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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

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Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips
President, Western Michigan Region

Ren and I just returned from a 3-week vacation to Malaysia where we visited her family in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur. We also went to Singapore, Penang, and the island of Langkawi for my 40th birthday. What a fantastic trip!

Now that it's 'back to reality', I thought I'd reflect on driving there. The first thing I ever really heard about driving in Malaysia was from Ren - the driving test is really strict, most people drive a stick, and as a former British colony, they drive on the left side of the road. Crackers I say, old chap...we'd go all 6s and 7s just trying to stay on the right (ahem...correct) side of the road, so neither of us attempted it on this trip. But maybe next time...we'll get ourselves killed...

The next thing I heard was a couple of years ago...the Hong Kong Porsche club held an event where they shipped (literally) their cars to Malaysia, flew in to KL to meet up with them, spent a week driving around the peninsula, and ended at the Sepang F1 circuit to have a DE. Wow. That sounded awesome. And it would have been for everybody else on the road too, because due to *unbelievable* import tariffs, imported cars are extraordinarily expensive there...and fairly rare...as they are in Singapore too, where there's a 280% tax. There was a 2007 BMW 320i with 44,000 km for a mere S\$84,000 in the classifieds...and Singapore dollars are about S\$1.25 to \$1.00 US. Ouch. So if you do see a Porsche over there, much less a 3-series BMW with a tiny 2.0, you can bet the owner has some serious coin on hand.

But Singapore and Malaysia couldn't be more different in terms of driving. Cars are really expensive and they both drive left, but that's where it ends. Singapore is extremely orderly, clean, and efficient. Malaysia is constant congestion, a million scooters (not allowed in Singapore), and it's pretty much controlled, polite chaos. It's not uncommon to be three cars wide on 2 lanes of road that will soon become one. Then there's the 'Malaysian drift', where the lines are merely suggestions, and fenders are within inches. Then it rains, or then school gets out, and it really gets crazy. But somehow you just... get used to it, you adjust, you learn what to expect. And honestly, I can't wait to go back...it was a great experience!

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Upcoming Events: Spring-Up to Traverse!

18 Jun

21st Annual Spring-Up to Traverse

Hosts: Dennis Weise & Jeff Simonis

Remember in July, 1989, when Traverse City hosted the Porsche Parade? One evening during the Parade week Joyce and I hosted WM people attending the Parade for supper. The following Spring, 1990, we hosted the first Spring Up to Traverse City. After a drive and dinner at a restaurant, we met at our house for a dessert. How we have grown!

Now we're into our 21st year. At noon on the June 18th we will meet at Clinch Marine Parking lot. Lunch to follow at Apache Trout Grill. Jeff Simonis will lead us to southern Leelanau County for a beautiful drive. We plan to meet at the Weise's house at 5:30-6:00. BYOB

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 15th. A check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to Dennis Weise will hold your reservation. Think Spring! We'll see you there.

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Upcoming Events: June & July

22 Jun

June Gilmore Gathering - Blow off work for a great Wednesday afternoon!

Hosts: Kurt Wirth, Rick Riley, and Bob Clark

Achtung! Achtung! We invite all Western Michigan members (and friends) to join us for an afternoon of Culinary and automotive delights.

5 separate photos stitched together, by Dan Phillips



Wednesday, June 22nd we are going to gather @ Dill's Restaurant at high noon. This German restaurant is the reincarnation of the Schnitzelbank. The chef – Norbert Dill – and his son Bryant have opened Dill's in Middleville – 20 minutes north of Gilmore. (<http://www.dillsrestaurant.com>)

At approx 1:30 we will travel to the Gilmore Car Museum (<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org>) If you mention the Porsche club you can get \$3.00 discount off the regular entry fee. (You may want to look on the Gilmore web-site and investigate the membership opportunities.) This will be a casual afternoon and evening with Porsche folks mixing with other car people for one of the “Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins”. You never know what kind of cars will show up on a Wednesday night. Additional food will be available for ala carte dining (and Root Beer floats) at George & Sally's 1941 “Blue Moon Diner” until 9:00 PM, and the barns are open until 5:00 pm.

This is not a formal gathering or an official picnic, so no RSVP's are required (but you can send us a quick email at Rick.Riley@grandxray.com or kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net and let us know you're coming.) Please make plans to join us for a fun afternoon!

Date & Times: 24 June 2011...@ Dill's, 12:00 noon...@ Gilmore, 1:30 pm until whenever.

Locations: 119 East Main St, Middleville, MI (...and...)
6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI

09 Jul

Celebrating the American LeMans Series (ALMS) - Two ALMS Drives in July!

Hosts: Randy Portoluri (09 July) & Jerry Broersma (24 July)

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24 Jul

Two ALMS races in July, and we're holding two dinner drives to enjoy them! First up is 09 July at Lime Rock, CT. Join us for a nice country drive through Ottawa county that will take us out to Old Boys Brewhouse in Spring Lake... where we'll watch the 1:00 pm broadcast of the race on ESPN-2.



Next is 24 July at Mosport...but unfortunately, the broadcast will not take place until 10:00 pm! Soooo...we're going to have a nice Sunday lunch drive as a tribute and 'pep rally' anyway! It will be a great time to enjoy some great cars and beautiful country roads in north-east Kent County before we end up at The Score on Northland Drive for some lunch and some brews...and maybe some racing action if we can find it!

Stay tuned to this space, our website, and your email for the fine details, which will be available by this time next month...and visit www.americanlemans.com!

Upcoming Events: Zone 4 & National Calendar

<u>Region</u>	<u>Region Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event (Web Address)</u>
SEM	South-East Michigan	June 9	DE @ Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
CIR	Central Indiana Region	June 17-19	50th Anniversary weekend, Indianapolis, IN
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	June 17-19	Joint DE with NOR @ Nelson Ledges, Cleveland, OH
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	June 23-24	Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio & Porsche Paddock
SEM	South-East Michigan	July 2-4	DE & PCA Club Race @ Gingerman, South Haven, MI
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	July 9-10	DE @ Putnam Park, Mt. Meridian, IN
AR	Allegheny Region	July 23-24	Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix (http://www.pvpgp.org/)
MOR	Mid-Ohio Region	July 29-31	Porsches to Oxford (P2O), Oxford, OH (http://www.porsches2oxford.com/)
N/A	Non-PCA	July 31	Concours d'Elegance of America (formerly Meadowbrook) (http://concoursusa.org/)
PCA	PCA National	July 31-Aug 6	Porsche Parade, Savannah, GA (http://parade2011.pca.org/)
PAG	Porsche Motorsport	Aug 5-6	ALMS at Mid-Ohio & Porscheplatz (americanlemans.com)
SEM	South-East Michigan	Aug 11	DE @ Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
356	356 Registry	Sep 1-4	356 Registry East Coast Holiday 2010, Greensboro, NC
N/A	Non-PCA	Sep 9-11	Boxstober Fest 2011, Fredricksburg, TX (http://www.boxstoberfest.com/)
PCA	PCA National	Sep 15-18	PCA Escape 2011, Flagstaff, AZ (http://escape2011.com/)
SEM	South-East Michigan	Sep 24	DE @ Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
N/A	Cincinnati VW Club	Sep 25	20th Annual VW-Porsche Reunion @ Cincinnati, OH (http://www.cincyvwclub.com/Reunion.aspx)
N/A	Non-PCA	Oct 14-16	Rennsport Reunion IV, Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA
N/A	Non-PCA	Oct 16	Porsche Race Car Classic, Carmel, CA

June Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

- 1 year (2010)
Kevin & Sally Carroll
- 5 years (2006)
Ron Bennett
Lewis & Cheryl Buell
John & Melanie Fisher
Haig & Ann Kassouni
James & Anne McDonald
- 10 years (2001)
Marshall & John Walters
- 15 years (1996)
Ronald & Jeanna Sonickson
Brent Walton & Steve Anable
- 20 years (1991)
Greg & Lee Koning
Jerry & Julie Valade

New Members: *Willkommen!*

- Robert Walles - Mecosta, MI
2001 Porsche 911
- Michael Dakoske - Traverse City, MI
1968 Porsche 912
- Robert & Pamela Hall - Belmont, MI
2002 Porsche Boxster S
- David & Ed Kerkstra - Hudsonville, MI
2002 Porsche 911
- Robert & Rise Landeros - Kalamazoo, MI
2000 Porsche Boxster S
- David Madiol - Rockford, MI
1972 Porsche 914
- James Woodruff - Richland, MI
2004 Porsche 911
- Douglas Barrett - Traverse City, MI
1998 Porsche 911

2011 Calendar

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Western Michigan Region



June	6	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	11	Autocross #1 at Spartan Speedway - Lansing, MI (MotorStadt Region)
	18	Spring-Up to Traverse - Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: Dennis Weise & Jeff Simonis</i>
	22	Gilmore Gathering - Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, and Bob Clark</i>
July	9	DD & ALMS @ Lime Rock - Old Boys Brewhouse, Spring Lake, MI <i>Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri</i>
	11	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	16	Autocross #2 at Spartan Speedway - Lansing, MI (MotorStadt Region)
	15-24	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix - Pittsburgh, PA (<i>visit www.pvgp.org</i>) <i>Host: Allegheny Region PCA for WMR members attending</i>
	24	Sunday Lunch Drive (ALMS @ Mosport) - The Score, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: Jerry Broersma</i>
	31	Concours d'Elegance of America (Meadowbrook) - Plymouth, MI <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	31	Porsche Parade 2011 - Savannah, GA <i>PCA National Event</i>
Aug	1-6	Porsche Parade 2011 - Savannah, GA <i>PCA National Event</i>
	6	Red Barns Spectacular Car Show & Porsche Corral - Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door and Jerry Arens</i>
	8 20	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Gimmick Rally and Backyard Summer Bash - Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Craig and Chris Ackerman</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

September	3	Tech Session - Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i>
	5	IROC III Autocross (Location TBD)
	9	3rd Annual WMR Golf Outing <i>Hosts: Arnie and Val Axelrod</i>
	10-11	Grand Prix of Grattan DE - Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI
	9-11	Boxstoberfest 2011 - Fredericksburg, TX <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	12	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	15-18	PCA Escape 2011 - Flagstaff, AZ (<i>visit 2011escape.org</i>) <i>PCA National Event</i>
	24	Leelenau County Fall Driving Tour - Traverse City, MI <i>Host: Bill Brown</i>
October	3	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	8	Annual Fall Color Tour (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: Jim and Ardis Schaaf</i>
	14-16	Rennsport Reunion IV - Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA (<i>visit www.mazdaraceway.com/pages/Porsche_Rennsport_Reunion_IV</i>)
	16	Porsche Race Car Classic - Quail Lodge Golf Resort in Carmel, CA (<i>visit www.2011porscheracecarclassic.com</i>)
November	7	Annual Planning Dinner (Location TBD)
	16	Dinner Drive (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
December	5	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	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.*

In Review: April Tech Session

Text & Photos by Eric Spröss

Turn out was excellent. We had 21 members and 17 Porsches. We had brand new members to multi-decade members present. One of the newest members drove 74 miles just to attend his first event!

Everyone was listening intently to the instructions, tips and cautions. A Porsche Brake System was displayed on the table and thoroughly discussed. A 2007 Boxster S was used to demonstrate brake pad removal and installation. In addition, different methods to bleed the system were discussed. Excerpts were also used from a Porsche Workshop Manual to discuss and highlight important steps.



Members learned why Porsche recommends changing brake fluid every two years and how easy it is to change brake pads..

Several good questions were raised and discussed by the group.

Thank you to all who attended; your continued participation helps sustain the club! Also, thank you to Lina for making brownies and getting donuts and for directing traffic, and thank you to Amber for bringing coffee and water.

In Review: May Dinner Drive

Text & Photos by John Walters

It was a bit of a drizzly day, but that didn't deter 36 fun loving souls from meeting up in Shelbyville (from as far away as Mecosta, Howard City, and the lake-shore!) What followed was a 1-hour parade of 21 beautiful and exotic German cars through the Allegan and Barry county countryside, around numerous lakes, and down some roads that even Marshall hadn't seen before! (Who knew there was a town called Cressey founded in the early 1800s?)

The wet roads may have reigned in the planned spiritedness of the drive, but it did



not dampen the spirits of the drivers and passengers! We did lose a few cars as we got close to the restaurant, but we were soon reunited (guess our older eyes need a bigger map!) We filled the dining room with good conversation and lots of laughs from the time we ordered drinks and throughout dinner. The service and food did not disappoint - the ribs especially were pretty primo!

We had a wonderful time, and would like to thank everyone who joined us.



Save the Date - Annual Grand Prix of Grattan!

Ted Blackledge, Driver Education Chairman

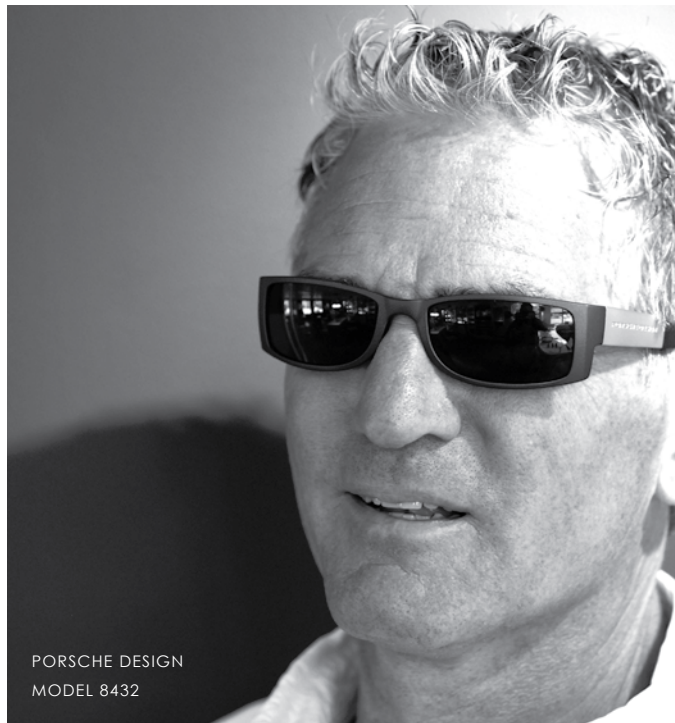


Mark your calendars today for the WMR-PCA annual Drivers Education event to be held at Grattan Raceway – September 10 and 11. Registration will open early in June at CLUBREGISTRATION.NET. This will be a two-day event at our favorite home track. We will have several instructors available for the new DE drivers and I promise you a rewarding experience. You can not appreciate the Porsche feel until it is on the closed circuit of a track like Grattan.

For those of you who wish to participate in DEs and Autocrosses this summer, I recommend you contact your insurance company regarding coverage. It appears that coverage from most companies is rare. Auto-

cross is usually very safe and I would not be concerned about hurting your car. Drivers Education events have a higher potential for incidents; however, in the 9 years I have participated in DEs (over 20 track days), not only have I not had a car-damaging event, but I have not even witnessed one. DE events are safe because we have very strict rules that must be followed.

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





WMR Meeting Minutes, 02 May 2011

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, May 2, 2011 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00 pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, and Arnie Axelrod.

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Amber just received the bill for the May Uber.

Membership Report: 235 Primary Members, 186 Affiliate Members – total 414. New Members – 6: Michael Dakoske, Traverse City '68 912, Robert & Pamela Hall, Belmont '02 Boxter S, David & Ed Kerstra, Hudsonville '02 911, Robert & Rise Landeros, Kalamazoo '00 Boxter S, David Madiol, Rockford '72 914, James Woodruff, Richland '04 911. Transfers In – 1, Douglas Barrett '98 911 Traverse City from MST. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 2. Renewals – 16.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: May issue submitted to printer on April 14.

Webmaster' Report: No report

Insurance Report: John and Marshall will be contacting Kurt for insurance for the May dinner drive. Insurance needed for Memorial Day Road Trip and Spring Up to Traverse.

Old Business:

- Charity for 2011 – No updates on the status of the 401 3cb status for Century Driving School. John Walters will touch base with Dan when he returns from vacation to see if he has any updates.
- Enthusiast Points System – modification. Lina will be posting a write up with the changes in an upcoming issue of the Uber. We need to find out the status of the traveling trophy.
- Goodie Store – links removed from the website. We discussed plans to offer one particular clothing item for sale to membership (a long sleeved button down for instance) with our logo. John will look into pricing on embroidery. Ted will look into screen printing costs. We will bring all information and ideas to the next meeting for further discussion.
- Tech Session – hosted by Eric Spross. 23 people attended (one new member). Eric did a great job and everyone got a lot out of the informative session.

New Business:

- 2011 IROC – Michiana and MotorStadt regions – Michiana will be August 22. Motorstadt will be sometime in June. Amber is looking into it. Duane is working to confirm the date from Ionia for our IROC event.
- Bylaws – under current bylaws, approval must be made via mailed ballot or by 2/3 vote of members assembled at a special meeting. The November 7, 2011 planning meeting will be named as the special meeting at which to vote. Brenda is working on compiling the revised bylaws.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



Classifieds

2007 BMW 650i COUPE – Ok, it's not a Porsche...but please help your club president get back into one so we can be a 2 Porsche family again... Gorgeous dark Monaco Blue 6-series coupe with light beige interior and only 49k miles. 360 hp 4.9l V-8 with 6-speed Steptronic can achieve a silent 27 mpg on the highway. Sport package, cold-weather package, active steering (which is awesome!), Logic 7 premium audio, and as Q might say, "...all the usual refinements." Available Bliz-zak snow tires on BMW rims and other goodies for extra cost. Eligible for ext. warranty and service contracts from BMW while still under factory warranty, which expires at 50k miles or Dec 2011. A very fast, great-handling, and beautiful car. Asking \$36,500. Contact Dan Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or email dphil66@hotmail.com. (June 2011)

2001 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 4 CABRIOLET – Beautiful California car with 79,000 miles. Several great options like heated power seats, black full-leather, a MSRP of \$93,850 when built, Tiptronic S trans. New tires and battery. Professionally maintained at Delta in GR and FCS in Kalamazoo. Hey, if your spouse objects, just tell her it is an small economy car with all wheel drive. \$22,959. Call Jack Vandenberg at (269) 217-3338 or email jackvdb@gmail.com. (Jul 2010)

1989 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET – Red new black top, 5-speed. Professionally maintained, great condition, 64k miles. \$27,000. VIN is WPOEBO913KS170582. Call Dave Cramer (616) 822-3348 (mobile), (616) 534-0550 (work), or email Dave@DrDaveCramer.com. (June 2011)

1986 PORSCHE 944 – Guards Red. 143,500 miles. 2nd owner (purchased in 1989). Engine rebuilt by Porsche-certified mechanic at 82,725 miles (10.1995). Great-sounding and nice-looking car is improved and very competitive in autocross. Turbo front end with electrics. Expertly maintained by Claudio at FCS. Porsche Evaluation Committee says \$10,710 is average price, asking \$9,000. Call Michael Betz at (616) 460-8880 or email mmbetz@image-stream.com. (Oct 2010)

1985-1/2 PORSCHE 944 - Great 1st Porsche and beginning autocross or track car. Roll bar, Dino steering wheel, Recaro driver's seat, 17" Cup wheels with Kumho Cector Racer tires. 5-point harnesses plus stock belts. HD springs & swaybars, Koni adjustable shocks, more. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Contact Jim Morgan at (574) 457-2044 or email jimandjudi@hoosier-link.net. (Michiana Region PCA) (May 2011)

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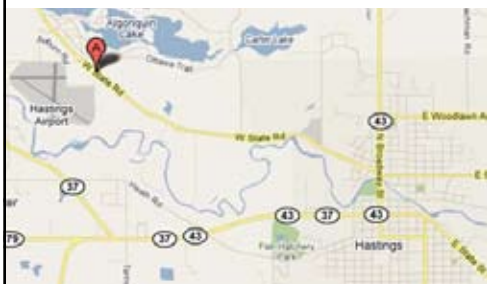
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