



# ÜBER ALLES

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

March 2012



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# Stranded in Shelbyville

John Walters  
President, Western Michigan Region

Here we are in the middle of the winter, a mild one, but most of us still have our Porsches put away. My rusty old Chevrolet has not been cooperating. Maybe its fourteen years and 260,000 miles are starting to show. That leads to some serious cabin fever! A nice Boxster has been sounding like a good replacement. After a recent melt and a little rain, the sun came out on a cold morning. I just had to get away. The trusty 911 fired right up and off we went on a spirited countryside tour to Ada and back. The engine was roaring, and new Yokohama tires were grabbing the pavement with authority. I now have an inspired Porsche outlook, and spring feels near!

Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck’s brunch at Cygnus 27 was very classy. The weather was perfect. All of beautiful downtown Grand Rapids was on display from the large windows of our private room. The food and service is top notch. The price for this is very reasonable, and Mimosas are complementary. When my relatives are in town, this will be the Sunday tradition.

Kurt Wirth’s annual Gratten Bar all you can eat fish dinner event was well received by 21 club members. The servers just keep it coming. I saw some awesome burgers as well. Next year, I will try the land option. The conversation was lively. Three new members, Ted Vogt, and Carmine and Bea Bosco attended as well. Thanks, Kurt!

I plan on attending Porsche Parade 2012: Salt Lake City. To get the full experience, I will volunteer. Marshall and I have been to Salt Lake City twice before, actually Park City, on ski vacations. The Wasatch Mountain range is an impressive sight. It has been called the most Alpine-like range in the Rockies. This is the PCA’s “big” event of the year, and the Parade agenda is In the February Panorama. It will be a wonderful experience with many activities – we hope to see you there!



Congratulations to Helene & EJ Czarnopys on the birth of their grandson Finnian! “Stroller today, Porsche tomorrow” – it looks like there’s another Porsche enthusiast in the Czarnopys clan!

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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 on the next page, or 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  
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*Winterfest*  
2012

**When:** Saturday, 03 March 2011  
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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*

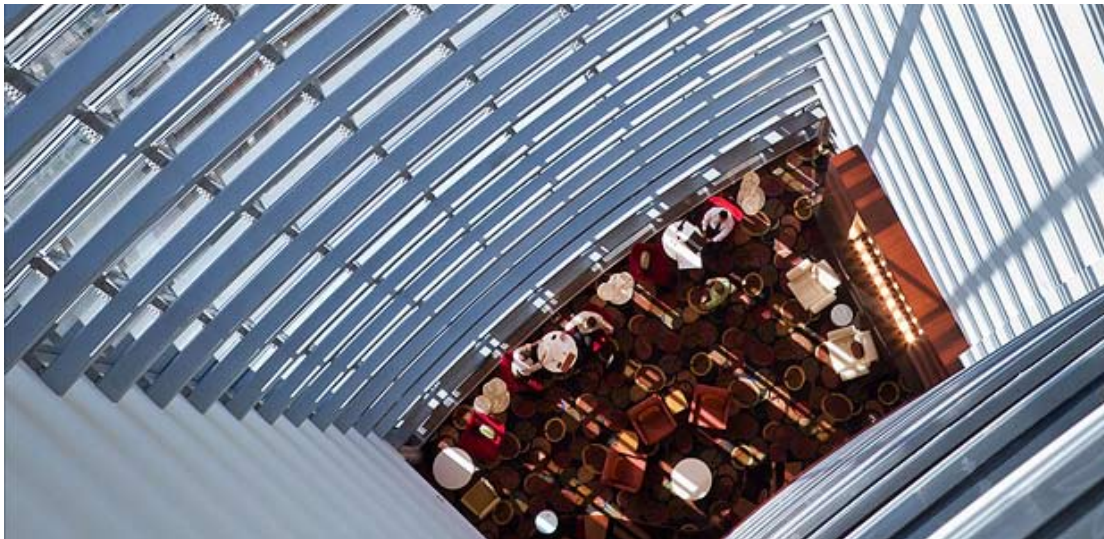
The traditional "Morning After" Winterfest Brunch continues this year with a new venue. Please join us on Sunday morning for a casual brunch at Six.One.Six in the JW Marriot Grand Rapids. Reservations have been made for 20 (or more) so we hope that you will join us.

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



### March Anniversaries:

*Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2011)  
Bob Walles

5 years (2007)  
Larry Gill

10 years (2002)  
Robert & Kim Danielson

### New Members:

*Willkommen!*

Ted Vogt, Belmont, MI  
2006 Porsche 911



# Upcoming Events: Annual April Cook-off

## 21 Apr Sebring Soup Party and Cook-off Competition

*Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble*

Enter your favorite soup recipe in the Western Michigan Region's annual April Cook-off competition. Bring your own home-made soup in a crock pot, and enjoy some friendly competition for Judge's Trophy and People's Choice awards!

Menu: YOUR home-made soup (no chili or chowder)  
All the extras provided

BYO: Beer & wine



The more recipes entered in the event, the more tasting we will enjoy! If you don't cook, you can judge!

Cost is \$10 per person, or FREE for chefs who bring at least one crock pot of soup.

When: Saturday, 21 April 2012, starting at 6:30 pm

Where: The Schieble Residence  
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# Upcoming Events: May Trip to Mackinac Island

**18-20  
May**

## **Spring Fling to Mackinaw, The Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI**

*Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron*

So you may wonder why a car club would plan an excursion to an island...particularly one where cars are *verboten*... But please don't concern yourself with such trivial details, because...as the PCA slogan goes, "it's not about the cars, but the people". Really! But of course, we'll still all gather beforehand and cruise up together (in our Porsches!) for an unforgettable weekend on Mackinac Island, as spring blooms in Michigan.

Is there anything about that sentence that doesn't sound like fun?

So please join your WMR PCA friends for a wonderful weekend at The Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island on the 18, 19 and 20th of May! We have reserved a special opportunity for WMR PCA members to enjoy the WMR PCA Pure Michigan Package:



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Package is based on a Category I, interior room.



We will establish a plan shortly regarding a group drive up to Mackinaw City on the 18th, details will be forthcoming...so please watch this space and your email blasts for the particulars! Safe, protected parking for your Porsche will be available during your stay on the island, so you need not worry about your car during your stay.

Please contact Len Gawron at [lagawron@comcast.net](mailto:lagawron@comcast.net) for more information, and contact The Grand Hotel directly at [www.grandhotel.com](http://www.grandhotel.com) to book your room. Please note that there is limited availability for this weekend, so book early!

We can't wait to enjoy your company on this very special weekend!

# 2012 Calendar

## Porsche Club of America

### Western Michigan Region



<b>March</b>	<b>3</b>	Winterfest 2012 – Blythfield Country Club, Belmont, MI <i>Hosts: Gabi Blacklidge &amp; Chris Ackerman</i>
	<b>4</b>	Morning-After Brunch – Six.One.Six, JW Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door &amp; Jerry Arens</i>
	<b>5</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	March Dinner Drive – Gilmore Car Museum <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
<b>April</b>	<b>2</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>21</b>	Annual WMR Cook-Off: Sebring Soup! – Portage, MI <i>Hosts: Terry &amp; Dorilee Schieble</i>
	<b>28</b>	Tech Session – Location & Topic TBD <i>Host: Eric Spross</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	SEM Region Gymkana – Location TBD
<b>May</b>	<b>7</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>12</b>	May Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Paul &amp; Renee Krapp</i>
	<b>18-20</b>	Mackinac Island Road Trip - Mackinaw City, MI <i>Hosts: Len &amp; Bonnie Gawron</i>
<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>13</b>	Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-in – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley &amp; Kurt Wirth</i>
	<b>16-17</b>	PCA Club Race (SEM Region) – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
	<b>16</b>	Aircooled Show (Franklin Club) – Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
	<b>23</b>	Spring Up to Traverse – Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
<b>23-24</b>	RSR Region Driver Education – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI (TBD)	
<b>July</b>	<b>2</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>8-14</b>	Porsche Parade 2012 – Salt Lake City, Utah <i>PCA National Event</i>
	<b>27-29</b>	Porsches 2 Oxford (P20) (MORPCA) – Granville, OH
	<b>28</b>	WMR PCA Summer Party <i>Hosts: Craig &amp; Chris Ackerman</i>

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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

<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	Gilmore Car Museum Red Barns Spectacular – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door &amp; Jerry Arens</i>
	<b>6</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	August Dinner Drive – Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan &amp; Ren Phillips</i>
	<b>24</b>	28th Street Metro Cruise – Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids, MI
<b>September</b>	<b>7</b>	4th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Hosts: Arnie &amp; Val Axelrod</i>
	<b>10</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – Location TBD
	<b>15-16</b>	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	Boxstoberfest 2012 – Location TBD <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	September Dinner Drive – Traverse City, MI <i>Host: TBD</i>
<b>October</b>	<b>1</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>13</b>	Annual Fall Color Tour – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Jim &amp; Ardis Schaaf, Len &amp; Bonnie Gawron</i>
<b>November</b>	<b>5</b>	Annual Planning Dinner – Location TBD
	<b>8-11</b>	PCA Escape 2012 - Eureka Springs, AR <i>PCA National Event (<a href="http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx">http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx</a>)</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	November Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Host: TBD</i>
<b>December</b>	<b>3</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>8</b>	December Appetizer Party – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John &amp; Marshall Walters</i>

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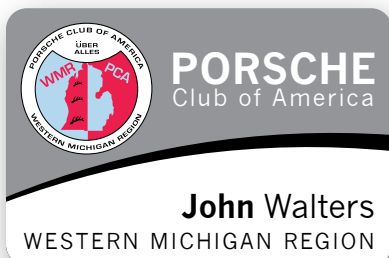


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# A Summer of Fun at the Track

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*Contributed by Don Szama*

Since it is always nice to share good experiences, I am writing this story about 2011, a year of lots of fun and travel to race tracks that were new to Helen and me. We decided that we would visit three new tracks this year. Our targets were Mid-Ohio, Road America and Nelson Ledges. I could not find a date that worked for Nelson Ledges so Putnam Park was the third track. It was a good choice as it is a fun track and the facilities are really nice.

We sort of started the year in February at Sebring where I helped as a corner worker for club racing and advanced solo. You really get a whole new perspective when you are watching for contact between cars, fluid leaks and safety issues. We also drove the long course in our Cayenne during touring laps. Now I want to do the advanced solo some time. We got to spend some time with Claudio, Brenda and Rick Riley. The weather was great, and watching night races from the hotel balcony is a neat experience.

In April, we added a new R&R aluminum trailer and a tow vehicle to our inventory. After extensive research of new vehicles made in America, the obvious choice was a Cayenne S. It has worked perfectly for us, and can pass anything on the road except a gas station.

Warming up for the summer of travel were track days at Gingerman on April 23 and May 14. June 11 and 12 were track days at Grattan with NASA. I moved to the HPDE 1 group this year and it was a new experience with passing anywhere but braking zones. Each session was followed by a meeting with instructors to point out the good, the bad and the ugly. Only one bad for me. I thought I could complete a pass before turn 1 and ended up passing going into the turn. Not good as that is a braking zone. A mild slap on the wrist and back to the track. On Sunday during my first warm up lap I noticed the temp gauge was now reading nothing. No way was this right. I pulled into the grid and raised the hood to see if a wire was loose. If you have seen the engine compartment on a 2004 C4S, you will know why the grid worker came over and said "Good Luck". My day was over and the next week a new sending unit was installed. Problem solved.

June 25 was another fairly uneventful day at Gingerman. Terry, Ola and Ted were also there and we had some good fun chasing each other around the track. That day Ola found out that coolant spilling onto his tires was not a good thing, and was thankful for the free towing on his insurance.

Now the fun really starts. Helen and I left for Mid-Ohio on June 30 for a three day weekend with the Audi Club of America. I volunteered to be an instructor so I was able to be on the track on Friday. Since it was my first time at Mid-Ohio, a driver in a 944 was nice enough to take me on several laps early in the morning. On Saturday, I got there early and by coincidence hitched a ride with my student to go on the track. He had a 2009 Carrera S, and later said, "You instructors are really trusting. Getting in a car that will do 180 with a perfect stranger." I guess I never looked at it that way. I later rode several hot laps with Cole Carter, one of the instructors at the Mid-Ohio School. Mid-Ohio is a perfect venue for viewing cars on the track, and we spend many hours at different locations watching and learning. We will be returning to Mid-Ohio in 2012. Helen did a great job of finding back roads for us to explore in Ohio as well.

On July 10 we set off for Road America at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. There was plenty of parking, and tents were set up for a vintage car show the next weekend – which they were gracious enough to let us use, so we had shade both days. The track is basically 3 long straights connected by some curves over a distance of 4+ miles. You need good brakes if you are going to be aggressive. We have photos of 3 cars that pushed too hard. It is sad to see a Porsche destroyed when it loses a battle with the barrier.

I noticed at mid-day that one front tire had cords showing. I was not too happy since the Sport Cups did not have that much use on them. It is time for some new suspension and camber settings. There was a tire service truck, so I told Helen that I was going shopping. Four new Hoosiers later I was back on the track. Helen said later that she thought I meant I was going shopping for a t-shirt. This is another track where you can drive close to almost any corner and have a great view of the track. Also, this is a neat touristy area with many places to visit and enjoy. We had a great time, and look forward to a return visit.

August 12 was closer to home, at Ken Grabowski's annual track day. What a great day with some great drivers. Thank you Ken for the ride in your Radical. That alone made the day special. We spent September 10 and 11 at the WMR DE at Grattan. Another fine event, thanks to all the volunteers. I got plenty of track time with two students. I also wore out the Hoosiers and put a set of used Sport Cups on for the next event. We then drove to Indianapolis on September 15 for a weekend at Putnam Park. We had a great relaxing dinner with some friends who are also in the steel business, and a great weekend instructing at this beautiful track.

I closed out the year at Grattan with the Lotus Club. It was a fun weekend and a good way to cap a fun year of driving, touring, meeting new people and making new friends. It is true, "It's not the cars, it's the people". See you in the spring!!



# TechSpalte: Think Spring! It's Almost That Time...

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

Itching to fire up that precious metal? Here are a few tips for what to do before starting the engine and going for a drive:

- Check the engine bay, looking for any sign of visitors. On older 356 models and with the engine switched off, reach behind the fan shroud area to make sure there is nothing in the fan area. Check your car's fluid levels, including engine oil, coolant, and brake fluid. Then check your air filter if possible.
- If everything looks good, key the engine and crank it over a few times. If it starts right away, it's a good idea to shut it off and check around the engine area again, paying special attention to the fuel lines.
- Carefully look under the car for any signs of fuel, oil or coolant leaks as a result of the start. The initial pressure applied to fuel and oil lines on start up can cause them to split open if they have a weak spot. It's important to re-check them after a brief warm up.
- On the old carbureted cars, gaskets and banjo fitting seals love to leak when they dry out over winter. You may need to let them set awhile after cranking, to let them swell up before running.
- Be sure to check the tire pressures and hit the brake pedal to make sure it's up before taking that first ride.
- Last thing, check your lights, including your brake lights to make sure they are all working properly.

If your battery has given up the ghost over the winter months and you're going to replace it yourself, please use caution. The battery must be reconnected properly. All too often wires are reinstalled incorrectly, creating a potentially dangerous and expensive situation. The accompanying photos show a common result: a fried alternator!



For the owners of our older pushrod cars who want to change the oil before hitting the road, you should know more about modern oil vs. oil

from the old days. Oil companies have reduced the zinc and phosphorus content of motor oil to the point that it no longer protects the older pushrod, flat tappet engines. Why did they do this? The main reason is that phosphorus will cause a build up on oxygen sensors and catalytic convertors, causing failures – “poisoning them” so to speak. So the API set new standards to alleviate this problem, reducing zinc and phosphorus in the process.

So what do we do? What oil is safe for these engines? Do I have to purchase that fancy name brand oil from the catalog? Fortunately, Valvoline offers an easy solution and answer to all those questions: VRI Racing Oil. It comes in 10W30, 20W-50, and the following straight weights: 30, 40, 50.

VRI has 75% higher zinc with a balanced additive package that protects your pushrod, flat-tappet engine. Any parts store that carries Valvoline should be able to get it for you or you can stop in and pick it up from us and avoid the UPS bill.

Still confused? Feel free to give me a call and I'll try to help you with your concerns. See you on the road!



# In Review: February DD to the Grattan Bar

Contributed by Kurt Wirth

DINNER DRIVE TO “THE IRISH GRATTAN BAR”, FOUNDED IN 1937:

What a turnout! 21 WMR members arrived at the Grattan Bar for a down-on-the-farm hearty meal. The warm decorations and table settings within and the blessing of mother nature on the outside was the perfect atmosphere.

As always, the kitchen created tasty meals. Fish fry (all you could eat), was the number ONE choice. The quality, size of the meal and the wholesome pricing added to the delight.

According to our WMR history, this was the 25th year we completed a dinner drive during non-Porsche friendly winter time. Just as a time measure, the “Bee Gees”, celebrated their 50th a week ago.



Talking about Porsche in wintertime, Ren and Dan drove their Boxster to the event. *Zuverlaessig, ein Freund fuer jede Jahreszeit.* (Reliable, a friend for all four seasons.)

Thank you all for coming, You made my day, including the Grattan Bar’s appreciation as well. Spring is only 31 days down the road. Keep the WMR spirit up, and I’m looking forward seeing you you all again at our WINTERFEST March 3rd, 2012, at the Blythfield Country Club.

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# In The Zone: What's Happening Throughout Zone 4

*Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative*

It was great to meet so many of you at the Detroit Auto Show in January – we had 84 members attend as a group and hear the presentation on the new 911 (type 991). If you missed this show, check out your local Porsche dealership – they probably have scheduled an introduction of the new 911 (model launch), and would be happy to have you stop in.

The other big news is the announcement of PCA Parade 2013 – it will be in our own Zone 4, in Traverse City, MI (Western Michigan Region) in June of 2013. Stay tuned for more details, and consider attending and helping out.

Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on other events close to you, and check the Zone 4 Website for other regions' events.

Here are some significant happenings around the Zone:

- Saturday, March 3rd, 2012, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Ohio Valley Region is presenting PCA ADVANCED DRIVERS SEMINAR II featuring ROSS BENTLEY at The Taj Ma Garage – 300 South Perry St., Dayton, OH 45402-2515, <http://www.tajmagarage.com>. You can register for this event online at <http://www.clubregistration.net>.
- Grand Am Racing season kicks off in Zone 4 with the Detroit Grand Prix at Belle Isle on June 1, 2, and 3, 2012. PCA is sponsoring a Porsche Car Corral for all interested Porsche Owners. Volunteers are needed- contact me if you can help out.
- The following weekend, the same crowd will gather for the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Grand Am Race in Lexington, OH on June 8, 9, and 10, 2012. A Porsche Car Corral for Porsche Owners will also be part of the annual festivities, and your help and attendance would be most appreciated.
- The Southeast Michigan Region will hold their annual Club Race at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI on June 15, 16, and 17, 2012. Watch their website for details.
- While not technically in Zone 4, the Annual PCA National Porsche Parade will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on July 7-14, 2012. Plan to join a bunch of other Zone 4 PCA members for fun in the mountains. If you are not sure about helping at the 2013 event, the Parade in SLC presents a great opportunity to come and see what it's all about. Registration opens March 13th.
- The following weekend is the annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, PA on July 21 & 22, 2012. This is actually a week-long event with a great Concours d'Elegance and fundraiser on Saturday, sponsored in part by the PCA Allegheny Region.
- The third Grand Am event in Zone 4 will be part of the Brickyard 400 Weekend in Indianapolis, IN. PCA will host a Porsche Car Corral and hospitality for Porsche Owners on Friday the 27th.
- The annual P2O event moves to Granville, OH on July 27-29, 2012, sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Region. Watch the <http://p2o.morpca.org/> website for details. Registration opens March 1st.
- The Mid-Ohio Region will move its annual DE and Club Race event at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington Ohio to the weekend of August 17-19th, 2012.
- And finally, join fellow PCA members for a memorable fall weekend at the Escape to the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, AR on November 9, 10, and 11, 2012. More information will be available next year as the event grows closer.
- A heads-up on the 2012 IRAC (Inter Regional Auto Cross) calendar dates just in: 4/29 OVR, 5/20 NOR, 6/3 MOR, 7/1 MVR, 8/12 OVR, 9/9 MOR, and 10/20 ALR. Details in the next issue.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [zone4rep@embarqmail.com](mailto:zone4rep@embarqmail.com) . Hope to see you at an event soon!



# WMR Meeting Minutes, 06 February 2012

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*Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, February 6, 2012* – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:05 pm. Members present were: John Walters, Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Chris Ackerman, Craig Ackerman, Ted Blacklidge, Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod, Wolfgang Bubeck, Miluzka Bubeck

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Membership Report: 221 Primary Members, 172 Affiliate Members – total 292. New Members – 1, Transfers In – 0, Transfers Out – 0, Non renewals – 2, Renewals – 8

Minutes: Minutes from January meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Über now increased by 4 pages. Submissions are due for publication by mid month. Goal is to have Über in mailboxes before the end of each month with this goal currently being met.

Advertising Report: Looking for new advertisers to off set the increased cost of a larger Über.

Webmaster's Report: No report

Insurance Report: No report – no moving car events planned until April.

## Old Business:

- Updated software for Über publication. Will wait until next version update
- February Event – Brunch at Cygnus, Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck – great turnout and a beautiful day for brunch overlooking Grand Rapids.
- Winterfest Update – plans are coming together – 3/3/12. Will plan another Blast – one was sent 2/5/12 for RSVP reminder
- Mackinac Island Weekend – May 18-20, Hosts Len/Bonnie Gawron. More information on web/Über. 2 rooms in current block left, but option for more.
- Club Racing – Include articles in the Über relating to racing and members. Article planned for March publication

## New Business:

- PCA National Award submissions (Family of the Year/Newsletter contest/Enthusiast of the year / Region of the year / Public Service Award) – nomination due 3/1/12. John to send blast ASAP to region
- 2012 Porsche Parade Europe – will post info on web site if any are interested in going to France in early June for this event.
- WMR PCA Enthusiast Chair: New Chair for 2013: Marshall Walters. Thank you Lina Spross for your years of work!!!!
- February Dinner Drive – Grattan Bar 2/15/12. No new information
- 2013 Porsche Parade – Traverse City, MI, June 23 – 29, 2013
  - Official public/national announcement planned for 7/14/12 at 2012 Parade in Salt Lake City
  - Zone-wide blast announcement sent 2/3/12 by Ron Carr to:
    - Get us excited!
    - Encourage attendance to 2012 event for members who are looking to be involved in planning (not a requirement)
    - To allow region/zone to seek volunteers to fill several Parade team positions that put the region/zone flair into a nationally run event.
  - Ample opportunity to volunteer during Parade week that does not require time commitment prior to Parade.
  - Local/Regional Chair positions include: Local area attractions; Tech Inspection; Transportation; Driving Tours; 5K; Historic Display; Parade of Porsches; Warehouse
  - Positions open to assist the National team Chair: Water/ice; Equipment; Photography; Gimmick Rally; TSD rally
  - Responses have been coming in since zone blast with several chair positions filled from members of Western Michigan Region (WMR), Southeast Michigan Region (SEM), and Mid-Ohio Region (MORPCA).
  - Planning meetings: Meetings to be open to anyone wishing to attend. Looking for central location to accommodate majority of volunteers

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm*

*Respectfully submitted by Amber Door*





## Classifieds

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**1994 PORSCHE 911 SPEEDSTER** – Gran Prix White over Black Leather. 5 speed manual. Loaded w/onboard computer, cruise control, cold A/C, etc. Only 18,684 miles, always garaged, no track, snow or smoke. Books and records, keys and factory air pump. None nicer, still smells new. I purchased the car with 1,500 miles in 1996. \$79,000. Contact Jerry King in Sarasota, FL at (941) 225-5832. (March 2012)

**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? I can help. These are NLA from Porsche. Call Dan Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or email dphil66@hotmail.com.

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