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Ramblings from the Shanty in Shelbyville

John Walters
President, Western Michigan Region

It's officially unofficial!! The 2013 Porsche Parade will be held in Traverse City! Why officially unofficial you ask? Because the actual public announcement will not be made until the end of the 2012 Parade in Salt Lake City this July. If your next question is why are we telling you now? The answer is Parade 2013 NEEDS you now!

The event will run from June 23-June 29 at the Grand Traverse Resort. The National Parade Chair is Susan Brown (she took over from the prior chair, her husband Tom, January 1st and will serve a term of 4 years). This is a huge win for our region (and our beleaguered, but beautiful state). Hopefully all of the attendees will find the Traverse City area as beautiful and enjoyable as we do.

A handful of WMR members joined Ron Carr at the International Auto Show on January 14th and got a first hand look at the new 991, as well as a short briefing on other new releases from Porsche AG representatives. The body differences between the 997 and new 991 are subtle, but the changes improve the already classic beauty of the 911. Looking forward to the release of the new Boxster.

Hoping you'll be able to make at least one of the 2 events in February -- brunch at Cygnus on February 5th (hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck) and all-you-can-eat fish at the Grattan Bar on February 11th (hosted by Kurt Wirth). Additional details, including how to RSVP, can be found under the "Upcoming Events" section.

On March 3rd, we have our annual WinterFest party. This year there will be a DJ and dancing!! You will need to download the RSVP form from the website and mail back in by February 24th. Hope to see you there! Amber Door and Jerry Arens will host the traditional morning after brunch -- this year the location will be the Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot.

As always, I encourage your ideas and comments.

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Upcoming Events: February

04 Feb

New Member Lunch at Dill's German Restaurant, Middleville, MI

Host: Len Gawron



To all new WMR PCA Members: Have you just joined the Porsche club within the last year? Have you never been to a Porsche club event? Would you like to enjoy a great lunch of fine German cuisine with some great people?

My name is Len Gawron and I am the Vice President of the Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America (WMR PCA). We are a group of Porsche enthusiasts that drive our cars regularly rather than keep them hidden away in the garage. Yes, they have even been on the local tracks for Driver Education (DE), in the rain, snow and even a hail storm or two. We are a very diverse, fun and laid-back group that truly enjoys the friendship of others and an affinity for Porsche automobiles.

We cordially invite you to join us at the New Members Lunch on Saturday, February 4th, so that we can introduce ourselves and the Western Michigan Region of PCA. Joining you will be the club's current and past Board Members, and a number of other enthusiastic members of the club, each quite outgoing and passionate about Porsche automobiles. Over lunch we look forward to sharing with you our passion for Porsche, learning about your interests, and to answer any questions you may have about the WMR PCA.

When: Saturday, 04 February 2012, 12:00 noon
Where: Dill's Restaurant
119 East Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333 (<http://www.dillsrestaurant.com/>)

Kindly RSVP to me at (231) 670-3274 or email lagawron@comcast.net not later than Friday, 27 January.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you and talking Porsche on the 4th of February!

05 Feb

Brunch Above Grand Rapids - Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Cygnus 27 Restaurant

Hosts: Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck

February is the month of love and friendship for many of us. Therefore let's celebrate together in a lovely atmosphere with a breathtaking view over Grand Rapids. To spice it up a little, bring your favorite wedding or friendship picture from long ago, so we can share some good memories.

The Cygnus restaurant is a contemporary stylish little place. Therefore comfortable seating is limited to 32 people. Brunch will be buffet-style with some champagne drinks included. Complimentary valet-parking for up to five (5) hours included. The cost will be \$34.00 per person.



Be prepared for an after-event too, to enjoy some of the city's offerings. Suggestions welcome.



When: Sunday, 5 February 2012
Meet 10:30 a.m. (Food will be served until 2:00 p.m.)

Where: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 27th floor
187 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Please RSVP by January 28th to Wolfgang Bubeck at wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com. (One week prior to event we have to call for final number of participants.)

Upcoming Events: February

15 Feb

February Dinner Drive to the Grattan Bar, Grattan, MI

Host: Kurt Wirth

We plan to gather at a favorite place again this winter, the famed Grattan Bar in Grattan, MI – but a stone's throw from one of the greatest road courses in the country, Grattan Raceway. The kind folks at the Grattan Bar again welcome the Western Michigan Region to their wonderful Wednesday night fish-fry, where the all-you-can-eat fish has been such a great hit for local residents year after year.

If you miss the friendship of like-minded Porsche enthusiasts, and if you long for the driving season to return, then please join us for a fun, laid-back evening of drinks, good food, and camaraderie with other Porsche-heads at the Grattan Bar.



When: Wednesday night, 15 February 2012, 6:30 pm

Where: The Grattan Bar
11817 Old Belding Road, Grattan, MI 48809
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Please RSVP to Kurt Wirth by calling me at (616) 956-0249, or by emailing me at kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net.

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Join us on March 3rd for Winterfest 2012!

Blythfield Country Club, hosted by Gabi & Ted Blacklidge, and Chris & Craig Ackerman

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 3rd to attend the West Michigan Region's Annual WinterFest!

This year's event will be held at the Blythfield Country Club, a beautiful facility founded in 1929. Under Executive Chef Jeffrey Hiler, the food service mission states: "To provide an extraordinary dining experience for members and their guests, we use the freshest ingredients to prepare your meals in both innovative and traditional ways." (We can attest to the appetizing dishes created by Chef Jeff!)

WinterFest has been a popular evening to gather with your Porsche friends for interesting conversation, a delicious meal and brief review of the activities of the past year; however this year, to bring a bit more Fest into WinterFest, we are including music by Moments in Time Disc Jockeys. So bring your dancing shoes!

Please note the change of date – we are hoping a March date will bring better weather than previous February dates. Of course, this being Michigan, there are no guarantees! Also please note, there will be no mailed invitations as in years' past. The RSVP available for download now on the website will be your only method of response.

Please fill out the RSVP form on the next page (or download it from <http://wmi.pca.org>), fill it out, and return (along with your check for \$45/person) by February 24th to:

*WMR PCA, c/o Amber Door
645 Summerset Drive, Jenison, MI 49428.*



Winterfest
2012

When: Saturday, 03 March 2011
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:30 pm
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Where: Blythfield Country Club
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Jenison, MI 49428:

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Attendee 2:	_____		
Meal Selection 2:	_____	@ 1 x \$45	_____
Attendee 3:	_____		
Meal Selection 3:	_____	@ 1 x \$45	_____
Attendee 4:	_____		
Meal Selection 4:	_____	@ 1 x \$45	_____
		Total Fee	\$_____

Primary Contact Info: _____
(Name, Phone, and Email Address)

Total Check Enclosed: \$_____ (Please make your check payable to: WMR PCA)

Please RSVP by: February 24, 2012

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Upcoming Events: March

04 Mar 'Morning After' Brunch at 6.1.6., JW Marriott Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

The traditional "Morning After" Winterfest Brunch continues this year with a new venue. Please join us on Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot Grand Rapids. Reservations have been made for 20 (or more) so we hope that you will join us.

Six.One.Six, the signature restaurant within the JW, offers inspired cuisine in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting. It promises to deliver us a wonderfully fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor.

Mark your calendars for what will prove to be, yet again, a fabulous dining experience. No worries about downtown parking -- complimentary valet parking is available.

When: Sunday, 04 March 2012, High Noon
Where: Six.One.Six at the JW Marriot
235 Louis Campau St. NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Why: Food, Fun & Fabulous Friends -- The only 3 reasons you need!

Please RSVP to Amber Door at (616) 340-0971 or email amdoor242@aol.com by Monday, 27 February.



February Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

- 5 years (2007)
Ed Klunk
- 15 years (1997)
Larry & Earlene Baum
Bill & Natalie Brown
Buck & Maggie Wilsmann
- 20 years (1992)
Robert & Cynthia Marko
- 25 years (1987)
Rob & Sue Deming
Les & Kathy Prangley

New Members: *Willkommen!*

Timothy & Sharon Tornga, Grand Rapids, MI
2005 Porsche 911

2012 Calendar

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February	4	New Member Lunch – Dill’s Restaurant, Middleville, MI <i>Host: Len Gawron</i>
	5	February Brunch – Cygnus Lounge, Amway Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Miluzka & Wolfgang Bubeck</i>
	6	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	15	February Dinner Drive – Grattan Bar, Grattan, MI <i>Host: Kurt Wirth</i>
March	3	Winterfest 2012 – Blythfield Country Club, Belmont, MI <i>Hosts: Gabi Blacklidge & Chris Ackerman</i>
	4	Morning-After Brunch – Six.One.Six, JW Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
	5	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	March Dinner Drive – Gilmore Car Museum <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
April	2	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	21	Annual WMR Cook-Off: Sebring Soup! – Portage, MI <i>Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble</i>
	28	Tech Session – Location & Topic TBD <i>Host: Eric Spross</i>
	TBD	SEM Region Gymkana – Location TBD
May	7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	12	May Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Paul & Renee Krapp</i>
	18-20	Mackinac Island Road Trip - Mackinaw City, MI <i>Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron</i>
June	4	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-in – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth</i>
	16-17	PCA Club Race (SEM Region) – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
	16	Aircooled Show (Franklin Club) – Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
	23	Spring Up to Traverse – Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	23-24	RSR Region Driver Education – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI (TBD)

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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2012 Calendar Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region

July	2	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	8-14	Porsche Parade 2012 – Salt Lake City, Utah <i>PCA National Event</i>
	27-29 28	Porsches 2 Oxford (P20) (MORPCA) – Granville, OH WMR PCA Summer Party <i>Hosts: Craig & Chris Ackerman</i>
August	4	Gilmore Car Museum Red Barns Spectacular – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
	6 TBD	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI August Dinner Drive – Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i>
	24	28th Street Metro Cruise – Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids, MI
September	7	4th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod</i>
	10 TBD 15-16	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – Location TBD Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	TBD	Boxstoberfest 2012 – Location TBD <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	TBD	September Dinner Drive – Traverse City, MI <i>Host: TBD</i>
	October	1 13
November	5 8-11	Annual Planning Dinner – Location TBD PCA Escape 2012 - Eureka Springs, AR <i>PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx)</i>
	TBD	November Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Host: TBD</i>
	December	3 8

*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.*



TechSpalte: Buying a Used Car? Consider a Used Car Inspection by a Qualified Technician

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

Whether you are buying a “new” used car, a second car or upgrading your Porsche, here are a few tips that can save you a bundle.

Obtaining a true history of a vehicle’s service record or history of any accidents is important when determining a vehicle’s fair market value. That’s where services such as Carfax can come in handy. If you are buying a newer model with under 30,000 miles, most likely the Carfax will be fairly accurate. The service record should be correct due to the car having been under warranty for most of the miles. As for body damage, most collisions will be reported on the Carfax. However what may not be shown are repaints that are due to minor parking lot mishaps, scratches, or things being dropped on the vehicle. Smaller panel repairs may not be reported because the owner chose to pay for the repair out of pocket rather than turning it into his insurance. Circumstances like this make it wise to have the car inspected by a professional who can detect any work not reported.

As far as the mechanical end of the vehicle, your Carfax will not tell you that the car is due for brakes, belts or other normal service items. It may have had the inspection, but that does not mean all is new. Most people let items of wear go if they are trading a car in! As with any used car purchase, your best information is to have the vehicle’s service records. With these records you’ll know what has been done or what may have been recommended and not repaired.

Because of issues such as these, having a professional perform a UCI is extremely important. Items with wear that need replacing do not make a car a poor purchase, as long as you know you’re going to have that expense.

Knowing the cost of any necessary repairs provides you with a bargaining chip while discussing your final purchase price. We recommend you add the cost of the repair to the purchase price to determine if you are paying a fair market value for the vehicle. On older high mileage cars, Carfaxes can become very vague. In this case having the service records can be very beneficial and an unbiased UCI by a third party is very important.

What should a used car inspection include? A good inspection will include a system check of all electricals, engine performance, possible leaks, belts, hoses, suspension, tires, brakes, fluid conditions and levels as well as body and paint condition. Our inspection form has six pages and too many items to list here, but suffice it to say that it includes a check of every area and system in the vehicle.

Let’s take a look at a couple of areas requiring inspection, body and mechanical:

- How can you tell if the body has been painted? Lift the rubber seals. Is there any paint on them? Is there a fuzzy line inside the door jamb to the body edge? Can you see what looks like sand scratches in the finish? Does the color look different from one panel to the next? Is there overspray inside the wheel wells? If yes to any of these questions, the car has been painted to some degree and additional inspection is warranted.
- Now let’s check out some of the mechanical systems. Does the steering feel loose or non-responsive? Do you feel any vibrations while driving the car or while braking? Are there spots on the ground under the car? Do you hear any abnormal humming sounds or growls while driving it? Does the car shift hard or harshly? Does it shift slowly or sluggishly? Are there any indicators or lights illuminated on the dash? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the car needs further inspection!

Buying a Porsche or other specialty car? Suppose the car is out of town and you don’t know who should perform the inspection. Our recommendation would be that you contact a member of the local car club and ask them who they recommend. Most club members will be very happy to help you out. They may even know the car! *[Ed. note - also try their local Porsche dealer, it’s worked for me.]*

Other alternatives would be to take a professional with you to inspect the car, or pick up one of our inspection forms and go over the car carefully yourself before you make the purchase or have it shipped. A little extra investment in the beginning may save you a bigger expense and headache in the end.

Purchasing a car sight-unseen on eBay or Auto Trader? Finding a car on eBay or Auto Trader that sounds like a deal too good to pass up and then purchasing it sight-unseen can lead to huge expenses. If this is a plan that you are considering, consider the suggestions in the paragraphs above. At the very least you had better throw a couple extra thousand to your purchase price. Rarely have I seen a car purchased from either eBay or Auto Trader that did not need service. In any case, we encourage you to buy smart and enjoy your ride!

In Review: December Appetizer Party

Annual December Appetizer Party...Text and Photos by Amber Door

The weather proved to be cooperative for the 27 WMR members who gathered at the home of Mike and Barb Karluk in West Olive on Saturday, December 3rd. Our evening (without snow or rain) started with a beautiful sunset over Lake Michigan viewed from what was deemed the “Port Room”. This was followed by a selection of wonderful appetizers and a variety of wines provided by our fellow participants.

The featured” events of the evening were “self-directed” and included chocolate, vintage port and truffle tasting. A little known fact is that Mike’s brother is a Chocolatier, and created a selection of the perfect sized truffles to accompany the port tastings, although it was clearly not a requirement to pair the two! Barb, along with her mother, provided us insightful education on the origins of the beloved cocoa bean, as well as practical and useful instructions as to the perfect way to taste chocolate. Since no written or re-demonstration testing was expected, some attendees just sampled (and sampled...) Along with the perfect edibles, the highlight of the evening was spending time with old friends and new reminiscing on the events of 2011 (both within PCA and out), and anticipating 2012.



Len Gawron, Mike Karluk, Rick Riley

To all who could not attend this year – we are sorry you were not there, but we ate your share of the chocolate for you and sampled the appetizers and vintage ports for you as well. They were amazing!

In Review: January Dinner Drive to Leo’s

January Dinner Drive to Leo’s...Text by Rick Riley

Wasn’t that a Party!

The annual dinner drive to Leo’s again kicked off the West Michigan Porsche Club’s list of 2012 events. We entertained 30 of our members for dinner, what a great gathering! I’m thinking the 50 degree weather and no snow had something to do with the wonderful turn out.



If you have not been to Leo’s in downtown Grand Rapids, they have fantastic sea food and in the Chart Room they can put together one long table that accommodated all 30 of our members.

The cool thing about this table is it allows everyone to see each other and you can have several conversations with many different people. There was some car talk, but many varied and non-car related conversations ensued with our diverse group. The discussions I overheard encompassed gardening, art, parenting and military service.

For those of you that haven’t attended a Dinner Drive (DD), they most always are on Wed. evenings, with a few fun exceptions, at various restaurants located in and around the western Michigan area. They start early and end early as most members have to work the next day. It is a great way to break up the week. In most all cases we order off the menu with separate checks.

The next DD is a brunch at the Cygnus 27 Restaurant on Sunday, February 5th, with Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck as our hosts. Cygnus is located on the 27th floor of the Amway Grand Plaza hotel and has an unprecedented view of downtown Grand Rapids. (See details elsewhere in this issue.)

I want to thank all the members that attended our Leo’s DD, and also Leo’s competent staff for making our evening memorable with great food and service. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Hope to see you at a Dinner Drive soon!

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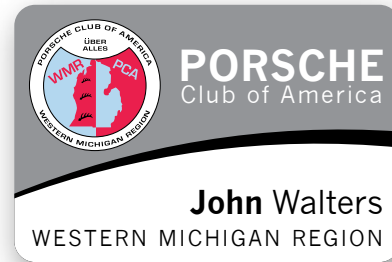


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2012 North American International Auto Show

Text and Photos by Dan Phillips

Detroit – Porsche returned again to the 2012 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), this time to officially introduce the all-new Porsche 911 (see Über Alles, Sept. 2011) to the US market. The Detroit show was also the world premier of the all-new Porsche 911 Cabriolet – the first official public unveiling of the new cabriolet in the world.

Porsche is marketing the all-new, 7th-generation 911, code-named 991, with the slogan “Porsche Identity”. Porsche recognizes that the 911 represents the core identity of the Porsche marque, and is working hard to maintain that as they introduce this new generation of superlative sports cars. Lower, wider, faster, more efficient than before, this may be the best 911 yet.

Experiencing the new 911 in the flesh was truly special, and unlike past Detroit events, show patrons were actually allowed to sit in the new 911 coupe and cabriolet models. It was crowded, as this show always is, however it only required a short wait to experience the new Panamera-like center console design, the totally new dash and door panels, the excellent new seats, and the typically exquisite leather work and top-quality fit and finish. The new car takes refinement and quality up a notch, and the new car as a whole feels a little bigger than before.

Our small WMR PCA group met with many other PCA members from other Zone 4 regions, a total of over 80 people. We split into two groups and entered one group at a time into the Porsche hospitality area, inside their show display. We sat comfortably in the quiet enclave above the rest of the show, with a great view of the floor through the tinted one-way glass. We enjoyed the modern, minimalist architecture and furniture while Peter and Inesha from Porsche walked us through the design, features, and specs of the new 911, and answered any questions we had.

After this highlight, we enjoyed the rest of the show as we saw fit, and some PCA members returned to the Dearborn Inn for dinner and another night’s stay. The Western Michigan Region would like to thank Ron Carr for coordinating this event. This is a really fun thing to do, and the VIP treatment by Porsche is a real treat. If you have a chance to go next year, please don’t hesitate!



The All-New 2012 Porsche Boxster

Text and Photos Courtesy of Porsche AG

*The new Boxster generation – the mid-engine roadster from Porsche
Lighter and more muscular, more distinctive and more fuel-efficient*

Stuttgart – Never before in the history of the Porsche Boxster was a change of generation so comprehensive. The open-top two-seater car is being marketed with a completely new lightweight body and a completely revamped chassis. Considerably lower weight, longer wheelbase, a wider track and larger wheels significantly enhance yet further the mid-engine sports car's driving dynamics, already far and away the best in its class, supported by the new electro-mechanical power steering. The new Boxsters boast superior performance and are also up to 15 per cent more fuelefficient. Depending on model, they get by with significantly less than eight litres of fuel per 100 kilometres.



The new Boxster thus delivers what the fundamentally changed styling with shorter overhangs, significantly forward-shifted windscreen, flatter silhouette and expressive edges promises. The passengers are enclosed by the completely redesigned, fully electric hood, which now dispenses with a convertible top compartment lid. The interior concept offers the occupants more space and reflects the new Porsche outline with the raked centre console, which, originating with the Carrera GT, ensures further improved ergonomics in all models.

The new sports car generation makes its debut in the classic Porsche pairing of Boxster and Boxster S. Both models are powered by flat-six engines with direct petrol injection, the efficiency of which is further enhanced by electrical system recuperation, thermal management and start/stop function. The base model's new power unit delivers 265 hp (195 kW) from a 2.7 litre displacement – ten hp more than its larger displacement predecessor. Technically, it is now based on the 3.4-litre engine of the Boxster S. This now delivers 315 hp (232 kW), which is five hp more than before. Both models feature a manual six-speed gearbox as standard with the seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) available as an option. Both sports cars achieve their best fuel consumption and acceleration performance with the PDK. The Porsche Boxster's fuel consumption with PDK is 7.7 l/100 km and 8.0 l/100 km for the Boxster S. With gear changes without interruption to the power flow, the Boxster sprints from zero to 100 km/h in 5.7 seconds, the Boxster S in 5.0 seconds.

To enhance driving dynamics yet further, Porsche offers the Sport Chrono Package as an optional extra for the Boxster, featuring dynamic transmission mounts for the first time. Also new in the Boxster is Porsche Torque Vectoring (PTV) with mechanical rear axle differential lock..

The market launch of the new Boxster generation will be on 14.04.2012. The basic list price in Germany will be 48,291 euro for the Boxster and 59,120 euro for the Boxster S, including 19 per cent value added tax in both cases.





WMR Meeting Minutes, 09 January 2012

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, January 09, 2012 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00pm. Members present were: Len Gawron, Dan Phillips, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Marshall Walters, Rick Riley, and Arnie Axelrod.

Treasurers Report: Approved. There are two uncashed checks, otherwise everything is accounted for to-date. Brief discussion regarding PCA subsidies – we will apply for those that we qualify for.

Membership Report: 222 Primary Members, 174 Affiliate Members – total 396. New members are: Timothy and Sharon Tornga, Grand Rapids, '05 911. Transfers In: 0, Transfers Out: 1 (+1 – joined the wrong region) to Suncoast. Non-renewals: 3, Renewals: 9.

December Minutes: Approved.

Uber Alles: Dan will try to get the February issue to the printer by January 22 and will need all content by January 20. Dan proposed adding another 4 pages to the publication as it's getting tight with content and events. We will need additional advertising revenue to cover the cost of additional pages. Discussed the idea of business card advertising. Nothing confirmed. The motion to add the additional 4 pages was approved with the stipulation that we would try it for 4 months to see if we can get the advertising to support the expenditure.

Webmaster: No Report.

Insurance: Insurance is set for the Auto Show.

Old Business:

- February 5 Brunch – Cygnus Lounge, Amway Hotel: Hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck. We'll ask Michael to add info to the web when he returns from his trip.
- WMR Enthusiast of the Year Trophy Update: Dan reported that parts are being made. Hopes to have a completed trophy by WinterFest.
- WinterFest 2012: Detailed information in the January Uber Alles. RSVP form to be downloaded from the website. Received a breakdown of costs to-date. Amber has obtained some nice door prize gifts.
- January 11 Dinner Drive – Leo's, Grand Rapids: Hosted by Rick Riley. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- January 14 Zone 4 Outing to North American International Auto Show – Detroit: Hosted by Dan and Ren Phillips. Insurance is set.
- February 4 – New Member Luncheon at Dill's Restaurant, Middleville – Len has come up with a proposed agenda and has enlisted the help of several board and club members. Len and Amber will be reaching out to the new members regarding this event.

New Business:

- WMR PCA purchasing required software to publish Uber Alles. Adobe Creative Suite Version 3. We will upgrade to Version 5 once it comes out.
- May 16-20 – Mackinaw Island Weekend: Hosted by Len Gawron. There are 3 more rooms available in the block reserved by Len. If needed, he may be able to obtain more rooms. More information to come.
- Club Racing – there was a discussion regarding club racing and perhaps including articles in the Uber relating to Club Racing and our members who attend and participate in these events. More to come.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf.



Classifieds

1989 PORSCHE 911 TURBO – Linen Metallic (silver) over grey leather interior. 115k miles, 2nd owner, service by German Auto for the past 14 years. Many mods, very fast. Divorce forces sale. \$38,000. Contact Al Nelson at (231) 690-9092 or email i.xlr8@live.com. (that's the letter "i", a period, followed by "xlr8") (Dec 2011)

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)

1983 PORSCHE 911 SC CABRIOLET – Burgundy/Black with only 55,000 miles. Stainless Steel headers/muffler; Kuehl A/C Upgrade (really works!); H4 lights, K&N, front Carrera spoiler, new AM/FM/CD w/IPOD/MP3 hookup, power antenna; lots of new parts and stuff. No Rust–No Race–No wrecks. Looks and runs great. Asking \$23,000 OBO. Contact Jim Morgan at (574) 457-2044 or email jimandjudi@hoosierlink.net. (Michiana Region PCA) (Jul 2011)

WHEELS AND TIRES – 16" factory wheels & tires from a Porsche 911 (993), sizes are 205/55-16 front, 245/45-16 rear. \$500 o.b.o. Call Glenn at (269) 751-5644. (July 2011)

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FOR SALE – Magazines, most issues of: Panorama 2002-2009, Excellence 2003-2010, and the Uber newsletter 1990-2009. Make an offer, proceeds will be donated to charity. For more info contact Eric Spross (616) 706-4421 or email ericpca911@yahoo.com. (Apr 2011)

AUTO DETAILING SERVICE – References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616) 706-4421 or ericpca911@yahoo.com. (Feb 2010)

WANTED – PCM 1st-generation CD-ROMs to copy; I have discs 1, 5, & 6, need the rest. Need maps 1, 5, or 6? Let me know...these are NLA from Porsche. Call Dan Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or email dphil66@hotmail.com.

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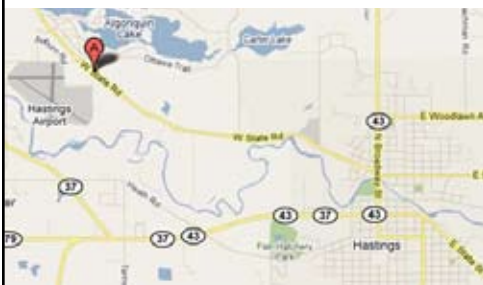
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