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Dogwoods and Dandelions Flowering in Shelbyville!

John Walters
President, Western Michigan Region

On our recent vacation to Southeast Asia, there was an overnight stop in Singapore! What an amazing hub of trade and commerce. Container ships and tankers were lined up waiting outside the harbor for about five miles. New construction is everywhere. Streets are well organized and the sidewalks are spotless. People from all over the world mingle as one. Food and drink of all kinds are available for the taking (at a cost). We explored the high-end shopping district around Orchard Street. During an afternoon stroll we saw Maseratis, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and of course Porsches. What a treat to the eyes of a car lover. The weather often includes an afternoon rain, sometimes more like a downpour. But these beautiful cars are out on the road anyway. About one block off the main road, there was a tire shop that sells only Pirellis!



The May calendar of events will kick off the summer in good fashion. There is an event almost every week. I hope you will attend as many as possible. Participating is a good incentive for preparing your car for Michigan's short summer weather and sharing time with new and old friends. So let's all turn those keys and enjoy!

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Upcoming Events: May Dinner Drive #1

12 May **May Dinner Drive: Muskegon to Ludington**
Hosts: Paul and Renee Krapp



It's Spring Time! Come and relax for a nice leisurely drive and dinner in the beautiful month of May!

We will meet at Pere Marquette Park in Muskegon at 2:00 PM. Please park in the lot across from the restaurant/bar. We plan to depart for Ludington at 2:45 PM. The drive will wind through some of the most scenic and twisty roads in the area!

Dinner will be at P.M. Steamers, located at 502 West Loomis Street, Ludington, MI. Learn more about PM Steamers at www.pmsteamers.com, and check out our web site (wmi.pca.org) for maps and more info.

When: Saturday, 12 May 2012, 2:00 pm

Where: Pere Marquette Park in Muskegon

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 09 May to Paul or Renee Krapp at pkrapp@sintelinc.com or krappr@trinity-health.org.



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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 for more information, and contact The Grand Hotel directly at 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!

Upcoming Events: May Dinner Drive #2

25 May

May Dinner Drive

Host: Mike Murphy

Have you ever seen Saturn the ringed planet through a telescope? Or perhaps Mars? Or a globular cluster of over 100,000 stars? On Wednesday evening, May 25, you will have your chance. The Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America has reservations for a group visit to one of the area's best kept secrets, the James C. Veen Observatory.

We will begin the evening with dinner at Vitale's in Ada at about 7:00 pm, followed by a drive to the observatory located at 3308 Kissing Rock. Please note that Kissing Rock is unpaved for about a mile before reaching the observatory.

The Veen is equipped with a state of the art 16 inch computerized scope in the West dome with a 17-inch telescope adjacent to the observatory. The number of people in this group visit will have to be limited to around thirty. Since this is weather dependent, there will be a backup or weather date of May 31.

When: Friday, 25 May 2012, 7:00 pm

Where: Vitale's Restaurant, 400 Ada Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301

Please RSVP to Michael Murphy via email at m.d.murphy@comcast.net by Tuesday, 22 May 2012.



April Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2011)	Jim Woodruff
5 years (2007)	Anthony & Mary Sitko Ed & Joyce Sturuss
10 years (2002)	Jerry Broersma Jim & Kimberly Chiavaras
15 years (1997)	Howard & Lori Beck Barry & Candis Collick Kevin & Vedette Cordes

New Members: *Willkommen!*

David Chism, Grand Rapids, MI 1999 Porsche 911
Tom Hinershitz, Ada, MI 1997 Porsche 911
Joseph & Pam Venturella, Grand Rapids, MI 2007 Porsche Boxster



Ferdinand Alexander 'Butzi' Porsche, 1935-2012

Courtesy of Porsche Cars North America

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is mourning Professor Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. The Honorary President of the Supervisory Board died on 5 April 2012 in Salzburg, aged 76. Matthias Müller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Porsche AG, paid tribute to Ferdinand Alexander Porsche's services to the sports car manufacturer: "We mourn the death of our partner, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. As the creator of the Porsche 911, he established a design culture in our company that has shaped our sports cars to this very day. His philosophy of good design is a legacy to us that we will honour for all time."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was born in Stuttgart on 11 December 1935, the oldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche. Even his childhood was shaped by cars, and he spent much of his time in the engineering offices and development workshops of his grandfather Ferdinand Porsche. In 1943 the family accompanied the Porsche company's move to Austria, where he went to school in Zell am See. After returning to Stuttgart in 1950, he attended the private Waldorf school. After leaving school, he enrolled at the prestigious Ulm School of Design.

In 1958, F.A. Porsche, as he was known by his colleagues, joined the engineering office of what was then Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche KG. He soon proved his great talent for design by sculpting the first model of a successor to the 356 model line out of plasticine. In 1962 he took over as head of the Porsche design studio, creating a worldwide furore one year later with the Porsche 901 (or 911). With the Porsche 911, F.A. Porsche created a sports car icon whose timeless and classical form survives to this very day in what is now the seventh 911 generation. However, in addition to passenger cars, F.A. Porsche also concerned himself with designing the sports cars of the 1960s. His best-known designs include the Type 804 Formula One racing car or the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, now considered to be one of the most beautiful racing cars ever.



In the course of the conversion of Porsche KG into a joint-stock corporation in 1971/72, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, along with all the other family members, stood down from the company's front-line business operations. In 1972 he founded the "Porsche Design Studio" in Stuttgart, the head office of which was relocated to Zell am See in Austria in 1974. In the decades that followed, he designed numerous classic gentlemen's accessories such as watches, spectacles and writing implements that achieved global recognition under the "Porsche Design" brand. In parallel, with his team, he designed a plethora of industrial products, household appliances and consumer durables for internationally renowned clients under the brand "Design by F.A. Porsche". A strong and clear design concept typifies all product designs created in his design studio to date. The credo of his design work was: "Design must be functional and functionality has to be translated visually into aesthetics, without gags that have to be explained first." F.A. Porsche: "A coherently designed product requires no adornment; it should be enhanced by its form alone." The design's appearance should be readily comprehensible and not detract from the product and its function. His conviction was: "Good design should be honest."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche received numerous honours and awards both for his work as a designer as well as for individual designs. For example, in 1968 the "Comité Internationale de Promotion et de Prestige" honoured him for the outstanding aesthetic design of the Porsche 911 while the Industrial Forum Design Hannover (iF) voted him "Prizewinner of the Year" in 1992. In 1999, the President of Austria bestowed on him the title of Professor.



Ferdinand Alexander Porsche retained a close lifelong association with Porsche AG as a partner and member of the Supervisory Board. For example, even after stepping down from front-line business operations, he contributed to the design of Porsche's sports cars over many decades and repeatedly steered the company in the right direction. This was especially the case for the difficult period Porsche experienced at the beginning of the 1990s. From 1990 to 1993, F.A. Porsche served as President of the company's Supervisory Board, thus playing a major role in Porsche A.G's economic turnaround. In 2005, he stood down from his Supervisory Board role in favour of his son Oliver and assumed the mantle of Honorary President of the Supervisory Board.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche will be buried in the family grave at Schüttgut in Zell am See, attended by his immediate family. An official service will be held in Stuttgart at a later date.

Upcoming: Gilmore + Spring-Up to Traverse!

06 Jun

Gilmore Gathering and Wednesday Night Cruise-In

Hosts: Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth

Well, it is that time again. The sun is out and it is time to drive your Porsche down the the Gilmore Car Museum!

If you have not been following the progress of the Gilmore's expansion, they have completed the all-new Heritage Center and it is world class. I have been told that there are 12 million dollars' worth of cars just in the Heritage Center alone!

Kurt Wirth, Bob Clark, and I will be on site shortly after **12:00 noon on Wednesday the 6th**. The exhibits close at 5:00 pm, so if you would like to tour the exhibits you will just HAVE to take the afternoon off!

Wednesday is cruise night (hot rods and other cool motorized stuff), so the Blue Moon Dinner will be open until 9:00 pm for your dinning pleasure.

It is relatively inexpensive to be a member of rthe Gilmore, so please take a minute and look over the membership form on the website: <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/files/MEMBERSHIP%20form.pdf>

We have NO formal agenda planned, so please just come down and enjoy a real jewel that is right in our back yard. No need to RSVP, just show up when you feel like it. See you at the Gilmore! - *Rick Riley*



23 Jun

June's Annual Spring-Up to Traverse

Hosts: Denny & Joyce Weise, with Bill Brown

Now in it's 22nd year – Spring Up to Traverse City continues! What started out as a small social gathering of the WMR membership that attended the 1989 Porsche Parade has grown to one of the most popular events of the WMR driving season. With Parade returning to Traverse City in 2013, we will be coming full circle.

We plan to gather on the June 23rd in the Clinch Marine Parking lot. Lunch will follow. After lunch, Bill Brown will lead us all east of Traverse City for a beautiful drive farther to the north.

Following the drive we plan to meet at the Weise's house at 5:30-6:00 for dinner. BYOB

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 20th. A check in the amount of \$40.00 per person payable to Dennis Weise will hold your reservation.

Think Spring! We'll see you there.

RSVP to: Dennis Weise
11272 Peninsula Dr.
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2012 Calendar

Porsche Club of America

Western Michigan Region



May	7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	12	May Dinner Drive #1 – Muskegon to Ludington, MI <i>Hosts: Paul & Renee Krapp</i>
	18-20	Mackinac Island Road Trip – Mackinaw City, MI <i>Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron</i>
	25	May Dinner Drive #2 – Ada, MI (<i>Alt./Weather Date is May 31</i>) <i>Host: Mike Murphy</i>
June	1-3	Belle Isle Grand Prix (IndyCar & GRAND AM Racing) – Detroit, MI <i>PCA Hospitality Tent Available (http://www.detroitgp.com)</i>
	4	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	6	Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-in – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth</i>
	8-9	25th Annual All-Porsche Car Show & Swap Meet – Highland Hts, OH <i>Non-PCA Event – Stoddard Parts (http://www.stoddard.com)</i>
	7-10	Porsche Parade Europe 2012 – Chantilly, France (near Paris) <i>Porsche Clubs France Event (http://www.porscheparade2012.fr)</i>
	16	Aircooled Show (Franklin Club) – Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
	16-17	PCA Club Race (SEM Region) – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
	23	Spring Up to Traverse – Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: Denny & Joyce Weise, Bill & Natalie Brown</i>
23-24	RSR Region Driver Education – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI (TBD)	
July	2	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	8-14	Porsche Parade 2012 – Salt Lake City, Utah <i>PCA National Event</i>
	14	IROC I – Annual MSR Autocross – Spartan Speedway, Lansing, MI <i>Hosts: PCA MotorStadt Region</i>
	27-29	Porsches 2 Oxford (P20) (MORPCA) – Granville, OH
	28	WMR PCA Summer Party <i>Hosts: Craig & Chris Ackerman</i>

For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities.aspx>.

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx>.



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2012 Calendar Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region

August	4	Gilmore Car Museum Red Barns Spectacular – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
	6	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	August Dinner Drive – Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i>
	18	2nd Annual Kalamazoo Car Fest – Kalamazoo, MI <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	15-19	Porsche 356 Registry’s 2012 East Coast Holiday – Boston, MA <i>Porsche 356 Registry Event (http://www.ech2012.com/)</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	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – Location TBD
	15-16	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>
	29-30	Cincinnati VW Club’s VW-Porsche Reunion – Cincinnati, OH <i>Non-PCA Event – Cincinnati VW Club (http://cincyvwclub.com)</i>
October	1	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Annual Fall Color Tour – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Jim & Ardis Schaaf, Len & Bonnie Gawron</i>
November	5	Annual Planning Dinner – Location TBD
	8-11	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	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	8	December Appetizer Party – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John & Marshall Walters</i>

*Additional events happening in neighboring PCA regions will be posted within the next two months.
Additional Porsche racing events and other unique events of interest will be posted as well.*



TechSpalte: Summer and Your Porsche's Air Conditioning System

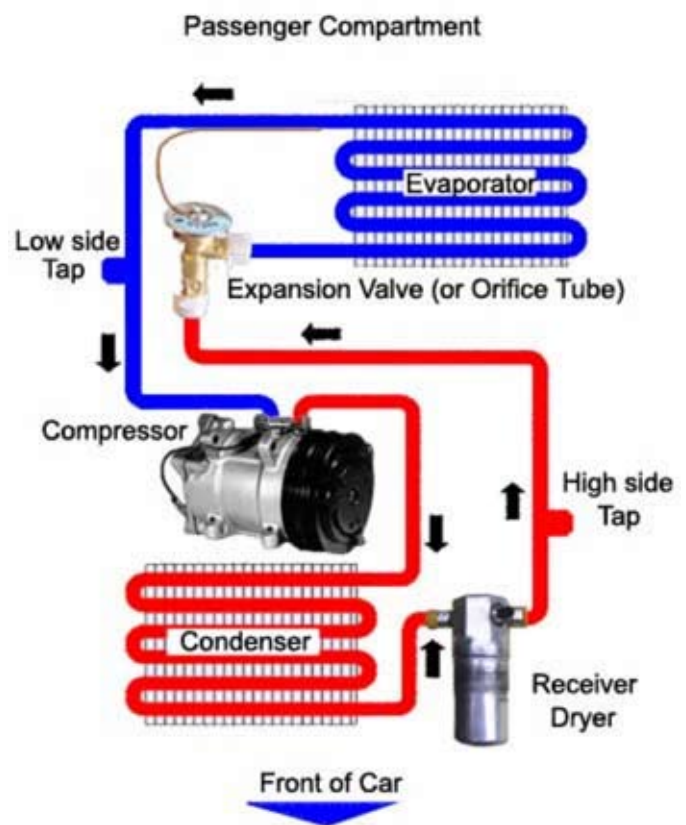
Contributed by WMR PCA member Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks

With warm weather rapidly approaching, it's time to make sure the A/C is working well. On today's cars, the air conditioning system is not just for cooling you off on a hot day, it is incorporated into the heating and defrost cycles of the heating system.

One job of your car's A/C is to act as a dehumidifier to help defrost the windows in the winter and keep them defrosted on humid days. The puddle that develops under your car during the summer is condensed water draining from the evaporator (it's a good thing). If the drain becomes plugged, then mildew can form in your evaporator box, creating a very unpleasant smell. Under extreme blockage, the air vents in the car may become wet or actually have water spray out of them.

With this in mind, here are a few tips on making sure your air conditioning system is working to it's best ability.

- With the A/C on the maximum setting and using a medium fan speed, place a thermometer in a vent. After a few minutes you should see a reading of approximately 28° – 35°. On older Porsches, a reading of 35° or a little more is not unusual. If the temperature does not drop to these ranges, it is a sign that something is not working correctly. It could be as simple as a low charge in the system, a blend door open or not working, or debris in the condenser. Most likely you will have to bring the car in and have it checked thoroughly to determine the cause.
- If you have odors coming from the vents, you should check for the following conditions:
 1. Is water draining properly from the evaporator and creating a puddle under your car? If not the system could be plugged.
 2. Is the cabin filter dirty? Just as in your home heating system, today's cars have a filter for the heating and A/C systems. This filter is often neglected and becomes filled with debris which takes on moisture causing odors and poor air flow.
- Just as with radiators, condensers can become plugged as well. Most condensers sit just in front of the radiator and are subjected to all kinds of road debris entering them. Make sure your condenser is free of leaves and other debris that may be clogging the fins. If you see your temp gauge go higher than normal with the A/C on, this could indicate a clogged condenser and/or radiator. *(Even if it looks clean, very often we find that there are fine fuzzy like materials stuck between the condenser and radiator. This material prevents normal air flow through both units causing higher than normal engine temps and poor A/C output.)*
- The last component we will address is the cooling fan(s) behind the radiator and condenser unit. With the A/C on, the fans should run quite often. If the fan does not run after the A/C has been on for even a few minutes, there is a problem which should be checked. Another indication of a fan problem or plugged condenser is a high engine temp and poor A/C output while in traffic and normal temp and output when driving on the open road. Obviously, while poor A/C output may be uncomfortable, high engine temps can be destructive. If you experience these symptoms with your car, have it checked out right away.



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



In Review: April Cookoff 2012, ‘Sebring Soup’

Text and Photos by Dorilee & Terry Schieble

Thirteen different soups were entered into this year’s Sebring Soup competition and no two soups were alike. Three volunteer judges - John Walters, Miluzka Bubeck, and Amber Door – stepped forward to critique each recipe on Appearance, Aroma, Texture, and Flavor. Thirty eight attendees cast a ballot for their favorite recipe. The Judge’s Choice trophy went to Mike Korluk for his fresh gaspacho, and Ren Phillips earned the People’s Choice trophy for her roasted butternut squash bisque.

Terry and I enjoy hosting this event (16 years old), and we like to keep it fun and entertaining for everyone. Of course most of the fun is just in mixing with old and new friends and trying to guess who made which recipe. Our group shot is a priority before dark in front of the Porsches, and everyone brings their own favorite beverage to share. With Porsches lined up outside, and the recycle bin overflowing with interesting and unique wine and beer bottles, I would say that our cook-off was a success. Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to those who stayed a little later for the “after party” so Terry and I could relax and visit with you! Ok – I’ll admit it – we could drink a little too. This year, 3 a.m. came a little too soon for our young spirits and older-than-dirt bones.

Thank goodness for great ideas! Next year’s cook-off takes place on the Saturday after tax day and the theme is “Gmund Goulash”, so start Googling it to find your new favorite recipe!



39 hungry enthusiasts joined us for a great cookoff event! (...and created a great cover photo for our Facebook page!)



Amber, Miluzka, and John judge the 13 entries



Ren Phillips and Mike Korluk show off their engraved trophies

Upcoming Events: PCA and Beyond!

Contributed by Dan Phillips

Belle Isle Grand Prix – 01-03 June – Belle Isle, Detroit, MI

The Detroit Grand Prix Race weekend at Belle Isle will be held on June 1-3. PCA is sponsoring a Car Corral and Hospitality area. One, two, or three-day admission tickets are available at the event website at www.detroitgp.com.

25th Annual All-Porsche Car Show & Swap Meet – 08-09 June – Highland Heights, OH

Join the folks at Stoddard Porsche in Highland Heights, Ohio for their 25th annual swap meet and all-Porsche car show! Literature, toys, and hard to find parts. Registration form and details available at <http://www.stoddard.com/events.shtml>.

Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio – 23-24 June – Mid-Ohio

Featuring British sports car marques, you can celebrate classic cars on and off the track, with a British Car Showdown on Saturday, 23 June, and a Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, 24 June. Located at Mid-Ohio, visit mihio.com.

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix – 13-22 July – Pittsburgh, PA

You missed the big one last year, where Porsche was the marque of the year, and the Allegheny Region PCA celebrated their 50th anniversary...but it's still one of the best VGP events to attend. MG is the marque of the year for 2012. It's vintage racing, car shows, and more for over a week in Pittsburgh, PA. Visit www.pvgrp.org for more info!

2nd Annual Kalamazoo Car Fest – 18 August – Kalamazoo, MI

Help support your very own WMR PCA Webmeister Michael Betz in his efforts to get a truly awesome car festival off the ground in downtown, Kalamazoo. This year, we'd love to have a nice gaggle of Porsches in tow...and we promise, this time there will be no rain!! Really! Visit www.carfestkalamazoo.com or call (269) 344-0795 to register!

356 Registry East Coast Holiday – 15-19 August – Boston, MA

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In The Zone: What's Happening Throughout Zone 4

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

Driving events abound this month, so clean up the car and get out there and drive! There are dozens of events within your region, or close by in a neighboring region. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned for your enjoyment, and check the Zone 4 Website at <http://zone4.pca.org/> for other regions events, such as:

- The Allegheny Region holds their spring Driver's Education at Watkins Glen (NY) on May 12th & 13th, with a lapping day for experienced drivers on Friday the 11th. Space is limited to the first 100 to register, and this event traditionally sells out early. To register, go to Motorsportreg.com at <http://msreg.us/ARPCA-WGI-2012>. For more information contact Bob Nadin: Email: nadinr15@yahoo.com, or Mobile: (412) 913-4479.
- Join Mid-Ohio Region for a two-day Driver's Education at the beautiful Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on May 11th and 12th. For more info contact Tom Todaro, event chair at ttodaro@yahoo.com. You can sign-up at www.clubregistration.net.
- The Rally Sport Region will hold a Driver's Education Day on Tue, May 22nd, 8am – 5pm at Waterford Hills Road Racing Course in Michigan. To register, go to www.clubregistration.net.
- If you would like to better understand how your car behaves (or how to make it behave better!) under certain abnormal driving situations, consider attending the Car Control Clinic sponsored by the Allegheny Region on May 26th at PIRC (formerly BeaveRun). This event teaches you to better control your own car (any type vehicle will do) using the track's Vehicle Dynamic Area to simulate common road hazards, and providing instructors to teach you proper responses. Visit the <http://arpca.com/> website for more information and to sign up.
- Join Maumee Valley Region (in conjunction with the Potomac Region) for a joint Drivers Education at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on May 4th through the 6th. To sign up go to <http://www.pcapotomac.us/>. Contact info: email Craig Zenil at zman911@bex.net or call 630.689.7219.
- A great introduction to driving your Porsche in a fun and competitive manner can be found in Autocrossing (AX). Many regions sponsor Autocross events, and they are a great event for novices and experienced drivers alike.

Check out the following events:

1. Northern Ohio Region for IRAC II on Sunday May 20th at Lakeland Community College parking lot in Kirtland, OH. You can RSVP to Doug Bradley at bradleyd@adelphia.net or call 440-428-7043 for more information.
 2. Ohio Valley Region at Live Oaks Career Development Campus in Milford, OH on Saturday, May 26th. See the region website for details at <http://ovrpca.org/Home/>.
 3. Allegheny Region on May 27th at PIRC. See the <http://arpca.com> website for details.
 4. Mid-Ohio Region hosts IRAC III Sunday June 3rd at the Columbus Motor Speedway. See the <http://www.morpca.org> website for additional details.
- How about something completely different- a Tour of Pure Michigan! Join the Western Michigan Region for a weekend tour to The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island on May 19th to the 21st. A special-price package has been arranged for this tour by the region – Contact Len Gawron at lagawron@comcast.net or The Grand Hotel at www.grandhotel.com to book your room. Please note that there is Limited Availability for this weekend so book early!
 - The Detroit Grand Prix Race weekend at Belle Isle will be held on June 1st through the 3rd. PCA is sponsoring a Car Corral and Hospitality area. One, two, or three-day admission tickets are available at the event website at <http://www.detroitgp.com/>.
 - It's not too late to register for the Annual PCA National Porsche Parade being held in Salt Lake City, UT on July 7-14, 2012. Plan to join a bunch of other Zone 4 PCA members (over 40 so far) for fun in the mountains. If you are not yet sure about helping at the 2013 Traverse City MI event, the Parade in SLC presents a great opportunity to come and see what it's all about. Registration opened March 27th and will continue until sold out.



WMR Meeting Minutes, 02 April 2012

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, April 2, 2012 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:01pm. Members present were: Len Gawron, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Arnie Axelrod, Lina Spross, Paul and Renee Krapp.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 219 Primary Members, 169 Affiliate Members – total 388. New Members – 3: David Chism, Grand Rapids, '99 996; Tom Hinnershitz, Ada, '97 911; Joseph & Pam Venturella, Grand Rapids, '07 Boxster. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 0. Non-renewals – 5. Renewals – 9. Len will obtain a list of members who've joined since January to send information to regarding the new member lunch.

March Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Len will follow up with Ted and John to see if we have any new advertisers. The latest Uber Alles should be in mailboxes this week.

Webmaster' Report: Web page looks great – no new updates.

Insurance Report: Eric Spross has insurance for his event. Kurt will obtain the most current insurance waiver for the next club event.

Old Business:

- Gilmore Car Museum – The new building is in operation but not complete. Had a soft open. Spring dust off is May 19. June 13 is our Gilmore event. Rick proposed that we move the event to June 6 due to a conflict and the new date was approved. Rick will get information into the Uber and on the web.
- Spring Up to Traverse City – Hosted by Denny and Joyce Weise. June 23. This is the same week as The Great Race, which may mean hotel rooms could be difficult to obtain.
- WMR PCA Enthusiast Points Award Chair – Marshall Walters has volunteered and was accepted as Chair.
- Zone 4 President's Meeting – In summary, we seem to be doing fine as a club. Len attended the DE Meeting. Focal point – Hero Drives/Honor Drives are not endorsed by PCA. WMR PCA does not participate in these drives. Taste of the Track is still allowed. This is an event for someone who may be interested in DE but doesn't want to fully commit to the whole weekend. Individuals must attend a driver's education class. The driver would be a senior instructor. This is something we may consider offering.

New Business:

- Sebring Soup Cook-off – Hosted by Terry and Dorilee Schieble. April 21, 2012.
- PM Steamers (Ludington) – May 12. Hosted by Paul and Renee Krapp. Pier Marquette Park meeting point. More to follow.
- Mackinaw Island – May 18-20 – Hosted by Len and Bonnie Gawron. 2 rooms still available.
- Vitale's – May 25 Dinner Drive – Hosted by Michael Murphy. More details to come.
- Tech Session – May 28. Hosted by Eric and Lina Spross.
- Gymkhana – TBD – cannot find a parking lot.
- Delta Imports – The dealership expressed interest in sponsoring an event in 2012. A suggestion was made for a Dealership Open House w/food and beverages. Rick offered to lead the discussion with Delta.
- Parade Update – 2012 Parade: 635 Registrants (8 from our region). 2013 Parade: We are still looking for a warehouse. 13 people from the zones have volunteered. Working on the logo. Write up for Panorama will be due November 2012. First draft budgets are due February 2013. The photographer chair will be attending Spring Up – Karlene is checking on potential photo ops for Panorama.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



Classifieds

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 \$8,000. Call Michael Betz at (616) 460-8880 or email mmbetz@image-stream.com. (Oct 2010)

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WHEELS AND TIRES – Porsche OEM 19" Carrera S II wheels to include valve stems and colored center caps. Fitment to 997.1/997.2 Carrera Turbo, 4 & 4S widebody. Porsche P/N and size; Front - 997.362.157.00 / 8.0J X 19H 2ET57 - Rear 997.362.163.01 - 11J X 19H 2ET51. The wheels have 14,000 miles of light use, and would be a terrific upgrade from the standard Porsche Classic wheel or a second set for track or winter driving. This is for the wheels only. Price lowered to \$1,000 for the set. Contact Len Gawron at (231) 670-3274 or email lagawron@comcast.net. (April 2012)

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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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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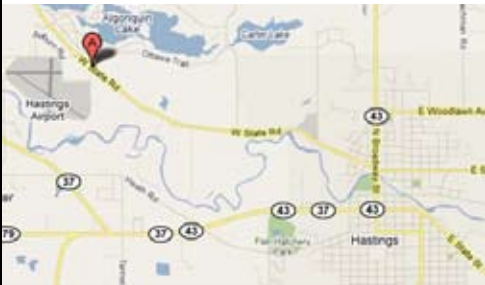


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