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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

November 2011

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Vom Schreibtisch des Präsidenten

Dan Phillips
President, Western Michigan Region

Too often we become so wrapped up in our busy lives that we forget to take time to pause and reflect. It's important to occasionally look back, reflect on our past, learn what we can, and celebrate our successes and history. In that spirit, I want to extend special recognition to Walter & Laura Braunohler and Wendy & Bernard Proeschl, longtime WMR PCA members who this month have reached their **25- and 30-year anniversaries** with our club, respectively. Congratulations!

Also this month, we're adding the first of what we hope will be an extensive collection of **digitized versions of Über Alles** to our website. The first three issues we've completed are from the first 3 months of...yes, that's right...1982! As these become available on our website (which is looking great these days – **thanks, Michael!**), we encourage you to take a drive down memory lane, and enjoy our history. You'll love the old pictures and articles, and this keeps our history alive!

The Western Michigan Region wants to extend our sincere gratitude to **Charles VanWyk and Ryan Coe of Delta Imports** for hosting the large gathering at their dealership at the end of August to celebrate the 28th Street Metro Cruise. This very well-attended event was just great, and thank all the staff at Delta that helped make this a really great event.

Next up...this month, we welcome what we hope will become a regular thing: we're continuing **TechSpalte** with new tech articles **from contributor Tim Thatcher**. Tim is an ASE-certified Master Technician, longtime WMR PCA member, and all-around good guy. We hope you'll appreciate the extensive knowledge and experience that Tim can share with us!

Finally, I'd like to remind you that once again **we have name badges available for purchase!** Please see the new ad on page 7. Thanks to the efforts of Vice President John Walters and member Juergen Lohrke, we found a source with no minimum order quantities, so these are reasonably priced and should have a reasonable turnaround time. They're very high quality – permanently transfer-printed on a metal plate with a magnetic attachment. A big thanks goes out to WMR PCA member Juergen Lohrke for doing a great job designing and sourcing the new name badges.

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Upcoming Events: Annual Planning Dinner

07 Nov

Annual Planning Dinner

Host: John Walters

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 a board meeting and 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 MTSI.

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!

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Upcoming Events: November

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
Where: Martell's, 3501 Greenleaf Blvd
Kalamazoo, MI 39008
(269) 375-2105

RSVP by Wednesday, 09 November to Amber Door at am-door242@aol.com or call (616) 340-0971.

03 Dec

December Appetizer & Wine Party

Hosts: Mike Karluk & Barb Doss

This year the WMR annual Appetizer & Wine Tasting Party takes us along the Michigan lakeshore to West Olive. Mike Karluk & Barb Doss invite you to their home to celebrate your WMR friendships both old and new! Please join us to for a great evening of food, friends and festivities.

Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage or two.

Where: Mike & Barb's Home
9342 Whispering Sands Dr., West Olive, MI 49460

When: 4:00 pm - ? (sunset @ 4:29 over the lake)



RSVP by Tuesday, November 29th via email to Barb at Barbara.Doss@spectrumhealth.org, or call (616) 844-0378.

Directions (from Grand Rapids): Lake Michigan (M-45) west to Lake Shore Drive. Head south (left) on Lake Shore Dr. ~ 2.5 miles, past Kirk Park. Turn west (right) on Sheldon Dunes Dr. which dead-ends into Whispering Sands Dr. Our house is the only red house, and is on the southeast corner of Sheldon Dunes & Whispering Sands Dr.

October Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2010)
Helen Harrington & Jack Stodola

25 years (1986)
Walter & Laura Braunohler

30 years (1981)
Wendy & Bernard Proeschl

New Members: *Willkommen!*

Roger & Margo Chalk - Ada, MI
1980 Porsche 911

Joseph & Susan Gavan - Belmont, MI
1987 Porsche 928 S4

Michael Starostanko - Traverse City, MI
1984 Porsche 911



Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV

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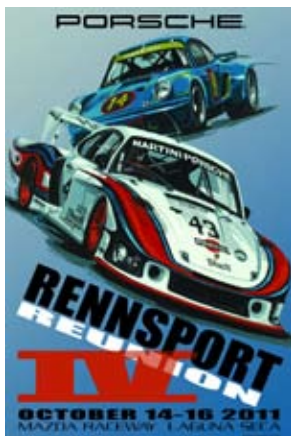
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- Porsche RS Syderys duking it out on the track with Porsche 917s.
- Souvenir shops sold out of posters, t-shirts, hats and anything Rennsport.
- Wolfgang Porsche; PCNA President Detlev von Platen; and Richard Attwood together with Hans Herrmann (Porsche’s first overall winners at Le Mans – 1970) together again were among the Porsche personalities in attendance.

Porsche Cars North America’s new high resolution photo site, now has track and paddock activities from the weekend’s event. Follow the instructions below to access.

Please contact us if you have questions or additional photo needs. Send us the file number or low-res version if you need caption information. To access the photos, use the following instructions:

1. Go to www.pcnapress.com
2. User name: press; Password: password
3. Click on “2011 Rennsport” folder; then “photos”
4. You can then access folders “Group Shot” (Porsche Family Portrait), “RS Spyder” – a group photo of the four RS Spyders), “Friday,” “Saturday,” “Saturday II” and “Sunday.”

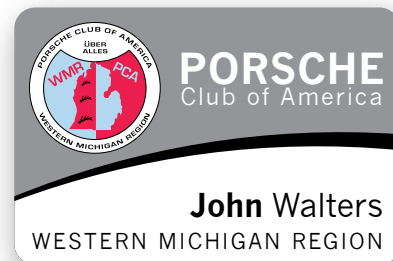


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2011 – 2012 Calendar

Porsche Club of America

Western Michigan Region



2011:

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| 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: Michael & Connie Betz, with Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i> |
| December | 5 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| | TBD | Annual Appetizer and Wine Party – Holland, MI <i>Hosts: Mike Karluk & Barb Doss</i> |

2012:

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| January | 9 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| | TBD | Zone 4 Outing to North American International Auto Show – Detroit, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i> |
| February | 6 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| | TBD | February Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i> |
| March | 3 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| | 5 | Winterfest 2012 – Blythfield Country Club, Belmont, MI <i>Hosts: Gabi Blacklidge & Chris Ackerman</i> |
| | TBD | March Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i> |
| April | 2 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| May | 7 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |
| June | 4 | Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI |

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>.

In Review: Fall Leelenau County Driving Tour

Text and Photos by Dan Phillips

Our group of Porsche enthusiasts converged at the Clinch Park marina at noon on Saturday, September 24 not knowing quite what to expect, other than beautiful roads and the fun of driving their favorite cars with their favorite club. Fortunately, that late September day brought sunny, beautiful weather to the countryside surrounding Traverse City, no matter what the doomsday forecast said.

Once assembled, we cruised down the road a bit for a great lunch at Scott's Harbor Grill on the waterfront, where host Bill Brown handed out meticulously marked maps and a plan for the day. It was a really good thing, because after lunch we took some of the roads less traveled along the beautiful Leelenau peninsula, to some places that, despite how often some of us go up there, we've still never seen. What a great drive! There was even a fair amount of fall color too.



First arrivals at the marina



A very spirited drive through winding roads!



The view up the hill

After the drive we had a couple of hours to enjoy the area on our own. For some that meant visiting friends, others went shopping, and others hit the pub or the casino. By the time 5:30 rolled around we were congregating at Bill & Natalie Brown's beautiful home straddling a hilltop on the Mission peninsula, with views of both bays and an orchard and a vineyard in the front yard. Jonathan Klinger from Haggerty joined us (with his daily driver 1930 Ford Model A) and discussed Porsches and the collector car market, as we grazed on appetizers and vino before a great catered dinner of prime rib.

We 'retired' to the garage to drink wine, talk Porsches, and get a closer look at Bill's awesome 911 GT3 RS. It's so rare to see one, but to get to inspect one up close on a hoist was a real treat. The huge 500 N-m torque wrench for the knockoff wheels was too cool. And where else would you expect a party of Porsche-heads to end up? In the garage of course.

It's always easy to say 'yes' to a driving tour through Leelenau County in the fall, especially if it's with a dozen or so Porsches. But this one was so much fun that if you missed it, well...then you really missed out. Many thanks to Bill & Natalie for having us at their home, and for putting together an absolutely first-class event!



Our happy-go-lucky host Bill Brown!



Jonathan Klinger speaking to our group



Inspecting the belly of the beast



TechSpalte: Winter Storage Tips for Your Porsche

Contributed by Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks

Proper care and precautions when preparing your car for winter storage can pay dividends in the future. Properly preparing your car involves much more than backing it into the garage and covering it. This month we will discuss each step necessary to properly store your car.

The place to start is to have the **ENGINE OIL AND FILTER** changed. This will eliminate the harmful contaminants that accumulate in the oil and filter when driving and can damage your engine if left unattended.

Next on the list is the **FUEL SYSTEM**. Just prior to parking your car, fill your gas tank and add stabilizer per the instructions. Once you have the tank topped off, run the car for about twenty minutes to allow the stabilizer to get into all the fuel lines and injectors.

Once stored, we do not recommend **STARTING THE ENGINE** until spring. Short run times build up moisture in the engine and exhaust system and can be harmful over time.

While **ROLLING THE ENGINE OVER** during short-term storage periods is not necessarily required, it certainly won't hurt. However, during an extended storage period it becomes more important. Short storage or long, any of these three methods will prevent the rings from resting in the same spot while in storage:

- Disconnect the fuel pump fuse (or relay), and crank the engine over briefly.
- Put the car in gear and push it forward a foot or so.
- Use a wrench to turn the crank-shaft, being sure to turn it in a clockwise direction only.

To keep your **BATTERY** in tip-top shape, we recommend that you use a Battery Tender. A good battery tender will keep your battery properly charged and avoid discharge and/or over charging. If you choose to disconnect your battery, make sure you know your radio code.

Adding 10 pounds or so of extra air to your **TIRES** can eliminate flat spots and keep your tires rolling smoothly. It also helps to move the car a foot or so from time to time, to let it rest on a different spot.

Prepare **THE EXTERIOR** of your car with a good wash and wax. Once you've finished with the exterior, turn your attention to **THE INTERIOR**. This is a good time to apply a good leather conditioner throughout. Apply it liberally, letting it soak in during the winter; a quick wipe down come spring and you'll be on your way.

A very important step to prevent **POSSIBLE DAMAGE** from rodents is to place dryer sheets in and around your car. Haven't seen any sign of the little critters? Great! But don't take a chance with your car; invest in a box of dryer sheets. (Visit <http://www.curbly.com/chrisjob/posts/1602-25-alternative-uses-for-fabric-softener-dryer-sheets> to read about all the uses for dryer sheets.) Cedar balls can be used in place of dryer sheets for rodent protection, however avoid putting moth-balls in your car. All these items can be placed around the edges of your storage area to discourage rodents from taking up residence.

Once your car is properly prepared for storage, you can relax and enjoy the winter activities, knowing that your car is ready for spring.

Lastly, don't forget your winter ride. Have its coolant, brakes, tires, heating system and state of tune checked. We offer a great discounted labor rate to our Porsche club customers for whatever you own and will be happy to go over it for you.

Don't miss next month's article, when we introduce you to the Achilles Heel of the 2.7 and 3.4 Porsche motors.

In Review: Annual Fall Color Tour

Jim & Ardis Schaaf and Len & Bonnie Gawron; photos by Dan Phillips & Amber Door

What a terrific day for a Fall Color Tour! We met at Muskegon's famous (infamous?) Bear Lake Tavern where several folks enjoyed a light lunch before heading out to Arcadia. While at The BLT a number of car clubs motored by, each waving and honking their horns in tribute.

The drive to Arcadia took us along the Lake Michigan shoreline on some of Michigan's most picturesque and scenic roadways. The fall colors did not disappoint, and we found ourselves amongst a number of other groups enjoying the same.



On our arrival at Arcadia Bluffs, we were met with a table of appetizers and wine & cocktails at the bar. Following a period of relaxation and walking about the beautiful Arcadia Bluffs lodge and deck, we were seated in the glass walled Sun Rom for our dinner. The menu was as promised, with delicious entrees prepared for the fall season. Main dishes included Great Lakes Whitefish, Beef Bordelaise, Seafood Pasta and a great Bistro Steak. The gourmet desserts were to die for – Double Chocolate Brownie and N.Y. Cheese Cake.



*Ren Phillips,
Kathy Bonnema*



*Ardis Schaaf, Bonnie Gawron,
and Val Axelrod*



Enjoying the weather on the porch

*Far Right: Barb Doss, Mike Karluk, Marshall Walters, John Walters
Dan accepts 50th accolades from PCA Zone 4 rep Ron Carr
Our lone piper piping, until the sun went down. (He closed his set with Amazing Grace.)*



Joining us for this event was Zone 4 rep Ron Carr and his wife Constance. Ron presented our Region with framed plaques from PCA national celebrating our 50th anniversary. PCA was behind on these, but it's always great to be recognized, and also to have Ron and Constance at one of our events – all the way up to Arcadia Bluffs, from Columbus, Ohio!

And just as we thought the day could not possibly get any better, a piper in proper Sottish attire played all the way through what had to be one of the most beautiful sunsets ever on a 80 degree fall day.

Our thanks to all who joined us that day and we look forward to seeing you all again soon on another dinner drive!



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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region.*



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WMR Meeting Minutes, 03 October 2011

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, 03 October 2011 – Meeting was called to order by Dan Phillips at 7:00pm. Members present were: Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, John and Marshall Walters, Ted and Gabi Blackledge, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Len Gawron, and d Arnie Axelrod.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved. After an initial review of the Grattan numbers, it appears that money was not lost on the event.

Webmaster: Michael has posted a link to our Facebook page.

Membership Report: 230 Primary Members, 178 Affiliate Members – total 408. New members are: Roger and Margo Chalk, Ada, '80 911, Joseph and Susan Gavan, Belmont, '87 928. Transfers In: 1, Michael Starostanko, Traverse City, '84 911 – transfer from Michiana Region, Transfers Out: 1, Non-renewals: 3, Renewals: 14.

Uber: The 50th Anniversary DVD ad may be made smaller or be temporarily eliminated in upcoming newsletters, to accommodate the nametag ad, depending on space availability.

Insurance: Insurance is set for the Fall Color Tour (October 8).

Old Business:

- GR Auto Gallery Open House – a beautiful assortment of vehicles on display and/or for sale. A couple of New Jersey club members attended.
- Fall Driving Tour September 24 – Hosted by the Browns. Lunch at Scotts, a “brisk and energetic” drive around the Peninsula, gorgeous views of the bays, followed by a delicious dinner at the Brown’s home. Everyone enjoyed speaking with Jonathan from Haggerty insurance. Outstanding event, enjoyed by all.
- Midwest Traffic Safety Institute –A motion was made and approved to give all monies collected to-date to Dave at the November planning meeting. Gabi will contact Dave and invite him to the planning meeting so that we may present him with a check. The charity will match our donation dollar for dollar up to \$1,500. Dan has submitted the application for the charity subsidy.
- New Member Event – Len and Amber continue to work on this event. They hope to get a letter out to new members soon. Amber is to get email addresses to Len. The event will either be a breakfast or lunch. More to come.
- Bylaws – the proposed revisions will be mailed out to membership in the next couple of weeks in preparation for a vote at the planning meeting.
- Digitizing old issues of the Uber Alles – no new progress since the last meeting.

New Business:

- Planning Meeting – November 7 at Bistro Bella Vita in Grand Rapids. 6:30pm dinner, followed by the meeting. RSVP to John Walters by November 3.
- November 12 Dinner Drive – Hosted by Amber Door and Jerry Arens. Martells in Kalamazoo. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- WinterFest Update –Craig and Chris Ackerman are working with Blythefield Country Club regarding the menu and pricing. Brenda will provide Craig with numbers from our last event.
- Kurt provided the group with a little tidbit of history – in 1978 the club had an Emporium, and one of the items for sale was a Porsche needlepoint kit for \$20.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf.



Classifieds

1987 PORSCHE 911 TURBO CABRIOLET – Factory slant-nose (one of 216 real 505 factory built and documented), pristine all-original condition, black on black, with Porsche certificate of authenticity. Contact Frank Berris at (616) 887-0956 or email fgberris@americango.biz (July 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@hoosierlink.net. (Michiana Region PCA) (May 2011)

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