great response from members and an overwhelming number of people eager to volunteer, we are proud to present to you our 2011 annual calendar of events on pages 8 and 9, which can be easily pulled out and put on your fridge, office wall, etc. This calendar will evolve over time, and we plan on continuing our new tradition of posting noteworthy events happening elsewhere in Zone 4, on the PCA National scene, and other interesting and fun events for Porsche enthusiasts. We'll keep these calendars meticulously updated as new information becomes available. We are grateful for all your suggestions and willingness to help - thanks!!

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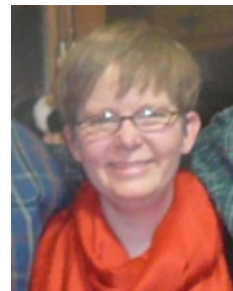
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# Upcoming Events: December

## 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.

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# Upcoming Events: Road Trip to the 2011 Detroit International Auto Show

*Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative*

I would like to celebrate the return of Porsche Cars North America to the North American International Auto Show, being held in Detroit, Michigan at the Cobo Hall Conference & Exhibition Center, January 15-23, 2011. They have been absent from the show since 2007 but have decided to return in 2011. The public show opens on Saturday, January 15th, 2011.

I thought it would be fun to plan to gather at the Porsche Display at noon on Saturday for a Zone 4 “Meet and Greet”, look at the cars, take some photos, and generally provide some support for PCNA and the local dealerships.

Because of the distance to Detroit for many Zone 4 members, I will help to coordinate the following weekend events for those Regions that would like to make this a “weekend destination event”:

- Block of hotel rooms for Zone 4 members (possibly at the Dearborn Inn Marriott near the Henry Ford Museum)
- Parking at the Henry Ford Museum with Shuttle Bus service to and from Cobo Hall
- Dinner gathering on Saturday Evening at the Hotel for all Zone 4 members (Individual Pay)
- Tour of the Henry Ford Museum and Automotive Hall of Fame on Sunday before returning home

Several regions have done this as a very successful event weekend in the past – it can be a great family weekend adventure in the midst of winter. I will leave the details of the event to each region to organize what their membership might like to do. Let me know if you are interested and if I can help in any way. I will send more information to the Regions as we settle some of the details. I will provide additional information in December and early January to the Region newsletters, websites, and Email Blaster.



## TechSpalte: Porsche on eBay - oddities, rarities, and more

*Submitted by Dan Phillips*

I’m a self-confessed shopaholic, thanks in no small part to eBay. If you haven’t done it before, then welcome to the world’s largest garage sale, flea market, swap meet, retail boutique, and big box store all at once. You’ll have to acquaint yourself with their system, setup a PayPal account, understand things like NOS (new old-stock), NIB (new in box), NWT (new with tags), and what caveat emptor really means. (Check seller feedback to know you’re buying from a reputable source.) Looking for that shirt from the 2005 catalog? Or a vintage 80s Porsche Design wallet? Or one-of-a-kind factory goodies? Or an original sales brochure for your car? The variety of new, NOS, vintage used, and reproduction items you can find at [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) is amazing, and a dream for aficionados (and closet hoarders) of Porsche paraphernalia. To wit:

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- Chroma type 301 chef’s cutlery, design by F.A. Porsche, 10 knives/block/stone, new, \$775.95, free shipping
- Grohe F1 centerset faucet, design by F.A. Porsche, new/complete/open box, \$475 + \$12.16 shipping
- Porsche Design P’7911 Metabo multihammer rotary drill, a power tool you can use...or display, \$250 + shipping
- Porsche Design PD902S 9.5-deg loft titanium golf driver with Fujikara VP60 shaft, \$195, free shipping
- Adidas Porsche Design S2 driving shoes, new in box, size 12, \$70 + \$15 shipping
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# WMR's Enthusiast of the Year Award

*Lina Spross, WMR Enthusiast Chair*

Wow! 2010 was a very active year for both participation by new members and the sheer quantity of excellent events. The year kicked off with a dinner drive to Leo's in downtown Grand Rapids for a delicious dinner, the annual showcase of the member's culinary talents at the Cook-off at the Schieble's, two trips to Traverse City (the ever popular Spring Up and the Fall Color Tour's first time north), two dinner drives to Fenn Valley Winery, two events at the Gilmore Car Museum and so much more. All of the hosts did a great job in organizing their events to make it a fun and fantastic social event for all the participants.

2011 will be another great year of events, so if you missed out in 2010, make sure you put the 2011 events on your calendar! Keep any eye on the Über Alles, your monthly newsletter, or the Western Michigan Porsche Club Website (<http://wmi.pca.org/calendar.htm>) for event dates and information.

So...how are we doing so far in the race for the Enthusiast of the Year? It looks like Dan Phillips, your WMI President, is running away with Enthusiasm from his closest rival, Amber Door (who by the way was the 2009 Enthusiast of the Year). Here are your top 15 most Enthusiastic members:

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Phillips	Dan	530
2	Door	Amber	390
3	Blacklidge	Ted	365
4	Gawron	Len	295
5	Blacklidge	Gabi	290
6	Walters	John	275
7	Walters	Marshall	275
8	Gawron	Bonnie	255
9	Riley	Rick	250
10	Hildon-Kaempf	Brenda	225
11	Arens	Jerry	215
12	Phillips	Renuka	215
13	Axelrod	Arnie	155
14	Carpenter	Collin	135
15	Sazama	Don	125

Here is how you can accumulate points to win the coveted Enthusiast of the Year Trophy and be the envy of all your fellow members:

For attending a WMR event:

Meetings/Parties/Dinners: 10  
Autocross/Drivers Ed/Club Race: 10  
Driving your own Porsche to an event: 5  
50 or more miles one way: 10

For participation in a WMR event:

Chairing an event: 20  
Autocross/Drivers Education: 15  
Members who bring new members to an event: 10

For Write-up of WMR event:

Pictures/Write-up submitted: 10

# 2011 Calendar

## Porsche Club of America

### Western Michigan Region



<b>December</b>	<b>4</b>	Appetizer Party - Blacklidge Residence, Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Ted &amp; Gabi Blacklidge</i>
	<b>6</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
<b>2011:</b>		
<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>12</b>	Dinner Drive - Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: Rick Riley</i>
	<b>15-23</b>	North American International Auto Show ( <i>watch for more info!</i> )
<b>February</b>	<b>7</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>19</b>	Winterfest - Cascade Country Club, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: Brenda Hildon-Kaempf</i>
	<b>20</b>	Morning After Brunch - Charlie's Crab, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
<b>March</b>	<b>7</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>9</b>	Dinner Drive (Location TBD) <i>Host: Kurt Wirth</i>
<b>April</b>	<b>4</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>16</b>	Annual Cookoff (Menu TBD) - Schieble Residence, Portage, MI <i>Hosts: Terry and Dorilee Schieble</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	Tech Session (Location TBD), Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	Dinner Drive (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: John &amp; Marshall Walters</i>
	<b>28-30</b>	Memorial Day Road Trip to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI <i>Hosts: Len &amp; Bonnie Gawron / Mark &amp; Kathy Bonnema</i>
<b>June</b>	<b>6</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>18</b>	Spring-Up to Traverse - Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: Denny and Joyce Weise</i>
	<b>22</b>	Gilmore Gathering - Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Host: Rick Riley</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>.





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# 2011 Calendar Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region

<b>July</b>	<b>9</b>	DD & ALMS @ Lime Rock - Old Boys Brewhouse, Spring Lake, MI <i>Hosts: Randy &amp; Linda Portoluri</i>
	<b>11</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>24</b>	Dinner Drive & ALMS @ Mosport - The Score, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Dan &amp; Ren Phillips</i>
<b>August</b>	<b>6</b>	Red Barns Spectacular Car Show & Porsche Corral - Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
	<b>8</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>13</b>	Gimmick Rally and Backyard Summer Bash - Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Craig and Chris Ackerman</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	Dinner Drive (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
<b>September</b>	<b>5</b>	IROC III Autocross (Location TBD)
	<b>7</b>	Tech Session - Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan &amp; Ren Phillips</i>
	<b>9</b>	3rd Annual WMR Golf Outing <i>Hosts: Arnie and Val Axelrod</i>
	<b>10-11</b>	Grand Prix of Grattan DE - Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI
	<b>12</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	Dinner Drive (Tentative) (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>8</b>	Annual Fall Color Tour (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: Jim and Ardis Schaaf</i>
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	Annual Planning Dinner (Location TBD)
	<b>16</b>	Dinner Drive (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
<b>December</b>	<b>5</b>	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	Annual Appetizer and Wine Party (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>

*Additional events happening in neighboring PCA regions will be posted within the next two months.  
Additional Porsche racing events and other unique events of interest will be posted as well.*



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## 50th Anniversary - PCA, Western Michigan Region

Dear Mr. Phillips,  
Dear Porsche friends,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PCA Western Michigan Region on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November is a very remarkable event indeed! This bears witness to the fact that a large number of very involved Presidents, as well as yourself, were able to keep members active and entertained with many captivating events and activities over the years. This also added a lot to the large but intimate membership base of the Western Michigan Region and proves the passionate enthusiasm for Porsche.

On the occasion of your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Porsche Club Coordination would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the members, but also the club management, for constantly spreading and preserving the worldwide ideas of Porsche Clubs. Through this you have added so much to the high reputation of the name and the Porsche marque.

In closing we wish you success and continued development in the years to come and of course an enjoyable anniversary in the spirit of the Porsche Clubs.

With our best regards,

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche  
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Porsche Club Coordination



Paul Gregor

# In Review: Fall Sojourn to Gilmore Car Museum

*Text and Photo by Kurt Wirth*

*(Ed. note: several members got together on their own for a spontaneous tour ending at the Gilmore car museum in Hickory Corners, while many of us went up to Leelanau County for the 'official' fall color tour. A good time was had by all!)*

Hi Dan,

I hope you had a real good time in Traverse City. Rick Riley, Bob Clark and I went on Sunday afternoon to the Gilmore Museum. Fun ride and great COLORS! Attached picture would be great for our UEBER.

Auf bald,  
Kurt



## December Anniversaries:

*No anniversaries for December.*

## New Members:

*Willkommen!*

Harvey & Chuck Beatty, Augusta, MI  
1971 Porsche 911T

Jasen Ratajczak, Schoolcraft, MI  
1989 Porsche 944 Turbo

Bob & Mary Younger, Grand Rapids, MI  
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# WMR Meeting Minutes, 01 November 2010

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*Pietro's Restaurant, Grand Rapids, November 1, 2010* – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00 pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Dan and Ren Phillips, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Amber Door, Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Chris Ackerman, Arnie Axelrod, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Len and Bonnie Gawron, Don Sazema and Greg Calahan.

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Final bills are in for the 50th and Grattan. We will wait until our last event of this year to present our charitable contribution.

Membership Report: 231 Primary Members, 186 Affiliate Members – total 417. New Members – 3: Harvey and Chuck Beatty, Augusta, '71 911T, Jasen Ratajczak, Schoolcraft, '89 944T, and Bob & Mary Younger, Grand Rapids, '72 914. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 2. Non renewals – 4. Renewals – 15.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: No report

Advertising Report: No report

Webmaster's Report: No report

Insurance Report: No report

New Business:

- November Dinner Drive: November 17 at Watermark Country Club. Hosted by Amber Door. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- The members present established a preliminary 2011 event calendar that will be printed in the Uber and on the web. There are opportunities for more events – anyone interested in hosting a dinner drive or event should contact any board member.
- WinterFest will be held February 19, 2011 at Cascade Hills Country Club. Details to follow.
- Appetizer Party: December 4, hosted by Ted & Gabi Blacklidge. Details in the Uber and on the web.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

*Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf*



## Classifieds

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

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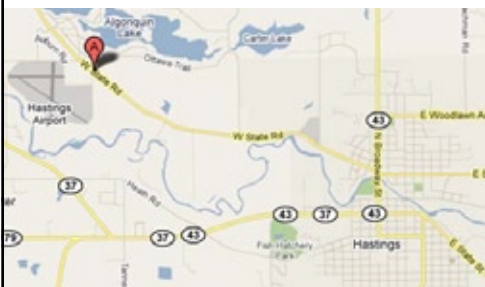
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