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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

October 2011

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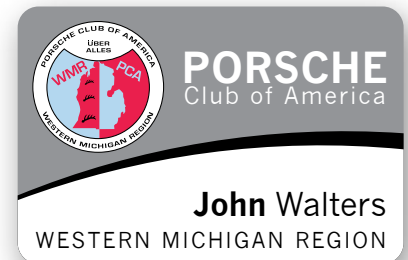
I write this just prior to our 2nd event this year in the Traverse City area, this one a lunch, liesurely fall drive through Leelenau county, followed by a catered dinner at host Bill Brown's home, and then a Q&A with Haggerty about the state of the Porsche collector car market. It's sure to be a great day in one of my favorite parts of the country, and I'm even more enthused that Mr. Brown, who's never hosted an event before, decided that he wanted to get involved himself.

Perhaps you want to host an event as well? Or at least, have some say in what we do and how we do it? Then please make your voice heard at our annual Planning Dinner to be held on Monday, 07 November. I sincerely hope you choose to put forth your enthusiasm as Mr. Brown has, as we always welcome fresh faces and new ideas.

This year's planning dinner also includes a very important step in governance of our Region - this year we vote on updated club bylaws. The revised bylaws need to be approved by at least a quorum of the members present.

Not sure if you will know people at the meeting – or the next event? Worry no more – we now have nametags available for purchase! Thanks to the efforts of Vice President John Walters, you can order your new WMR PCA nametag just like the one shown here (but with your name, of course) for a cost of \$15 including shipping to your mailbox. These are very high quality – permanently transfer-printed on a metal plate with a magnetic attachment. Design by WMR PCA member Juergen Lohrke. Please make your check payable to “WMR PCA” and send it, along with return address and correct spelling of your name to:

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Upcoming Events: Annual Fall Color Tour

08 Oct

Annual Fall Color Tour

Hosts: Jim & Ardis Schaaf, Len & Bonnie Gawron

Can you imagine yourself in your beautiful Porsche driving this colorful Michigan road with your latest tunes playing and a favorite passenger by your side? Why not do just that, with us? The Fall Color Tour will depart from the entrance to Muskegon State Park on October 8 at 1:00 p.m sharp, and follow much of the Lake Michigan shoreline north to beautiful Arcadia, Michigan.

On arrival at Arcadia Bluffs we will be directed to a beautiful contemporary glass-walled dinning room overlooking Lake Michigan, where the Chef will have pre-set appetizers suitable to our relaxing and sharing the afternoons travel. Naturally, a fine selection of wines, bourbons, scotches and other cocktails and soft drinks will be available from the bar. A seasonal menu has been prepared by the Chef especially for our group. Your dinner selections will be made from one of two salads, one of four main courses, and two deserts. During our dinner time we will enjoy another of Michigan's most beautiful sunsets from our seats overlooking the sculpted rolling hills of the golf course and Lake Michigan.

This event is limited to the first 36 respondents. At this time we have some 25 Fall Color aficionados looking forward to the beauty and camaraderie of this day trip. Last details – this special dinner event with appetizers, salad, main course and desert is priced at \$45.00 per person with wine and cocktails additional.



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Upcoming Events: November

07 Nov

Annual Planning Dinner

The annual planning meeting will be held on Monday, November 7th, at Bistro Bella Vita downtown. We hope you will be able to join us and provide input on activities for 2012. We will meet for dinner at 6:30, with setting of the 2012 calendar to follow. We will also hold a vote on our revised bylaws, to be sent out to all members by mail in advance of the meeting. (Communicating electronically is one of the changes...)

We will also be introducing the charitable organization we intend to support for 2011 – the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute. Dave Muma from Century Driving Group will be on hand to describe the mission, structure, and expected community benefit of MTSL.

When: Monday, November 7th at 6:30 pm
Where: Bistro Bella Vita (<http://bistrobellavita.com/>)
44 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

So that we can get an approximate count for the reservation, please RSVP to John Walters at (616) 260-1082) or email jwalters@wmis.net by November 3rd.

If you can't come, but would like to host an event or have any ideas, please feel free to contact one of the board members. We hope to see you at Bistro Bella Vita!

12 Nov

November Dinner Drive to Martell's, Kalamazoo, MI

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

Please join us for great conversation, wonderful friends (old and new) and great food as we head south to Kalamazoo. Our venue is Martell's, whose motto is Eat Well, Laugh Often, and Live Long – although they forgot “Have a Porsche and drive it like you stole it!” We'll meet at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 12th at Martell's in Kalamazoo.

Martell's takes pride in being lively and fun--with a hint of Italian flair--showcased in beautiful Parkview Hills. From their quartino wine program to their create-your-own antipasto platter, the extensive food and wine menus satisfy all. The house-made pastas and fresh ingredients are the real star of the menus. The dishes change seasonally to reflect available fresh produce. (If you're looking for a classic favorite, look no further than their Prime Rib Sandwich.)



When: Saturday, 12 November 2011, 6:00 pm
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October Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2010)
Harvey & Chuck Beatty
Jasen Ratajzak
Bob & Mary Younger

5 years (2006)
Jovan Jovanovic

10 years (2001)
Daniel Lang

15 years (1996)
David & Beth Howard
James & Ann Rosloniec

New Members: *Willkommen!*

James Brown - Rockford, MI
1997 Porsche Boxster

Michael Carey - Ada, MI
1999 Porsche 911

Jeoffrey Krisel - Grand Rapids, MI
1998 Porsche 911

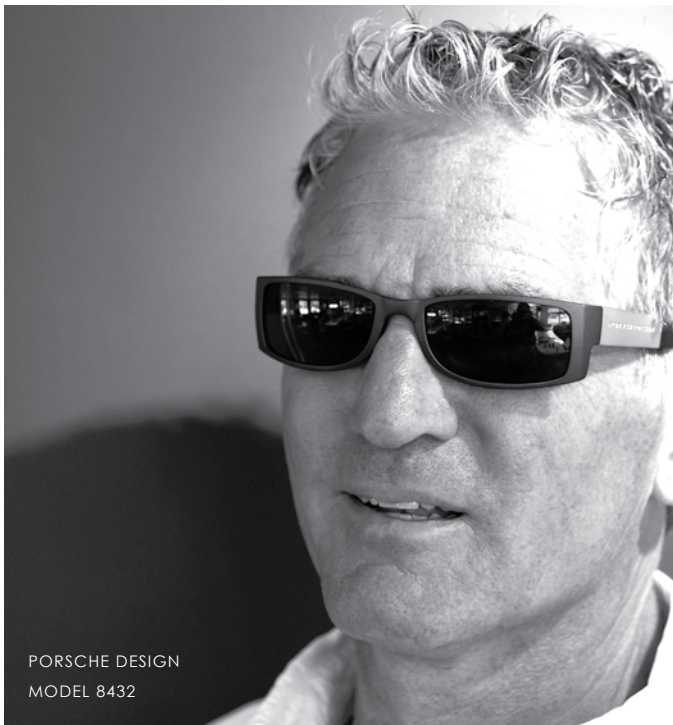
Joseph & Mary Sue Prout - Saugatuck, MI
2011 Porsche Panamera

Kleine Porsche-Lappalien (A little Porsche Trivia)

by Dan Phillips

1,000,000 - Number of visitors to the Porsche museum to date, as of June 2011
\$48,100.00 - Base price of the least-expensive Porsche
80,412 - YTD Porsche total sales as of 31 Aug 2011
16,995 - YTD Porsche sales in China as of 31 Aug 2011
5,360,000 - YTD Volkswagen sales as of 31 Aug 2011

23 - Number of variants of the current Porsche 911
6:11.13 - Still unbeaten, the all-time record Nurburgring lap time of Stefan Bellof in a Porsche 956, 28 May 1983
907 - The first Porsche to go over 300 km/h (186 mph)
76 - Expected mpg of the new Porsche 918 hybrid
47 - Number of Porsches owned by Jerry Seinfeld



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2011 Calendar

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September	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 (West Michigan Lakshore - Arcadia Bluffs) <i>Hosts: Jim and Ardis Schaaf, with Len & Bonnie Gawron</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 - Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: John Walters</i>
	12	Dinner Drive - Martell's, Kalamazoo, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
December	5	Monthly Board Meeting - Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	Annual Appetizer and Wine Party (Location TBD) <i>Hosts: TBD</i>

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	Sep 24	DE @ Waterford Hills Raceway, Waterford, MI
N/A	Cincinnati VW Club	Sep 25	20th Annual VW-Porsche Reunion @ Cincinnati, OH <i>(http://www.cincyvwclub.com/Reunion.aspx)</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>.



German Auto Service: A Lifetime of Service and Friendship

Contributed by Rick Riley

Dan Coklin started working on German cars at German Car Service located on Wealthy Street. The then proprietor Eric taught Dan how to work on VWs and the occasional Porsche. They also sold NSU cars out of the front show room.

At some point Eric decided to retire, and Dan bought the business. As the plot thickens, there was this scrawny young kid who wanted to learn VW and Porsche maintenance, and Dan brought him on. He had this beat-up old brown 356. His name was and is Tim Thatcher.

From Wealthy Street the business moved to Summer and Leonard. At some point, Tim Thatcher left GAS and started his own business, Euro Autowerks.

In 1976, Dan'l Dixon joined German and the name was changed to German Auto Service or GAS as it is today. After several years at the Summer address, the business moved to its home on Scribner, where it remains today.

On August 13th of this year, Dan'l made the emotional announcement that GAS had been sold to its new owners. It was the same day as their 3rd annual open house, an event that drew ever-growing numbers of German car enthusiasts with each passing year.

The new owners of German Auto Service Ltd. are Ben and Joe Zeeuw. Joe is an ASE master certified technician. He has a degree from Ferris State University, and started working at GAS in 2005. Ben Zeeuw is an ASE certified service consultant and has a business degree from GVSU. Ben started at GAS in 2009.

Says Ben, "Joe and I have been around Porsches growing up. Our dad Bryan was a PCA member at one time and raised us with an appreciation for German cars."

Ben and Joe say the transition has been smooth so far, and they are very excited about the future.

The Western Michigan Region would like to thank Dan Conklin and Dan'l Dixon for their many years of involvement with and support for our club, the good, honest service they offered, and their passion for Porsche.



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In Review: Annual Grand Prix of Grattan DE Event

Text: Ted Blacklidge, Photos: Dan Phillips, Amber Door

I have written a report on the WMR-PCA driver education event for the last 6 years, and I believe it would be nearly impossible to illustrate how fantastic our club event is than to share with you an email we received from the BMW Club, Michiana Region. I believe it tells it all:

“I just wanted to share how I felt after the driving school at Grattan the past weekend. After having done several schools with various clubs, I have never had a better time or felt so welcome at your event. It didn’t feel like a Porsche event but more of a gathering for driving enthusiasts.

“The pizza and beer on Saturday was a wonderful idea and it provided some much needed time to unwind and discuss the day. It truly felt as though the most important thing to your club is that everyone has a safe but wonderful time. I look forward to joining you again. You set the bar high.”

Carl Zmijewski, Michiana BMW CCA

If this doesn’t convince you to participate in YOUR clubs driving event at Grattan Raceway, well, nothing will.

My special thank you to all our volunteers that have helped make this event a BIG HIT:

Amber Door, Colin Carpenter, Michael Betz, Terry Schieble, Rick Riley, Craig Ackerman, Craig Paull, Eric and Lena Spross, Len Gawron, Bill White and our driving instructors. (There must be more, but my brain fails me..)



At the garage: Amber Door, Lina Spross, Miluska Bubeck



A breather between laps: Len Gawron, Eric Spross, Greg Calahan



The Voice of the Track takes a break



The proper use of Porsche’s Roof Transport System (RTS)



In The Zone: What's Happening Throughout Zone 4

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

Fall is a great time to enjoy your Porsche with friends and family in the beautiful Zone 4 countryside. You know where I'm talking about – that scenic roadway through the rolling hills, the wooded forests ablaze with color, the lakeside drive with your favorite picturesque stop by the harbor, a cruise through that small town where you use to vacation...well, you get my drift!! The weekends chores will still be there when you get back, so don't miss an opportunity to enjoy life as we know it – behind the wheel.

If you don't have any particular place in mind, here are a few suggestions for your fall driving pleasure In the Zone. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on events close to you, and check the Zone 4 Website for other regions events

- On Saturday, October 8th, the Maumee Valley Region will sponsor a Dyno Clinic at PureTuning. See their website for details.
- Northern Ohio Region is hosting a DE at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on September 30 through October 2nd. Friday the 30th is an Instructor/Advanced Student only Lapping Day. Details can be found on their website.
- Northern Ohio Region is also hosting an Autocross at the Lakeland Community College on Sunday, October 9th. See the NORPCA website for details.
- Central Indiana Region will host a Winery Tour on October 8th. Click the link or visit the CIR website for details.
- Western Michigan Region Annual Fall Color Tour will be October 8th at Arcadia Bluffs Golf Club and Lodge. – Hosts: Jim and Ardis Schaaf, (231) 759-7360 & Len and Bonnie Gawron, (231) 670-3274. Space is limited to the first 36 respondents. RSVP now!
- Rally Sport Region has two Fall Color Tours planned for October- Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 23rd. See the RSR newsletter or website for details.
- Southeast Michigan Region Fall Color Tour and Dinner on Sunday, October 9th. Additional details will be available on the SEM website.
- Ohio Valley Region will have their last DE of the season on October 14-16 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH. Event chair is Ted Hunter, and details can be found on the OVR website.
- Final Eastern Buckeye Autocross date: October 23rd in Hartville, OH.
- On October 28-30, Central Indiana Region will hold their annual Pumpkin Run Performance Drivers Education event at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN. Details and registration information can be found on the CIR website.
- The last BIG Hurrah of the season is upon us – Ohio Valley Region 50th Anniversary – October 29 & 30, 2011 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Come and celebrate!!! See the OVR website for details, and Clubregistration.net to sign up – there are still openings.



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






WMR Meeting Minutes, 12 September 2011

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, 12 September 2011 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:04 pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, John and Marshall Walters, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Arnie Axelrod, and Len Gawron.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Grattan expenses will come out next month.

Membership Report: 229 Primary Members, 179 Affiliate Members – total 408. New Members – 3: James Brown, Rockford '97 Boxtor; Michael Carey, Ada '99 911; Jeffrey Krisel, Grand Rapids '98 911. Transfers In – 1: Joseph & Mary Sue Prout, Saugatuck '11 Panamera. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 3. Renewals – 7. Amber passed out membership brochures at IROC & Grattan.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Swift Printing continues to provide great quality newsletters. Dan has digitized the 1982 editions of the Uber Alles.

Webmaster' Report: No report from the Webmaster. Dan has created a Facebook page for our region to be used as a supplemental/fun communication device.

2001 Charity Report: The Charity (Century Driving School established non-profit status 2 weeks ago) was well received at the Grattan event and donations totaled \$1,366.76. We've collected \$1,727.26 to-date. We will publish something in the newsletter to encourage additional donations. Gabi will contact Dave to get a basic write-up as to how the program works. There was discussion about having a quarterly update in the Uber and on the web to let members know how their dollars have helped. Gabi will contact Dave regarding presenting a check to Century at the planning meeting. A motion was approved to continue with the same charity for 2012.

Insurance Report: Kurt is working on insurance for the Fall Driving Tour in Traverse City (September 24), and the Fall Color Tour (October 8).

Old Business:

- August/September events – Dan has requested write-ups for these events.
- Member nametags & merchandise effort – A design has been selected. The cost will be \$15 per name tag, which includes shipping, payable by check to WMR PCA. John will put a write-up in the Uber with a photo and ordering information. John is also working on a new banner as well as signs that can be used at various club events.
- New-member event - Amber Door and Len Gawron continue to work on this event. It will likely be a new-member breakfast. More to come.
- Bylaws – Brenda has completed the revised bylaws. Dan will compare cost of direct mailing vs. printing in the Uber as these will need to be sent by mail to each member. Voting on the revisions will take place at the November planning meeting.
- Enthusiast of the Year Trophy – Still a work in progress. Dan hopes to make progress in September.

New Business:

- September 17 non-PCA event – GR Auto Gallery open house. Open to the public but targeted to our group.
- Traverse City – September 24 – Hosted by Bill Brown. Members to meet at Clinch Marina, followed by lunch, a drive and then dinner at his house
- Learnings from the 1982 editions of the Uber Alles:
 - 8.5x11 saddle-stitched and folded into half-size booklet, 20-28 pages per issue
 - We charged \$100 per year for a full-page ad in B&W, which was half of an 8.5x11 sheet
 - Colored pieces of heavy paper for outer wrapper, black print over color background



WMR Meeting Minutes, 12 September 2011

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New Business: *(continued)*

- PCA national newsletter contest:
 - Placed 8th out of 14 entries for Class III regions. Score of 657 points, compared to high of 756, low of 521. High among all classes (1-5) was 803, low was 481
 - Class III winner: The Circuit from Grand Prix Region (San Francisco bay area, California)
 - Class III winner: Prieta Post from Loma Prieta Region (San Francisco bay area, California)
 - Dan will post all related information on the web.

Meeting was adjourned to Sundance Grill for continuation at 8:00pm

Meeting was called to order at Sundance Grill at 8:20pm

New Business: *(continued)*

- WinterFest: Gabi Blacklidge (along with Ted) has offered to lead the planning of WinterFest and came up with a proposal – Spring Up to WinterFest, which would move the WinterFest banquet to Traverse City during Spring Up. The proposal was discussed and a motion was made and approved to keep Spring Up in June and WinterFest in early 2012, but with a slightly later date than usual. WinterFest will be held in early March and the venue will be Blythefield Country Club. Craig and Chris Ackerman will be assisting in the planning of the event. More details to come.
- November Dinner Drive – Kalamazoo area. More to come.
- Grattan – There were 55 paid drivers (14 of which were novices). Perfect weather and enjoyed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



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