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On the Cover: Porsche 7A1 Grey Black/84A Gaurds Red; Bill Brown's 911 GT3 RS mk II on the hoist, 24 Sep 2011; Photo by Dan Phillips



Summer of Fun in Shelbyville!

John Walters President, Western Michigan Region

Hello All,

This is when it needs to be done. All fluids changed, and new coat of wax. Off to Porsche Parade 2012, Salt Lake City. This is the premier Porsche Club of America Event of the year. I figure 1,400 miles each way...it will be an adventure just getting there and back. A couple of days, as I will not drive through the night, should be about right. I will try a TSD rally, Karlene Currie has volunteered to be a navigator. No matter the outcome it will be fun!

The WMR PCA Summer Party on Saturday, July 28th will be hosted by Craig and Chris Ackerman. I am sure this will be a fun-filled event. Unfortunately we were out of town for last year's party, but will definitely not miss this one!

And don't forget about the Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, August 4th. The variety of classic cars at this event is a sight for any car lover (and let's not forget the refurbished travel trailers and wooden boats.) In line with that, around 150 cars showed up for the Wednesday night cruise in back on June 6th (including a handful of Porsches!) There were cars at every level of restoration – from completely unrestored to bottom-up restorations. A hit was a hot-rodded vintage Ford sedan with a flat-head V-12 from a Lincoln Zephyr. A few of us, including a couple of engineers, spent quite awhile trying to figure out how a particular turbocharger worked on a straight 6 in another custom rod??

(Marshall's turn...) "We hit the Belle Isle Grand Prix on Saturday. While PCA decided there weren't enough members for a hospitality tent, we had so much fun watching the time trials and walking through the paddocks, that we likely wouldn't have spent much time under the tent anyway (and I was amazed how small the Indy cars are). I really wanted to see Mario Andretti (would have settled for Dario Franchetti) – unfortunately the drivers were no where to be seen after they left the track. But, we did spot Patrick Dempsey (yes, Dr. McDreamy)! So, in addition to seeing (and hearing) Indy cars up close, John got some shots of Mr. Dempsey suiting up (for me). We will definitely go back, if we get a chance."

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Upcoming Events: July Backyard Bash

28 Jul July Backyard Bash

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

Happy Summer! Craig and I are hosting a cookout and backyard bash at our home in Rockford at the end of July. So pin this date on your calendar, and plan on joining friends new and old for a great summer party! This year's event will be one to remmeber. Craig will be wearing his official Chef Topcoat while manning the grill...and don't forget you are encouraged to CHUNKY DUNK or SKINNY DIP at your own risk!!! :)



We again will furnish Brats and Burgers (even beef-free burgers) with all the fixin's! There is no cost to you for this event, just please bring a dish to pass, and BYOB.

Bag-O tournament with 1st and 2nd place winners. Come join us for all the smiles, and a big circle drive full of hot Porsches!

Please RSVP to us via email at <u>pcaackerman@aol.com</u> no later than Monday, July 23.

If there is a threat of bad weather for that day...we will cancel by Thursday 7/26 by sending an E-Mail all who have RSVP'd. (Fingers crossed and rubbing rabbits feet could be helpful...but it won't rain...it won't!!)

When: Saturday, 28 July 2012, 4:00 pm until...well into the night!

Where: The Ackermans'

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Upcoming Events: Gilmore Red Barns Spectacular

04 Aug

Porsche Corral at the Gilmore Car Museum's Annual Red Barns Spectacular

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

Your Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America will again be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts (and over 1,000 vehicles) for the 32nd annual Red Barns Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum. It is West Michigan's 'Grand Daddy' of antique, classic and special interest car shows. In addition to cars, this event has special displays of antique boats and campers. The event includes a swap meet, food booths, a judge's concours, and a people's choice concours.





Our Region will have a Porsche-only car corral located on the north end of the race track, located on the west side of the museum grounds.

You may also enter your 1987 and older Porsche in the People's Choice category. Feel the need to Detail? Then enter it in the Judges Choice category (open for 1987 and older vehicles)! You must register separately for this portion of the event.

Register the day of, or, Red Barn Car Show registration and information can be found at: http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/html/events details.php?event id=14&nav id=5&

Museum entry fees are as follows:

- \$15.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people)
- \$9.00 for general admission (Corral Cars)
- Free for children under 11

Pack a lunch, or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner.

Porsches should enter through the west entrance. All others will be directed to the east entrance. Ouestions? Email Amber Door at amdoor242@aol.com



Gilmore Car Museum Where: 6865 Hickory Road

Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Saturday, 04 August 2012 When:

> 9:00 am - 4:00 pmGates open at 7:00 am

New Members:

Willkommen!

James Scatena, Ludington, MI 2009 Porsche 911

Steve & Sue Siler, Ada, MI 2008 Porsche Cayman

Stephan Wolf, Grand Rapids, MI 2012 Porsche 991

July Anniversaries: Glückwünsche!

1 year (2011) John & Mindy Lanphear

Kurt & Olga Stembol

5 years (2007) John Green

> Eric & Kimberly Miles Jack & Ila VanDenBerg

30 years (1982) Jeff Kolk

Stuart & Nel Vander Heide

Charles & Lynne Olenyk 35 years (1977)

Paul & Marci Thieme

Upcoming Events: August Dinner Drive

August Dinner Drive to Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall, MI

11 Aug *Host: Dan & Ren Phillips*

Visiting this far-flung corner of our region will be sure to please as we wind through scenic backroads to Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall, MI this coming August.



Family-owned Schuler's has been a fixture in the small community of Marshall since 1909, and is still making a name for itself today. Hans Schuler was honored as "National Restauranteur of the Year" by Independent Restauranteur Magazine, and helped form the local Tasters Guild chapter in Marshall.

So join us for a sprited drive through winding roads and picturesque farmland on a sunny Saturday in August...take a break from your busy summer, and unwind with us as we relax with a great meal and a glass of cheer, after blowing some serious carbon out of our exhausts!

Start: Park-n-Ride at the US-131 / M-179 (129th Ave) interchange

(Baldwin exit on US-131, just south of Wayland)

(You can gas-up in Wayland beforehand if needed.)

Saturday, 11 August 2012

Arrive 4:00 pm, depart at 4:30 pm

Arrive: Schuler's Restaurant

115 S. Eagle Street, Marshall, MI 49068

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Arrive ~6:00 - 6:15 pm



In Review: May DD, James C. Veen Observatory

Text and Photos by Mike Murphy

Beginning with a great dinner at Vitale's in Ada (the stuffed manicotti was great!), our group of about twenty followed the country roads of Ada, down Grand River Drive to Kissing Rock Road and the James C. Veen Observatory in Lowell. We were greeted by our hosts for the evening Gary Ross, long time variable star observer, and Dave DeBruyn, retired director of the Chaffee Planetarium. After a presentation on the history of the facility, the organization, and the telescopes, the sky was now dark enough for their use.

Unfortunately, the weather this night was not cooperating and the actual viewing was very quick. However, we were all able to get a look at the crescent moon and the ringed planet Saturn and its moons.

My impression was the guests that evening had just had their appetites for astronomy whetted and will be back. Thanks to all who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you again at the Veen Observatory!



The observatory never looked so good!



Enjoying the informative presentation



How did that bright orange start get so close...

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 PCA National Event
	14	IROC I – Annual MSR Autocross – Spartan Speedway, Lansing, MI Hosts: PCA MotorStadt Region
	27-29	Porsches 2 Oxford (P2O) (MORPCA) – Granville, OH
	28	WMR PCA Summer Party Hosts: Craig & Chris Ackerman
August	4	Gilmore Car Museum Red Barns Spectacular – Hickory Corners, MI Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	6	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	11	August Dinner Drive – to Schuler's in Marshall, MI Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips
	18	2nd Annual Kalamazoo Car Fest – Kalamazoo, MI Non-PCA Event, c/o Michael Betz
	15-19	Porsche 356 Registry's 2012 East Coast Holiday – Boston, MA Porsche 356 Registry Event (http://www.ech2012.com/)
	24	28th Street Metro Cruise – Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids, MI
	26	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – US 131 Dragway, Martin, MI Host: WMR PCA, c/o Duane Weed
September	7	4th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod
	10	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	15-16	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI
		Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge
	7-9	Boxstoberfest 2012 – Fredericksburg, TX
	TBD	Non-PCA Event September Dinner Drive – Traverse City, MI
	וטט	Host: TBD
	21-29	Porsche Club Ocean Cup Sailing Regatta – Marmaris to Fethiye, Turkey
		Host: Porsche Club Russland / Porsche Clubs Coordination
	29-30	Cincinnatti VW Club's VW-Porsche Reunion – Cincinnati, OH
		Non-PCA Event – Cincinnati VW Club (http://cincyvwclub.com)



2012 Calendar Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region

October	1 13	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Annual Fall Color Tour – Location TBD Hosts: Jim & Ardis Schaaf, Len & Bonnie Gawron
November	5 8-11	Annual Planning Dinner – Location TBD PCA Escape 2012 – Eureka Springs, AR
	TBD	PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx) November Dinner Drive – Location TBD Host: TBD
December	3 8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI December Appetizer Party – Shelbyville, MI Hosts: John & Marshall Walters



TechSpalte: Sway Bars – What They Do For Your Porsche

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

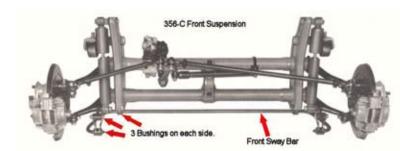
Sway bars or anti roll bars, are metal bars that connect the left wheel and suspension to the adjacent right wheel, both on the front and rear of your car. Their purpose is to reduce the sway or roll of the vehicle by applying pressure from one tire to the other in an effort to keep the weight the same side to side. It also affects the driving behavior of the car by reducing or eliminating oversteer or understeer.

<u>Oversteer:</u> Makes the rear end of the car lose traction and can result in a spin.

<u>Understeer:</u> Causes the front of the car to lose traction such that it will not turn, but remain going straight.

Here is a quick look at how bar size and adjustments affect your car.

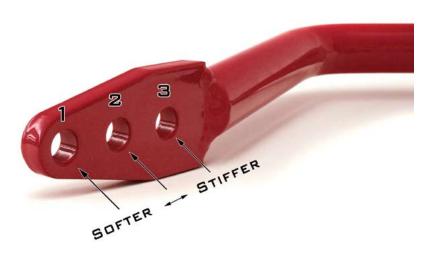
- **Stiff Front Bar** = Increases overall stability, reduces body roll and shifts the balance of the car to an understeer or push.
- **Soft Front Bar** = Allows more body roll and shifts balance to more oversteer.
- **Stiff Rear Bar** = Reduces body roll and less understeer at corner exits.
- *Soft Rear Bar* = Increases body roll and creates more oversteer.



Most of our track cars have adjustable sway bars. By lengthening or shortening the arm on the bar the stiffness of the bar will be increased or decreased. This flexibility makes it unnecessary to change bar size to realize the desired effect.

Adjustments should be done in small increments with the sway bar arm close to parallel with the ground. Most bars have adjustments for this as well at the sway bar link arm.

Fine tuning your suspension involves components and factors such as tire pressure, shock packages, spring rates, etc. Seeking a professional with experience in this area is a necessity to obtain the best results.



Adjustments on a 22mm Cusco sway bar for a Subaru WRX



An aftermarket adjustable sway bar from Tarett



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Upcoming Events: WMR's Annual Autocross

26 Aug

WMR PCA's Annual AutoCross Driving Event (IROC III)

Host: WMR PCA, c/o Duane Weed, WMR AutoCross Event Chair

Every year, we melt the pavement at Grattan in early September. This is well-known. But less well-known is our Annual AutoCross event, something you may have heard referred to as 'IROC III'.

It's become a tradition for us to partner with neighboring PCA Regions (Michiana & RallySport) to join each other at our AutoCross events as a fun way to have a little competitive series we call the Inter-Regional race Of Champions, and the WMR AutoCross is usually the 3rd and final installment of our little series.

If you've never experienced an AutoCross event, come out and try your hand at it. Or just come out to watch – it's mega-entertaining either way. And it's the cheapest way (25 bucks!) for you to get some real track time in your car, in a safe and controlled environment, and even with (*gasp*) timing equipment!

We compete against the clock, one person at a time on the course, for Fastest Time of the Day in our class. Doesn't that sound like...a really great time? You can learn how to properly hustle your car through a tight road course, and best of all, get some good practice at it. You might even impress yourself with a Fastest Time of the Day trophy!



Please be sure you have your car properly and safely set up for the track. All the tech rules of DE events apply to AutoCrossing, including the rollover protection and helmet requirements (Snell 2005 or newer, SA or M rated.)



Please contact Duane Weed at (231) 937-4867, or email duane@dwvideo.com for any questions relating to this event. (Details for this event are still evolving.) See you there!

<u>When:</u> 26 August 2012 (Date is currently tentative...please watch for more details!)

Gates open early (exact time TBD), Runs begin at 9:00 am (tentative)

Day ends by mid-afternoon

Where: US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI

Member Profile: What Porsche Means to Me

Contributed by Gary Buth, WMR PCA Member

Our feature will return next month, but for now...enjoy this cheeky submission by member Gary Buth...

It was shiny and on sale.

What could a guy do?

End of story.





WMR Meeting Minutes, 04 June 2012

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, June 4, 2012 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:07pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod, and Colin Carpenter.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Amber reported we received subsidy for the August 6 car corral.

Membership Report: 215 Primary Members, 167 Affiliate Members – total 382. New Members – 3: James Scatena, Ludington, '09 997; Steve & Sue Siler, Ada, '08 Cayman; Stephan Wolf, Grand Rapids, '12 991. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 5. Renewals – 21.

April Meeting Minutes: Approved.

<u>Über Alles Editor's Report:</u> Dan reported via email: dropped print from 20 pages to 16. Adobe Creative version 6 is out now – upgrade in the near future? Dan will check with the printer to find out if the version being used now is ok as is. Student teacher version may be a cost savings option.

Webmeister's Report: Server has been changed at PCA National. Michael is sorting out the bugs. Our URL will be changed to WMR. The old URL will still function.

Insurance Report: All set for Traverse City.

Old Business:

- Bill Moses/old Enthusiast Award a proposal was made to keep the trophy for historical purposes. Members present approved.
- May 12 Dinner Drive #1 Hosted by Paul & Renee Krapp 14 cars, dinner was enjoyed by all.
- May 18-20 Mackinac Island Road Trip Hosted by Len & Bonnie Gawron Fun times had by all. The weather was perfect.
- May 25 Dinner Drive #2 Hosted by Mike Murphy 15 attendees (3 new members). Had to wait a bit for the clouds to clear but turned out great. Saw Saturn and the moon up close and personal.

New Business:

- June 6 Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruisein – Hosted by Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth. The entrance to the museum has been moved near the new Heritage building. Depending on the time arriving, the old entrance or new entrance may be in use.
- Heritage Building Gilmore Car Museum We are still considering hosting some kind of event at this location.
- June 23 Spring Up to Traverse Hosted by Denny & Joyce Weise Bill & Natalie Brown. RSVP due June 20. The Weises will need assistance with the tent. Amber will send a blast asking for volunteers.
- Uber Alles advertising Ted has requested a blast to membership to see if anyone knows of potential advertisers.
- 2013 Porsche Parade The event is 12 months away. We unofficially have a logo. At Spring Up, the local photographer will be attending and will scope out photographic opportunities for the cover shot of the Panorama. Driving Tour meeting is Sunday, June 24 @ 10:30. As an FYI, there are homes on the Grand Traverse Resort Property that may be rented.
- IROC We are looking to move the event but do not have a location. US 131 Dragway as a possibility? Need to determine if we have enough cones and if the course can be laid out there. Duane is in the process of looking at available Sundays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

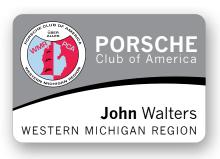
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1987 PORSCHE 911 TURBO CABRIOLET – Factory slant-nose (one of 216 real 505 factory built and documented), pristine all-original condition, black on black, with Porsche certificate of authenticity. Contact Frank Berris at (616) 887-0956 or email fgberris@americango.biz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

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)

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