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On the Cover: Porsche E9 Midnight Blue Metallic; Wolfgang's 2008 Boxster overlooking Grand Traverse Bay; Photo by Wolfgang Bubeck



## Autumn Color in West Michigan

John Walters President, Western Michigan Region

Brave-hearted souls arrived in Wayland for the start of the well-planned Annual Fall Color Tour. The rain had already started. Trying to stay dry, we all signed the required release form in the warmth and dryness of our cars, thanks to Vice President Len Gawron, and off we went! The colors were peaking, in one of the more recent, great showings of the varieties of red and orange. At certain times, the amount of rain on the windows concealed the trees. We enjoyed a very tasty cheese tray and some desserts at Fenn Valley. Dinner at the Boatwerks was a warm and dry place to finish, and we enjoyed their signature cuisine and spirits.

Marshall and I look forward to the November 14th Dinner drive, at Ju Sushi & Lounge. We have been there before, many times; the ambiance is Asian with clean lines and minimalism. Dishes are small, so many can be enjoyed! Ju serves more than just sushi, so if, you are not sure about raw fish, there are some cooked options. The sushi rolls are many, and some are the chef's own creation, so if you never have, try this fine way to eat fish.

I'm sure many of us are thinking about putting our "babies" away for the season. I will certainly miss driving our silver 911, but get to look at her daily in the garage.

I would like to give thanks to the board members of this club, for assisting me operate the Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America. And thanks to the many members who host and/or assist with events.

Again, if you have any ideas for new events, please attend the Annual Planning Dinner on November 5th, at 6:30 PM, at Bistro Bella Vita (or, if you can't attend, contact a board member) - RSVP required a week in advance. This club is about the people, and hosting events are important to getting us all together (and we aren't limited to only one per month). Some of you have already indicated a desire to host another event -- please don't forget to send an e-mail to a board member if you can't join us on November 5th.

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## **Upcoming Events: November**

#### 05 Nov

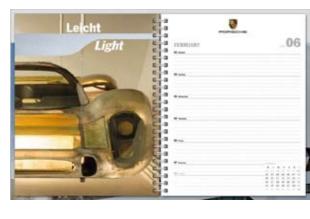
#### WMR PCA's Annual Planning Dinner

John Walters, WMR PCA President

Every year, we gather toward the end of our driving season to plan our calendar for the next year. Some of the items get set in stone, and others remain 'TBD' for some time, but the mission remains the same: create a fun-filled year of Porschecentric events, to continue to bring Porsche enthusiasts of all kinds together.

"It's not just the cars, but the people" – and we want to ensure all of our people have the opportunity to not just enjoy the

club, but participate in what we (collectively) want our club to be. So we invite you to join us in creating a calendar filled with variety, excitement, and fun that everybody can enjoy.





Ever wanted to host or lead an event? Have some great ideas or suggestions? Want to have a great dinner at one of Grand Rapids' top restaurants? Here's your chance! And don't worry – we're here to help you! It's easy, and it's fun.

Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, November 1st to John Walters at (269) 672-5055 or jwalters@wmis.net. We look forward to creating a great club year both for you, and with you!

<u>When:</u> Monday, 05 November 2012, 7:00 pm

Where: Bistro Bella Vita

44 Grandville Ave SW #100, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 222-4600 / www.bistrobellavita.com



#### November Dinner Drive – Ju Sushi and Lounge, Grand Rapids, MI

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens



Come out with us Wednesday, November 14th to enjoy the modern cuisine and posh atmosphere at Ju Sushi & Lounge!

Ju serves up first-rate, big-city style sushi and sashimi, along with a great variety of other classic (and cooked) Japanese dishes.

Mark your calendar today! Kindly RSVP by Monday, 12 November to Amber Door at amdoor242@aol.com.

**When:** Wednesday, 14 November 2012, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Ju Sushi & Lounge

#9, 1140 East Paris Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

(across from Bonefish Grille, off

East Paris near Cascade Rd.)
(616) 575-5858 / jusushi.com



## **Upcoming Events: December**

08 Dec

#### WMR PCA's Annual Appetizer Party

Hosts: John & Marshall Walters

We hope you'll be able to join us on Saturday, December 8th, for WMR's annual appetizer party. This year the party will be held at our place in Shelbyville – halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, and just off US-131. Please BYOB and an appetizer to share.

When: Saturday, 08 December 2012, 6:30 pm

*Where:* John and Marshall's house

2578 Seymoure Drive (Selkirk Lake Dr.)

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Seymoure Drive is on the left, after you pass the public access (on left) and rounded the corner. The 16th hole of the Orchard Hills golf course will be on the right. Our house is just beyond the curve on Seymoure.

Please RSVP to marshall.walters@towerswatson.com / (269) 672-5055 by Wednesday, December 5th.

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

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

The fall colors are behind us for another year, so now our attention turns to "Friends and Food", according to the events listed for this month's newsletters and websites. Also, most important, are the elections and selections of your Regions officers and chairpersons for the coming year. Please consider volunteering to help out your Club, you will get back much more than you put in!! It's that great of an organization, and they need your help. 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:

<u>Save the Date:</u> The annual Zone 4 trek to the **North American International Auto Show** at Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI is currently planned to be Public Opening Day of **January 19th, 2013**, but this date has not been confirmed with PCNA or PAG. I will have more details in December...

- Check out a local Cars & Coffee event!!! They occur on a regular basis throughout the country on weekend mornings. No reservations or commitment required, just clean up the car and drive it over. For example, the Maumee Valley Region is gathering on November 11th at 9:30 AM, at Tim Horton's on Central Avenue in Toledo.
- The Maumee Valley Region will hold the final Zone 4 Driver's Education Event of the season at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 2th-4thth. Friday is an Advanced Lapping Day- if you would like to participate on Friday, you must first contact either Tony Calabrese or Craig Zenil to be approved. Registration is through www.clubregistration.net.
- The Northern Ohio Region hosts a Tech Session at Steinel's Autowerks in Twinsburg, OH on November 10th. It will discuss preparations for either storing or driving your Porsche through the winter in Zone 4 weather. RSVP is required to Tom Leigh at flat6@roadrunner.com or 440-645-9250. See the region website or newsletter for details.
- Allegheny Region hosts their annual Porsche Prom at the Wildwood Golf Club in Allison Park, PA on November 17th. This dress-up affaire kicks off the holiday season. Registration is at Motorsportsreg.com.
- Central Indiana Region also is having their Annual Banquet on November 17th at Dawson's in Speedway, IN. See their website for more details and registration information.
- The Mid-Ohio Region will host an Advanced Tech Session in Plain City, OH on November 17th. The session will cover paint surface correction. Additional information is in the region newsletter or at their website.
- The Northern Ohio Region will host their Annual Meeting and Social at Stoddard NLA-LLC in Highland Heights, OH on November 17th. Pot Luck dinner and bring a donation to the Cleveland Food Bank. RSVP to Diane Baus at dianebaus@roadrunner.com. See the region website or newsletter for details.

New Members: Willkommen!

Bob Cox – Battle Creek, MI 1987 Porsche 924S

Mark & Nancy Haveman – Ellsworth, MI 1971 Porsche 911T (transfer in from Motor Stadt Region) **November Anniversaries:** Glückwünsche!

5 years (2007) Thomas & Scott Trumbull

10 years (2002) Dennis Holefca

## 2012 Calendar Porsche Club of America Western Michigan Region





November	5 8-11	Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI PCA Escape 2012 – Eureka Springs, AR PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx)
	14	November Dinner Drive – Ju Sushi & Lounge, Grand Rapids, MI Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
December	3 8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI December Appetizer Party – Shelbyville, MI Hosts: John & Marshall Walters
January	7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI

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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#### A Passion of Love

Contributed by WMR PCA Member John Kaczmarczyk; Foreword by Rick Riley



We had a new and exciting twist at our 2012 Driver's Education event at Grattan Raceway Park. There was this guy – call him "Dad" – who wanted to bring his two daughters to the race track so they could learn how to drive his improved 944 turbo!

I thought that what Dad did was unusual and special, so I asked him if he would write an article about the weekend. I think he deserves the "Dad of the Year" award. Here is what he had to say:

As all parents do, we provide, we mentor, and we love our family members. At times, we set our hobbies aside to begin another chapter in life. My wife Cindy and I have two loving daughters, Camden (age 25) and Carryn (age 22). We're closer today to becoming empty nesters than we were last week. This is our story.

Not too long ago, the Kaczmarczyks were a familiar face at Grattan Raceway Park. We were a grass-roots enthusiast family who enjoyed the experiences of track weekends. From 1993 to 2003, I have logged over 5,000 track miles in our 1987 Porsche 944 Turbo that we have come to call Schatzi, our "Sweetie." As time went on, our priorities changed, with relocation, careers, promotions, braces, after-school events, education, and college preparation. Through these years, Schatzi sat covered and lifeless. Just waiting.

While reading Panorama this past summer, I noticed that our Western Michigan Region was, as usual, hosting a fall Grattan event. I got out of my chair, walked to the garage, opened the door, and rolled the cover off an old familiar friend. I made a commitment to myself: In 60 days, Schatzi and the girls would participate in the same DE event with the same car as I did over nineteen years ago.

Fast forward. With the car prepped, we were trackside by 7:30 that morning. Shortly after arriving, I noticed a few familiar faces from the 90s, the Rat Pack from Grattan. After receiving a warm welcome and realizing I made the right decision, the girls were off to tech inspection, introductions, and training.

With Chief Driving Instructor Terry Schieble, Camden started her first run group. Throughout her sessions, I was able to enjoy her facial expressions, excitement and the eventual mental brain drain. All priceless.

Second up was Carryn, with expert racer Rick Riley instructing. I flashed back to how the girls rode around the track during noontime parade laps. Carryn was small enough to fit in front of the roll bar and sit comfortably in the rear seat. Within hours, I was watching the same young lady attempting her first kill off turn nine.

As the weekend continued, it became obvious that they were becoming what I can best describe as a younger me, nineteen years earlier. But a lot better looking and with a softer demeanor. As I watched, they were establishing new relationships with other drivers and sharing track comments like where to brake, how to hit an apex, and the best Go-Pro camera settings. It was a father's dream.

In the age of the internet and cell phones, all I could say to the original Grattan Rat Pack was, "Those are my girls!" The next generation of Kaczmarczyks are going to carry the torch just fine.



In closing, parents only get a few shots in life to make an impression on their children as they fast approach adulthood. This weekend was one of those defining moments.

As the model years change, we know we're not getting any younger. These cars, DE events, and organizations like PCA require us to do our part and to hand off this passion of love to the next generation.

I dedicate this to Cindy, Camden, and Carryn for supporting me when I said in 1992:

"I have an idea. I'm going to buy a Porsche, and join the PCA."





## TechSpalte: Curve Continuity and Automotive Design

Contributed by WMR PCA Past President and Über Alles Editor Dan Phillips



WHEN YOU WASH AND WAX your car, when you run your hands over those beautiful, curvaceous surfaces, you may have appreciated the flow of the lines, admired how light reflected off

its many complex intersecting surfaces, or simply marveled at its sublime beauty.

How does this come about? Your car is not an organic thing, it was not borne out of nature, it was not 'grown'. It was invented, it was sketched, it was sculpted, it was bent and shaped into a deliberate form by human beings. It's beautiful, but...how did they know how to do that?

In 1753, English artist William Hogarth wrote *The Analysis of Beauty*, in which he proposed six principles to define beauty and grace: fitness, variety, regularity, intricacy, simplicity, and quality. He especially linked intricacy to his self-defined 'Line of Beauty', a serpentine-line which he believed every image should be built upon to guide the mind's eye. The modern notions of curve and surface continuity relate to this directly in that Hogarth believed that serpentine lines signify liveliness and activity and excite the attention of the viewer, as contrasted with straight lines, parallel lines, or right-angled intersecting lines, which signify stasis, death, or inanimate objects.

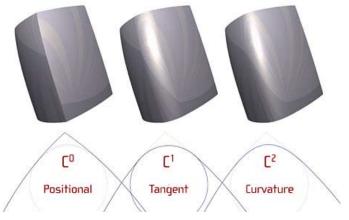
The modern practice of Industrial Design defines the shapes, proportions, and other notions of beauty and form of an object, in addition to the human interface and experience with the object's function. Phones, blenders, cars, the glass you drink from – just about any object that humans interface with are all first sculpted in design studios by Industrial Designers seeking to define and refine an object's form, function, and interface.

Designers carefully apply principles of curve and surface continuity to create highly refined and natural-looking surfaces that help carry the eye effortlessly from one portion of the object to another, such as drawing the eye from a headlight back to a tail light. Surfaces are not carelessly thrown together; the curves and surfaces are blended beautifully and seamlessly, with the transitions tweaked endlessly to affect the overall form and desired continuity of sub-sections thereof.

The notion of curve continuity was not well understood or defined until we had machines to make everything worse, before we could make them better. In a time when everything was done manually, human hands sculpted clay, wood, and metal to make a desired form, which was then replicated from physical bucks. There was no such thing as a perfect and pure radius. Suddenly, we had the precision of computer-aided design and machining, which gave us perfect renderings of what we thought we were making by hand — a perfectly tangent connection between a straight line and a radius, or between a flat surface and a perfectly-rounded corner.

However, the way light reflects off such a surface transition looks unnatural, and in an effort to make more natural-looking (and we presume more beautiful) surfaces and transitions, designers turned to the notion of curve continuity.

Intersections between lines and surfaces can be categorized into three primary buckets – positional (G0), tangential (G1), and curve-continuous (G2). (There is also G3 and G4 continuity, but we'll skip that.) Positional constraints (G0) place two straight lines together at an intersecting point, or two flat surfaces meeting along a straight line. Tangent constraints (G1) have a perfect radius meeting with a straight line, at a perfect tangency. Comparing curve continuity (G2) to tangency, the straight line has bit of curve at the end, and the radius is not a pure radius (section of a circle), but rather a spline. In a curve-continuous (G2) transition, one cannot tell where one surface ends and the other begins.



2D curves are denoted C0, C1, C2; 3D surfaces are G0, G1, G2.

## Curve Continuity and Automotive Design

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In Calculus terms, positional is the derivative of tangency, and tangency is the derivative of curve continuity. An analogy in physics is the relationship between position, speed, and acceleration, where each is a function differentiated with respect to time. Mathematically, it's the same derivative relationship between positional, tangential, and curve-continuous. The equations of the two intersecting curves are derivatives of the equations of the next level up, or integrals if you're going the other direction.

In nature, there is really only G0 and G2 continuity. A tangential (G1) interface – perfect tangency between a perfectly-straight line and a perfect radius – almost never happens in nature. This may be why G1 surface transitions just don't feel right, they don't look natural. Designers consider products using Positional continuity to possess fidelity and precision, and Curve continuity to exhibit sophistication and elegance. Lumped in the middle, products with Tangential continuity are derided as intentionally utilitarian, lazy in their execution, and lacking both precision and sophistication compared to the beauty and diversity found in nature.

When two disparate surfaces meet along a positional constraint (a straight line), the way light reflects off that transition clearly draws attention to the fact that they are two different surfaces. The reflection is broken sharply at the line. In a tangential intersection, the reflection makes a quick change, and the transition is very obvious. In a curve-continuous intersection, the reflection gradually changes across the transition area, blending the two surfaces cleanly and gently together at the transition.

Modern CAD programs have a 'zebra light' function that can show in a 3D rendering how light will reflect over the surfaces, to aid the designers while rendering and tweaking the surfaces.



Positional (G0), Tangential (G1), and Curve-Continuous (G2) surface transitions. 'Zebra lights' show how light will reflect off the surfaces.

In the modern automotive world, the form of a car is still sculpted by hand first – most of the time from clay and other materials. A 3D coordinate-measuring machine (CMM) measures the position in 3D space of thousands of points over the surface of the sculpted prototype, and this data is translated into a 3D CAD model of the surfaces. These models are then tweaked by the designers using the many digital tools available to create perfect curve-continuous 'Class A' surfaces, which are then frozen for production intent. The surface geometry is no longer allowed to change after this point, and the engineers begin working on the rest of the component and tooling designs to turn the Design team's vision into reality.

So the next time you wash your car, gaze at it in the garage, or observe the new products at the Detroit International Auto Show, feel the transitions from surface to surface, look at how light reflects off them, and appreciate the thoughtfulness that went into these forms, functions, and human interfaces.





For further reading, find Gray Holland's excellent article "A Periodic Table of Form: The secret language of surface and meaning in product design" on Core77's website.

Thank you Gray, it was instrumental in bridging a gap between Design and Engineering!

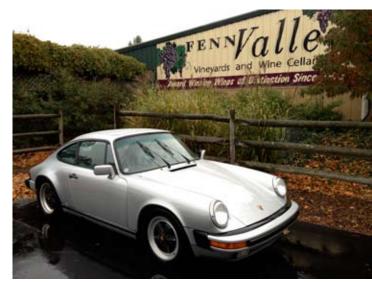
#### In Review: Fall Color Tour

Text by Jim Schaaf; Photo by Dan Phillips

Our fall color tour got off to a wet, but prompt start at 2:30 on 135th street, just off of the Wayland exit from 131. Passing many stands of beautiful trees, we could imagine them in sunlight. We wound through the back roads, over the Alagan River dam, to our first stop at the award-winning Fenn Valley Winery. There we sampled delicious cheese, cookies and other goodies, (courtesy of Bonnie Gawron and Ardis Schaaf) and our choice of at least five wines, many served by winery owner Doug Welch's mother.

After that respite, the drive took us under Hwy 31 to more country roads, then along the South shore of Lake Macatawa to The Boatwerks Restaurant in Holland, where their management provided us with a taped off "Porsche Parking lot".

Although the wet weather resulted in a few "no shows", approximately 30 hardy Porsche friends enjoyed cocktails, delicious food, and comaraderie.



John & Marshall's 1988 Porsche 911 at Fenn Valley

#### In Review: New Member Lunch

Text by Len Gawron; Photos by Amber Door and Michael Murphy



JUST A TERRIFIC LATE OCTOBER AFTERNOON and a row of beautiful Porsches that brought along some new friends. How great is that!? The New Members Luncheon was again held at Dill's in Middleville at high noon. Our host, Bryant Dill, had applied a generous number of cones to provide our Porsches with premier street parking in front of the restaurant, then hastily ran inside to greet his guests and prepare lunch. The menu and selections served were to their usual high standards, and the supply of imported German beers satisfied all.

This fall's event drew some 13 new members away from the comfort of their homes for the afternoon, and included a few from more distant locations of Petoskey and Chicago. Added to the mix were an equal number of WMR

stalwarts of questionable character (just kidding!) who spoke to the club's many feature events, and highlighted Porsche Parade 2012 being held in Traverse City next June.

The conversations continued as new friendships began with Porsche stories and laughter liberally shared. Later, the magic of this fall afternoon together concluded as we parted company, driving off into the beauty of another West Michigan Indian Summer afternoon.

We thank everyone for coming, and look forward to seeing each of you soon at an upcoming WMR PCA event!

Down the Road, *Len Gawron* 



Members new and old enjoy the German cuisine



# WMR Meeting Minutes, 01 Oct 2012

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, October 1, 2012 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00 pm. Members present were: John Walters, Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Ted Blacklidge, Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod, Len Gawron, Carmine Bosco, Colin Carpenter

Treasurer's Report: Approved

<u>Membership Report:</u> Primary Members – 220; Affiliate Members –168; Total – 388; New Members – 1; Transfers In – 1; Transfers Out – 0; Non renewals – 6; Renewals –9

Minutes: Minutes from September meeting approved.

<u>Über Alles Editor's Report:</u> No report. Looking for additional advertisers. Advertisers billing cycles are up to date.

Webmaster's Report: No report.

*Insurance Report:* Fall color tour covered. Currently, no other insurance needs for 2012.

#### Old Business:

- September 15 16 Grand Prix of Grattan Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge. Final financial report submitted with discussion
- Charity Update Midwest Traffic Safety Institute
  - 2012 funding update in current Über
  - Over \$1,200 raised YTD in 2013
- 26 Sept: Bostwick Lake Inn 31 participants
- 2013 Winterfest Location: University Club 2/9/13. Planning committee to work on menu / invitations.

#### New Business:

- 13 Oct: Fall Color Tour, Boatwerks Restaurant; hosts Len/Bonnie Gawron & Jim/Ardis Schaaf; information on the web site
- 20 Oct: New Member Lunch, Dill's German Restaurant, 12:00pm
- Discussed letter from Kurt Kettlehut regarding 996 IMS bearing failure. Discussion with response to follow to Kurt
- 14 Nov: Ju Sushi & Lounge notice in current Über and on the web site
- 2013 Parade Update
  - Great Driving tours in the works
  - National staff coming to Traverse City 10/4-10/7/12
  - Majority of region/zone committee chairs planning to attend

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

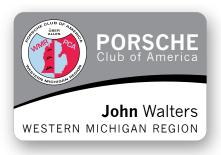
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