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- TechSpalte Belts, Hoses, and Plastic Cooling System Parts
- All-New 2013 WMR PCA Calendar Several opportunities for you to host an event!
- Member Profile Al Anderson shares the story of his 914 love affair
- Zone 4 Events Join us in January for the Auto Show in Detroit

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Buried in Leaves in Shelbyville

John Walters President, Western Michigan Region

Many of us are in the process of storing our cherished cars. Cleaning the 911 last week, tremendous amounts of sand, leaves and even stones emerged from the fender wells! Not sure where it all came from – Marshall blames the road construction portion of one of the road trips at Parade. And with regard to being buried in leaves, it doesn't seem to matter that we've removed more trees – we still have an endless supply.

Parts have been purchased, ready to install for next year's driving adventures. Now is a good time to fix little issues with the older ones. The best parts of Porsche ownership are the great times on the road, engine singing and the wind blowing through your hair.

The next BIG EVENT is Winterfest! So polish up your fancy shoes and press your party clothes! Winterfest will be February 9th – keep an eye out for your invitation.

But there are also events aplenty in December and January...The annual appetizer party is December 8th – hoping to see many of you! January brings the annual dinner at Leo's on the 16th plus the Detroit International Auto Show, starting the following weekend (so even when our babies are put away, we can look at pretty cars!).

Wishing you and yours a peaceful and joyful holiday season. While a number of you may shun the snow, and some even leave for much warmer (and sunnier) climates, for me it's not Christmas without snow. So I'm hoping for a bit of the white stuff to fall in the upcoming month. Although I will admit to enjoying this last little bit of 50+ temps – makes the seasonal yard clean-up a bit easier to take!

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Upcoming Events: December & January

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

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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.

19 Jan

PCA Zone 4 Gathering at the 2013 North American International Auto Show

Host: Porsche Cars North America, with PCA Zone 4 Rep Ron Carr

Once again, our PCA Zone 4 rep Ron Carr is organizing a gathering for all Zone 4 PCA members (which includes us!) at

the 2013 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.





Representatives from Porsche Cars North America will treat PCA members a special VIP presentation at the Porsche show display on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. This is a fun and exclusive event you will not want to miss!

Ron typically arranges a group discount code with the historic Dearborn Inn, where we usually meet for dinner the Friday night before the show. If not staying overnight, plan to meet at the Porsche show display at 11:45 am on Saturday.

Further details will be forthcoming, so watch this space, your emails, and our website for updates!

In Review: November Dinner Drive to Ju Sushi

Contributed by Amber Door



Jerry Arens kicks back

FOR THE 10 "ADVENTUROUS" MEMBERS who gathered for dinner at Ju Sushi and Lounge on November 14th a culinary feast of taste and texture was the theme of the night (fully cooked for some and not cooked for others). To the pleasure of every participant's palate, a multitude of dishes arrived at the table and were soon emptied with the use of chopsticks and a few forks! Who could forget the Dragon Roll, the flaming Playboy Roll, or the green tea ice cream? Ju Sushi & Lounge did not disappoint. We missed all of you who could not attend. Maybe next year!





Octopus sushi was a treat!

John & Marshall with Dan Phillips

Greg and Lee Konig came up from Kalamazoo

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In The Zone: What's Happening Throughout Zone 4

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

IT LOOKS LIKE HAPPY HOLIDAYS are in store for all of the Zone 4 members, if this month's events are any indication. Join your fellow PCA members in celebration of the season, and have a safe and Happy New Year. A 'heads up' look at 2013 is given here for your winter planning. Check the Zone 4 Website at http://zone4.pca.org/ for other regions' events, such as:

- A Tech Session on the M96/M97 engine presented by Northern Ohio Region is scheduled for December 1, 2012 at 8:00 AM at Porsche of Beachwood, Beachwood, OH. RSVP to Tom Leigh at flat6@roadrunner.com or 440-645-9250.
- The Mid-Ohio Region will sponsor their monthly "Trickle Charged Saturday" at Michael Shank Racing (2012 Daytona Rolex 24 overall winner) in Pataskala, OH on December 1, 2012 from 10:00 AM until Noon. RSVP required to Jeff Brubaker at brubaker jeff@hotmail.com or call 610-299-4443.
- OVR End of the Year Party, Brio Restaurant, Newport, KY on Sunday December 2, 2012 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. For details see the Website at http://ovrpca.org.
- MOR Holiday Party, Wedgewood Country Club, Powell, OH on Saturday December 8, 2012 at 6:00 PM. For details see the Newsletter or Website. RSVP to Gerhard Hillmann at morpcasocial@yahoo.com.
- SEM Holiday Party at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester, MI on Saturday December 8, 2012. Details are available on the Website.
- CIR Holiday Brunch on Sunday December 9, 2012 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Location to be determined. For details see the Newsletter or Website
- RSR "Jingle Bell Bash" Holiday Party, the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI on Saturday December 15, 2012 at 6:00 PM. For details see the Newsletter or Website. Registration is through ClubRegistration.net.
- NOR Holiday Party, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, 11030 E. Boulevard, Cleveland OH on Saturday December 15, 2012 at 6:00 PM. For details see the Newsletter or Website.

Major 2013 Zone 4 and Other Events (all dates are tentative):

- Zone 4 gathering at the North American International Auto Show, Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Special presentation at the Porsche Display. I will provide details in a December E-Blast to Zone 4 members.
- The PCA National Winter Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013 in Orlando, FL.
- The fourth annual Winter Concourse at Porsche of the Village, Cincinnati, OH is planned for Saturday evening, February 23, 2013. This is a PCNA event that is also supported by the PCA Ohio Valley Region- watch for details in their newsletter or website.
- The Zone 4 Presidents Meeting will take place at the Maumee Bay State Lodge near Toledo, OH on Saturday, March 2, 2013 for all of the Region Presidents and interested regional board members.
- The Southeast Michigan Region will host their first Street Survival program for teen drivers in May, 2013. This is now a PCA national sponsored program and will be expanding throughout the Zone in the future.
- The 58th Annual Porsche Parade will be held in Zone 4 this year, in Traverse City, MI on June 23-29, 2013. We are hoping for a large turnout of Zone 4 members to the first Parade in our Zone in 20 years. Put this event on your calendar and plan to attend, help out and have fun with PCA members from across the US and Canada. It will be a great time for all. Registration will open in mid-March, 2013.
- The annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, PA will be held on July 20 & 21, 2013. This is a week-long event with a great Concourse on Saturday, sponsored in part by the PCA Allegheny Region.
- The Grand Am will return to Zone 4 as part of the Brickyard 400 Weekend in Indianapolis, IN on Friday July 26 2013. The Central Indiana PCA Region will again host a Porsche Car Corral for Porsche Owners.
- The annual P2O event returns to Granville, OH on July 26-28, 2013, sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Region. Watch the P2O website for details.
- And finally, join fellow PCA members for a memorable fall weekend at the Escape to Los Angeles on October 24-29, 2013. More information will be available next year as the event grows closer.

2013 Calendar Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America





December (2012)	3 8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI December Appetizer Party – The Walters', Shelbyville, MI Hosts: John & Marshall Walters
January (2013)	7 16	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI January Dinner Drive – Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI Host: Rick Riley
	19	2013 North American International Auto Show – Detroit, MI Host: Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4
February	4 9	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Winterfest – University Club, Grand Rapids, MI Hosts: WMR PCA
	10	Morning-After Brunch – Cygnus, Grand Rapids, MI Hosts: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
	TBD	February Dinner Drive – Location TBD Hosts: TBD
March	4 12 13	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Parade 2013 Registration Opens! March Dinner Drive – The Grattan Bar, Grand Rapids, MI Hosts: Kurt & Shirley Wirth
April	8 20	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Annual WMR PCA Cookoff – The Schieble's, Portage, MI Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble
Мау	6 18	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI May Sporting Clays Event – Blendon Pines, Zeeland, MI Host: Jerry Arens & Amber Door
June	31- 1-2	Belle Isle Grand Prix – IndyCar/GRAND-AM/ALMS Racing, Detroit, MI Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips
	3 13-16	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI SEM Region DE Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI Host: SEM Region PCA
	22-29	PCA Parade 2013 – Traverse City, MI PCA National Event

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.



2013 Calendar Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America

July	8 13	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Summber BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI Hosts: John & Marshall Walters
	26-28	P20 (Porsche to Ohio) – Granville, OH Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA
August	3	Red Barns Spectacular – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	5 TBD	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI August Dinner Drive – Location TBD Hosts: TBD
	TBD	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI
September	5-8	Niagra-on-the-Lake Wine Tour – Niagra-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron
	9	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod
	14-15	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge
	28	September Dinner Drive – Location TBD Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri
October	5	Annual Fall Color Tour – Traverse City, MI Host: TBD
	7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	October Dinner Drive – Location TBD Hosts: TBD
	24-29	PCA Escape 2013 – Los Angeles, CA
		PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx)
November	4	Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	November Dinner Drive – Location TBD Host: Amber Door & Jerry Arens
December	2 7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI Hosts: Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss

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



TechSpalte: Belts, Hoses, and Plastic Cooling System Parts

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

Today's engines are truly engineering marvels, and while great progress has been made in extending the life of an engine and improving performance, some changes have created conditions that adversely affect some materials.

We are all used to preventive maintenance for oil service, air filters and spark plugs, but it's easy to overlook items such as belts, hoses and miscellaneous plastic parts. And since most belts, hoses and plastic connectors used on today's cars fail from the inside out, it's important that these parts are carefully and regularly inspected for signs of wear.

According to the Car Care Council, nearly 30% of the vehicles they have inspected have belts and/or hoses that need replacing. Yet in most cases, the vehicle owners were totally unaware of the condition of these parts.

Cooling System Hoses & Plastic Cooling Components

A modern engine is often built using multiple types of metal and is referred to as being "bi-metallic". As you may remember from your High School science class, metals used in a bi-metallic state often create an electrical charge. Such is the case in today's engine. The bi-metallic engine produces a current that travels through your cooling system, causing plastic connectors and hoses to deteriorate from the inside out.

Since the damage is inside the component, it can be hard to detect. However, by carefully pinching the hoses on your car, you may be able to locate voids or ridges on the inside that indicate internal damage or wear.

Plastic connectors and components used in the cooling systems also suffer the same fate as hoses due to the electrical current. Often the first indication of wear or potential failure shown by plastic parts is softness and splitting of the ends. Often you can determine this condition by gently squeezing the ends of the connector. With regular and careful examination of hoses and plastic connectors, you can often detect these conditions and avoid total failure of the part.



Plastic coolant pipes and junction.

Relts

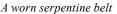
Though new technology and design has made the V-Belt a thing of the past, belts still require careful inspection and occasional replacement. It's important to remember that belts generally deteriorate from the inside out, just as hoses do. While they may appear to be in good shape, the may be close to failure.

Consider the path of a belt as it travels over and under your engine's pulleys. Each time it goes around a pulley it is being flexed and bent. Along with heat, this flexing breaks down the internal cords, causing them to become brittle and hard. To avoid failure and subsequent damage to your engine, it is highly recommended that belts be replaced at the mileage interval recommended by the manufacturer.

The grooves in today's flat ribbed "serpentine" belts can also become worn, allowing slippage at the pulleys. Wear in the groove can be measured using a special gauge designed for that purpose. If the grooves are worn, the belt must be replaced.

Often overlooked during a belt inspection are the tensioners and pulleys that they ride on. Inspection of these items are a must to prevent belt failure. A bad tensioner will allow a belt to slip, causing premature wear. A worn pulley bearing can allow a belt to wear unevenly and begin to shred on the edges. Worse yet is when the bearing fails completely causing the belt to come off the pulley and cause damage to other components.







Checking with a gauge

While visual inspections can help avoid trouble, replacing critical parts in accordance with the manufactures recommendations is your best insurance against engine failure. Waiting until there is a problem, is a very expensive strategy.

All of us here at Euro Autowerks would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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No new members for December

December Anniversaries: Glückwünsche!

25 years (1987) Tim Rourke

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Member Profile: What Porsche Means to Me

Contributed by WMR PCA Member Alan R Anderson

MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE PORSCHE 914 was in 1971 on a back country road in northern lower Michigan. I was sitting at a stop sign in my dad's brand-new Ford pickup (having recently blown the engine on my own '63 VW Beetle.) This odd-looking little car to my right barely slowed as it turned and headed up the road in front of me. Being a curious and fearless teen, I gave pursuit to try to get a better look at this low-slung, unfamiliar car. The driver of the 914 must have thought my efforts to catch up were a challenge. At 90 mph, the 914 was easily running away from me, and some small instinct for self-preservation finally overcame the testeserone impelling my right foot.

This county road ran straight for several miles, then took a 45-degree left. The 35-mph curve was approaching and while I quickly pumped the truck's speed down, the 914 disappeared around the curve without a flicker of a brake light.

At the time, I had no idea what that little car was but I promised myself, then and there, that I would have one someday.

Exactly ten years later, I was attending college near Atlanta. I had spotted a white 1974 Porsche 914-2.0 in the parking lot and was giving it a walkaround, recalling the above incident. The owner walked up and casually asked if I would be interested in buying it. It was fate. Within a couple of days, I sold my '71 Super Beetle, and scraped together enough extra cash to buy the 914.

The fuel injection balked within the first couple of months. I limped it to a "furrun" car repair shop in town for an estimate. The mechanic pointed to a row of D-Jet components hanging on the wall. He said they switched out parts, one at a time, until the car ran right, and then charged for the time and part. I coaxed the car back to my apartment and ordered a carb conversion kit for about \$300. Thirty years later, it still runs fine on that same Weber carb, although I've rebuilt it a few times. A series of engine upgrades, as well as suspension makeovers, have prevented "Trigger" (after Roy Rogers' loyal horse) from getting tired.



A much younger me with Trigger, circa 1981-1982



Trigger and Yeller, present day

In those thirty years, nobody but me has ever driven or put a wrench on Trigger. I remove the alloy wheels and take them to the tire shop. I only buy tires where they let me watch the guy doing the mounting and balancing, a task often unfortunately assigned to the "the new kid". She goes on the road as soon as the winter salt is washed away by a couple of good spring rains. I drive every day I can until snow flies, and only use the top when it's raining or below 50 degrees. I may hold a record of some kind for "seat time" in a single 914. Friends and neighbors joke about seeing me grinning from ear to ear when I'm out driving the "little white car".

Trigger has worn a variety of different custom bumpers, valences, and airdams over the years, but I can return her to original livery in an hour. My wife teases me about Trigger being my "paper doll" because I'm always bolting different fiberglass styling parts (cooked up in my kayak shop) on her. And don't even ask her about my using a toothbrush on the engine. The "upfixen" and the driving are both wonderful therapy.

Living and working near Frankfort, Michigan limits my access to a lot of WMR PCA events, but the roads in Benzie and Leelenau counties are hard to beat for exercising a Porsche. In the stix where a track is nowhere to be found, it is more fun to drive a "slow" car hard than a "fast" car easy.

After rebuilding and customizing a couple of basket-case 914s (Alice – still in progress, and Yeller), I'm feeling comfortable about giving Trigger a real restoration – paint, fresh rubber seals, etc. She's about as rust-free as a 914 driven almost 30 summers in Michigan can be. I'll care for, drive, and love this car until my kids have to take my keys away – hopefully, not for another 30 years.



WMR Meeting Minutes, 05 November 2012

Bistro Bella Vita Restaurant, Grand Rapids, November 5, 2012 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:01 pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door and Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Len and Bonnie Gawron, Dan and Ren Phillips, Kurt Wirth, Mike Karluk and Barb Doss, Miluzka Bubeck, Ross Smith, and Ted Vogt.

Minutes: Approved as printed.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Approved.

<u>Membership Report:</u> 217 Primary Members, 166 Affiliate Members – total 383. New Members – 0. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 1 (back to MotorStadt). Non renewals – 4. Renewals – 12.

<u>Über Alles Editor's Report:</u> Latest issue has been mailed and should be received by most. The updated Delta ad and one classified ad were missed in the latest Über, but are on the website. Dan receives several monthly newsletters from other regions if you are ever interested in looking at them. The latest Über cover photo is wrapped front to back. If you're interested in submitting a cover photo to be wrapped, please submit the photo in a landscape format.

Webmaster's Report: The Webmeister is on vacation.

<u>Insurance Report:</u> Kurt reported that there is no insurance needed for any upcoming events.

Old Business:

- PCA WMA Charity update The club will present a check to Century Driving School at the next Board Meeting (\$1,443.95 has been collected as of November 6, 2012).
- Fall Color Tour Great despite the wet weather. The event has been nicknamed the Fall Color Tour/Full Underbody Wash.
- New-Member Event Dill's. 13 new members attended. A great time shared by all.
- WinterFest February 9, 2013 at the University Club in Grand Rapids. Free covered parking. February 10 brunch at Cygnus. More to follow.

New Business:

 Amber Door and Brenda Hildon-Kaempf have been voted to continue as Board Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Our Officers for 2013 are:

President – John Walters Vice President – Len Gawron

Treasurer – Amber Door

Secretary – Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

- November 14 Dinner at Ju Details in the Uber and on the web.
- Charity for 2013 A motion was made and approved to name Century Driving School our charity for 2013.
- Parade the local photography chair, Rich Bonner, passed away unexpectedly October 23, at the age of 51. Jeff Simonis has
 accepted the position. Amber is working on obtaining the 2,000 photographs that have been taken by Rich. All preparations
 are going well.

Meeting Adjourned to order dinner at 7:20 Called again to order at 7:30

New Business: (cont.)

• The members present established a preliminary 2013 event calendar that will be printed in the Über and on the web. There are opportunities for more events – anyone interested in hosting a dinner drive or event should contact any board member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



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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)

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