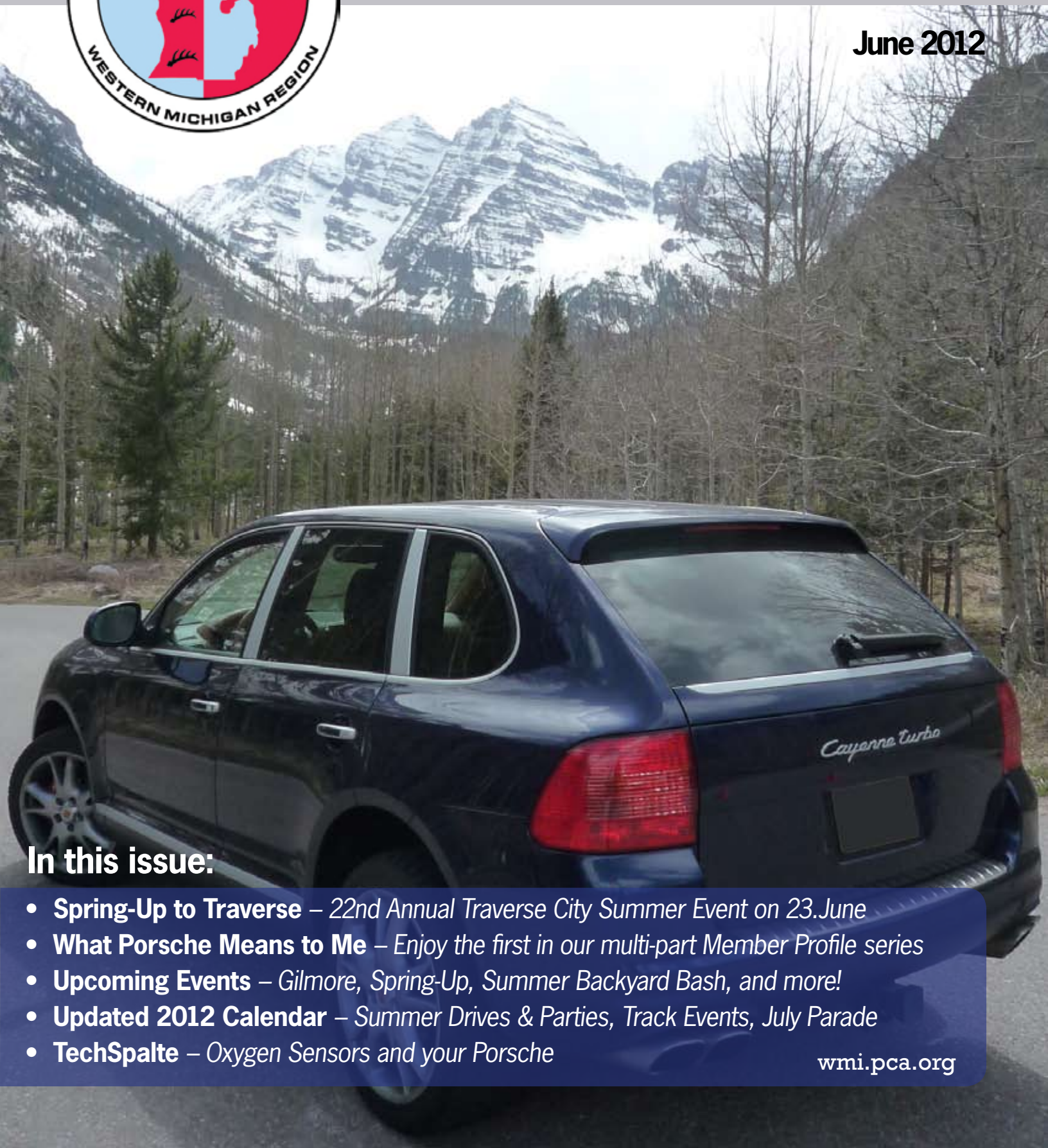




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June 2012



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# Feeling Like Summer in Shelbyville

John Walters  
President, Western Michigan Region

Wow! May was an activity packed month, and there is just as much to do in June! With so much going on, Marshall and I will definitely exceed our normal annual mileage on the 911.

Over a dozen cars were pulled from their garages to travel to Ludington. Thanks to Paul and Renee for planning a very scenic drive and picking such a nice restaurant.

A smaller contingent headed farther north to Mackinac Island. To quote the Las Vegas ads – “What happens on the island, stays on the island!” Thank you very much, Len and Bonnie.

And, as of this writing, there is one more excursion for this month – dinner and a trip to the observatory in Lowell. Hope that we see you there!

For June, we start with an afternoon at the Gilmore Car Museum on the 6th. The new building is finally open! June 23rd will find many of us in Traverse City for lunch, a drive, and dinner at the Weise’s on Mission Peninsula. “Spring Up” is one of the events we look forward to all year. There will also be a club race at Gingerman and a DE at Grattan (both hosted by other PCA regions).

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers, who make this publication possible. I’d also like to thank those of you who contribute articles. I’ve found Tim Thatcher’s articles to be very informative.

Hope to see both familiar and new faces over the summer.

Notable Anniversaries: 25 years (1987) Robert & Mary Janusz 40 years (1972) Robert Johnson III & Robert Johnson IV

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# Upcoming Events: June Gilmore Gathering

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**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 rhe 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*



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# Upcoming Events: Spring-Up to Traverse in June!

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  
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*Thanks to Duane Weed & Wolfgang Bubeck for these great photos!*



## New Members: *Willkommen!*

Wolfgang Hoffman, Wyoming, MI  
2008 Porsche Boxster

Tom Hinnershitz, Ada, MI  
1986 Porsche 911 Turbo

## June Anniversaries: *Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2011) Scot Ferris  
Steven Johnson  
Jon & Sue Kinne  
Alan & Fran Westerholm  
Jim White

5 years (2007) Bob & Jeane Cutler  
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# Upcoming Events: July Drive & Backyard Bash

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**28 Jul**

## July Summer Drive and Backyard Bash

*Host: Craig & Chris Ackerman, with Ted & Gabi Blacklidge*

Save the date! Details are being finalized now, but we are going to have a great summer drive this year at the end of July, followed by a cookout and backyard bash at the Ackermans' house in Rockford. So pin this date on your calendar, and plan on joining friends new and old for a Porsche-riffic summer party!

When: Saturday, 28 July 2012, early afternoon until well into the night!

Watch this space, and your email, for upcoming details!



# In Review: Weekend Trip to Mackinac Island

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*Text by Len Gawron, Photos by Carmine Bosco*

The eight couples that cautiously signed up for the Mackinac Island Weekend soon couldn't believe what they were experiencing. Each new day brought endless blue skies with temperatures well above the forecasted 72 degrees.

Our journey to the island began with coffee and greetings of new and old friends at Bigby's Coffee shop in Rockford. From there we made our way to Mackinaw City, where we parked our Porsches within Shepler's secure Car Care Center. After we all got better acquainted over the traditional cheese burgers and beer at Mackinaw City's famous Key Hole Bar, we crossed the calm waters of Lake Huron on our ferry. After a short carriage ride up to The Grand Hotel, and a very courteous check-in, we were all enjoying the charm and grace of this lovely venue.

Before dinner each evening, we enjoyed cocktails on The Grand Hotel's sprawling porch, taking in the scenic views of the Mackinac Bridge and the boats that traversed the waterways before us. Dressed in the requisite evening attire, we were seated for our 5 course dinners with premium wines and wait staff providing entrées of all description. Our later evenings were filled with laughter, dancing, and cocktails at the Cupola Bar, high atop the Grand Hotel.

On Saturday, a private carriage ride took us through less-traveled parts of the island, with stops to take in the blossoming Lady Slippers and Trillium, eventually bringing us to the Grand Hotel's new stable and carriage building. Calling this beautiful structure a 'stable' was quite an understatement, given the many luxury touches of crystal chandeliers, padded horse stalls, and the beautiful leather and polished brass collars and tack for the many specially-bred horses.

Our thanks go out to those who joined us for this wonderful island weekend. We ask that you consider next year's planned fall weekend in Niagara-On-The-Lake in Ontario, Canada, just 25 or so miles north of the falls. This sleepy little town is surrounded by the region's most beautiful vineyards, Victorian homes, quaint B&Bs, and unique shops. See you then!



*Ready for a great weekend!*



*Our view approaching the Grand Hotel*



*Enjoying ourselves before dinner*

# 2012 Calendar

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<b>June</b>	<b>1-3</b>	Belle Isle Grand Prix (IndyCar & GRAND AM Racing) – Detroit, MI <i>PCA Hospitality Tent Available (<a href="http://www.detroitgp.com">http://www.detroitgp.com</a>)</i>
	<b>4</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>6</b>	Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-in – Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Rick Riley &amp; Kurt Wirth</i>
	<b>8-9</b>	25th Annual All-Porsche Car Show & Swap Meet – Highland Hts, OH <i>Non-PCA Event – Stoddard Parts (<a href="http://www.stoddard.com">http://www.stoddard.com</a>)</i>
	<b>7-10</b>	Porsche Parade Europe 2012 – Chantilly, France (near Paris) <i>Porsche Clubs France Event (<a href="http://www.porscheparade2012.fr">http://www.porscheparade2012.fr</a>)</i>
	<b>16</b>	Aircooled Show (Franklin Club) – Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
	<b>16-17</b>	PCA Club Race (SEM Region) – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
	<b>23</b>	Spring Up to Traverse – Traverse City, MI <i>Hosts: Denny &amp; Joyce Weise, Bill &amp; Natalie Brown</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>14</b>	IROC I – Annual MSR Autocross – Spartan Speedway, Lansing, MI <i>Hosts: PCA MotorStadt Region</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>
<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>18</b>	2nd Annual Kalamazoo Car Fest – Kalamazoo, MI <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
	<b>15-19</b>	Porsche 356 Registry's 2012 East Coast Holiday – Boston, MA <i>Porsche 356 Registry Event (<a href="http://www.ech2012.com/">http://www.ech2012.com/</a>)</i>
	<b>24</b>	28th Street Metro Cruise – Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids, MI

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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>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>21-29</b>	Porsche Club Ocean Cup Sailing Regatta – Marmaris to Fethiye, Turkey <i>Host: Porsche Club Russland / Porsche Clubs Coordination</i>
	<b>29-30</b>	Cincinnati VW Club's VW-Porsche Reunion – Cincinnati, OH <i>Non-PCA Event – Cincinnati VW Club (<a href="http://cincyvwclub.com">http://cincyvwclub.com</a>)</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>

*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: Oxygen Sensors...What They Are, and What They Do

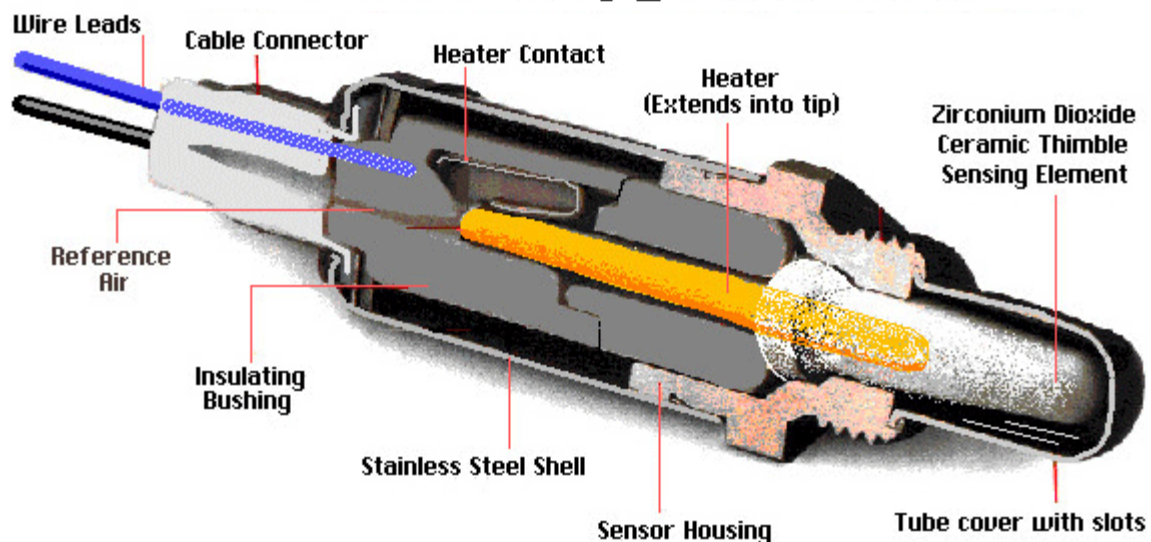
*Contributed by WMR PCA member Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician and Owner, Euro Autowerks*

Oxygen sensors, previously known as Lamda sensors, were developed by Robert Bosch in the 1960s, and first introduced to the automobile in the 1980s.

Their main purpose is to keep the engine running at peak performance. The perfect air/fuel ratio in a gas engine is 14.7:1. This is known as the “Stoichiometric Number”, the perfect mix of gas and air for the combustion of gasoline. At this ratio, your engine will give you it’s best performance, best fuel economy and lowest emissions.

The O2 Sensor works in conjunction with other engine sensors to send information by way of a low voltage signal measuring .1 to 1.1 volts. The ECU (Engine Control Unit) uses this signal to determine the length of time to keep the injectors open. On our old Bosch CIS (Constant Injection System) Porsches, it controlled the fuel pressure to the injectors.

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There are several types of O2 sensors used in today’s cars. You may have heard them referred to as heated, unheated, wide band, narrow band, precut or after cut, to name a few.

If your sensor becomes defective or sluggish (slow to respond) you may get a check engine light, or experience poor performance and/or poor fuel economy. If you experience these problems, it’s wise to let a professional using the proper scanning tools diagnose the problem.

Maintaining a well operating engine control system will provide you with peak performance, and keep your car running smoothly. Ignoring the check engine light not only costs you money at the pump, it can lead to other more expensive problems.

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# Member Profile: What Porsche Means to Me

*Contributed by Dan Phillips, WMR PCA Member, Newsletter Editor, and Past President*

*This is the first of a series of articles entitled "What Porsche Means to Me". In each installment, we will profile a WMR PCA member, and enjoy the rich diversity of our membership by exploring what motivates us to enjoy owning a Porsche, and to belong to a club of Porsche enthusiasts. If you'd like to contribute, we'd love to read your story. I'll go first...*

Since a very young age, I've drooled over many a hot car. My very first car was a Hot Wheels rendition of a Rosso Ferrari 308 GTB. Whenever I watched Magnum P.I., I scowled at how lame the GTS version looked compared to the sublime beauty of the hardtop GTB. That's the power of first memories for you.

I don't know how in the world this ever came out of my mouth at the age of 8, but when my mother said something about me having my own children one day, I looked at her in confused disbelief, and said, "But mom...a Ferrari only has two seats!"

Let's not get into how Ren and I are about 40 and have no children...I have my mother for that conversation. Let's just start at age 18, when I got my first job that wasn't in the field of Retail or Fast Food. I started as a Parking Valet at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in the summer of 1989 when I was 18 years old. After 3 years of that, you tend to develop your taste in cars. I don't think there was a single valet among us who didn't 1) abhor the crap that Detroit was peddling (remember this was 1989), 2) enjoy the occasional classic-car, French, or British oddity (remember the Sterling?), but 3) ultimately favored all things European.

Driving an Italian exotic almost never happened, but I was surprised at how many times I was able to slip behind the wheel of (what I saw as) an equally exotic Porsche. And I loved every second of it whenever it happened. I was like a child grown older when one rolled into the motor lobby. Porsches had such sublime beauty in their styling, such a unique scent to the interior, such a quality feel to every surface. We loved that difficult 911 clutch, that cool urethane 944 spoiler, and that really cool key that the 928 had. After stalling it twice in the lobby, I even got to drive a Ruf Turbo. It was awesome. That job shaped my automotive tastes to this day.

As a college student with finely-honed bargain-hunting skillz, I bought one of my all-time favorite cars (when it ran right), the 1986 Audi 5000 CS Turbo. After many points on my license and years in high-risk insurance pools, I moved to Ann Arbor to finish school in my rusty Ford Escort. (Eeeewwww...) It was there that I found my first Porsche: a 1980 Porsche 924 Turbo S being sold for \$3,000 by a Ford powertrain engineer near Ann Arbor. He had rebuilt the engine, and the body was in great shape. It had needs, but I was determined to be back in cool-cardom before I was done. And so it began.



I was a broke college student, but I had one, I had a real exotic. I had that cool urethane spoiler, Porsche turbo boost, and a transmission with 1st gear to the left and down. How cool was this? And guys in other Porsches would flash their lights. It was like a brotherhood.

Since I was 18, I've aged another 23 years, and have owned 21 vehicles. Of those, 8 have been Porsches: '80 924 Turbo S, '85.5 944, '86 944 Turbo, '97 Boxster, '85 944, '99 911 C4, '98 Boxster, and now an '04 Cayenne Turbo. Life just keeps getting better.

It was about halfway through that list (summer of '06) that Ren and I joined PCA. It was kind of on a whim. I didn't know what to expect when we headed down near Gun Lake for that first drive. What I found was an entire parade of Porsches, all driving together in formation, like fighter jets on patrol. It was just the coolest thing!

And then I got to know the people, and the club, and I was in. I was so in, baby. This was cool. This was fun! So here I am today, still having fun, still enjoying friends made through PCA, and still finding reasons to get another Porsche. Right now, we're an all-Porsche family once again, with the Boxster and the Cayenne.

But I still have my Ferrari. I probably always will.





# WMR Meeting Minutes, 07 May 2012

*Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, May 7, 2012* – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:02pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Len Gawron, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod, Dan Phillips and Dan Bird.

Treasurer's Report: Billings went out for Uber advertising – 3 have paid. Ted has a possible new advertiser.

Membership Report: 216 Primary Members, 167 Affiliate Members – total 383. New Members – 1: Wolfgang Hoffmann, Wyoming, '08 Boxter. Transfers In – 1, John Burns, Grand Haven, '86 930, from NORPCA. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 7. Renewals – 16.

April Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: A suggestion was made to include a bi-monthly article from members detailing why they joined club and love the cars. Dan will write the first article. Dan may be decreasing the size of promos to increase space for upcoming events. Dan received approval from Tim Thatcher to share tech articles with national database. We are getting a lot of items from other regions to put in our Uber, which we'll accommodate based on space availability (or place on the web). Rick suggested putting the Gilmore Car Museum schedule of events in the Uber. We have a deficit between advertising/PCA revenue and publishing expenditures. We continue to look for additional advertising.

Webmaster's Report: Web page looks great. Amber submitted a couple of spelling corrections.

Insurance Report: All set for upcoming events.

#### Old Business:

- Sebring Soup! – April 21. Hosted by Terry and Dorilee Schieble. 41 people enjoyed 13 great soups.
- Tech Session – April 28. Hosted by Eric Spross. Great 3 hour session! Everyone loved Lina's brownies.

#### New Business:

- May 12 Dinner Drive. Hosted by Paul & Renee Krapp. Ludington/PM Steamers Restaurant. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- May 18-20 Mackinac Island Weekend. Hosted by Len & Bonnie Gawron. Sold out.
- May 25 Dinner Drive. Hosted by Mike Murphy. Vitale's Restaurant & J.C. Veen Observatory. There is a 1 mile stretch of gravel road. Bring a flashlight and insect repellent is recommended. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- June 2 Veterans Car Show. Held at the Delta Plex. We will not be organizing a formal event around this show.
- June 6 Gilmore Car Museum. Hosted by Rick Riley. Details will be in the Uber and on the web.
- Old Enthusiast trophy. Bill Moses would like the former trophy back. Discussion tabled for now.
- Discussion regarding "family friendly" events – Those hosting an event will make the call.
- Parade Update – 2012 Parade. 13 months away. Amber reported that we do not have a date as to when video promo is due. The logo is still in progress but hope to have one by end of next week.
- Gilmore Car Museum – Heritage Center. Rick shared some information regarding this beautiful new facility. We will begin to look at ways to utilize the facility for upcoming events. The Center offers banquet facilities in conjunction with the Heritage Center of display vehicles. There would be a room fee. No alcohol sales but we could provide our own.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm*

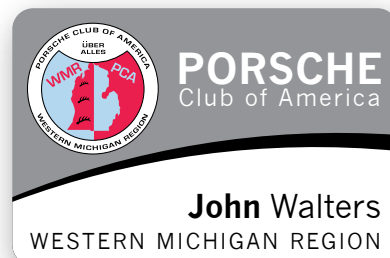
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