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February 2013



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Winter Fun in West Michigan

John Walters
President, Western Michigan Region

AS I WRITE THIS LETTER, very cold weather has arrived. Much as I love winter, this is bone chilling! But it's much easier to get in the mood for downhill skiing when snow covers the ground just outside my door.

The Detroit International Auto Show was very exciting. Porsche Cars North America's crew provided an early breakfast for 118 PCA guests, and an early preview of their offered products. The displayed cars were all in Platinum Silver Metallic paint -- most with Espresso brown leather interior (gorgeous!) A couple had an Agate Grey interior. This made an impressive comparison of the unique bodies without color being a factor. I absolutely love the flowing lines of the new Cayman, but I always have been an open roadster fan, so choosing between the Cayman or Boxster for my garage is most difficult. Also displayed was the new Cayenne Diesel -- it is impressive with its performance, economy and luxury. My wife, Marshall, is smitten with the do-everything Panamera. The loaded package Porsche displayed is priced close to one quarter of a million dollars! I expressed my gratitude to Zone 4 Representative Ron Carr for organizing this event between PCA Zone 4 and PCNA. All the details and important instructions were clearly outlined (including the address for the top of Cobo Hall parking ramp.) Participants were allowed to enter the event two hours before the public. The Porsches were unlocked to allow us to examine every detail. Then, just before the public opening, all the tops went up and car doors were locked.

Rick Riley hosted the annual Dinner Drive to Leo's Seafood Restaurant on the 16th -- 25 attended, including new transfer Michael Bowers and relatively new members (joined about a year ago) Tom and Lori Vacchiano. As always, the food and service were excellent. And the key lime pie was apparently pretty good too (at least from the reactions at my end of the table).

Congratulations to the 2012 Enthusiast of the Year (to be announced at Winterfest). 2013 is just beginning, so we all have a clean slate and a chance to bring home the trophy next year! Hoping to see you at an event in the near future!

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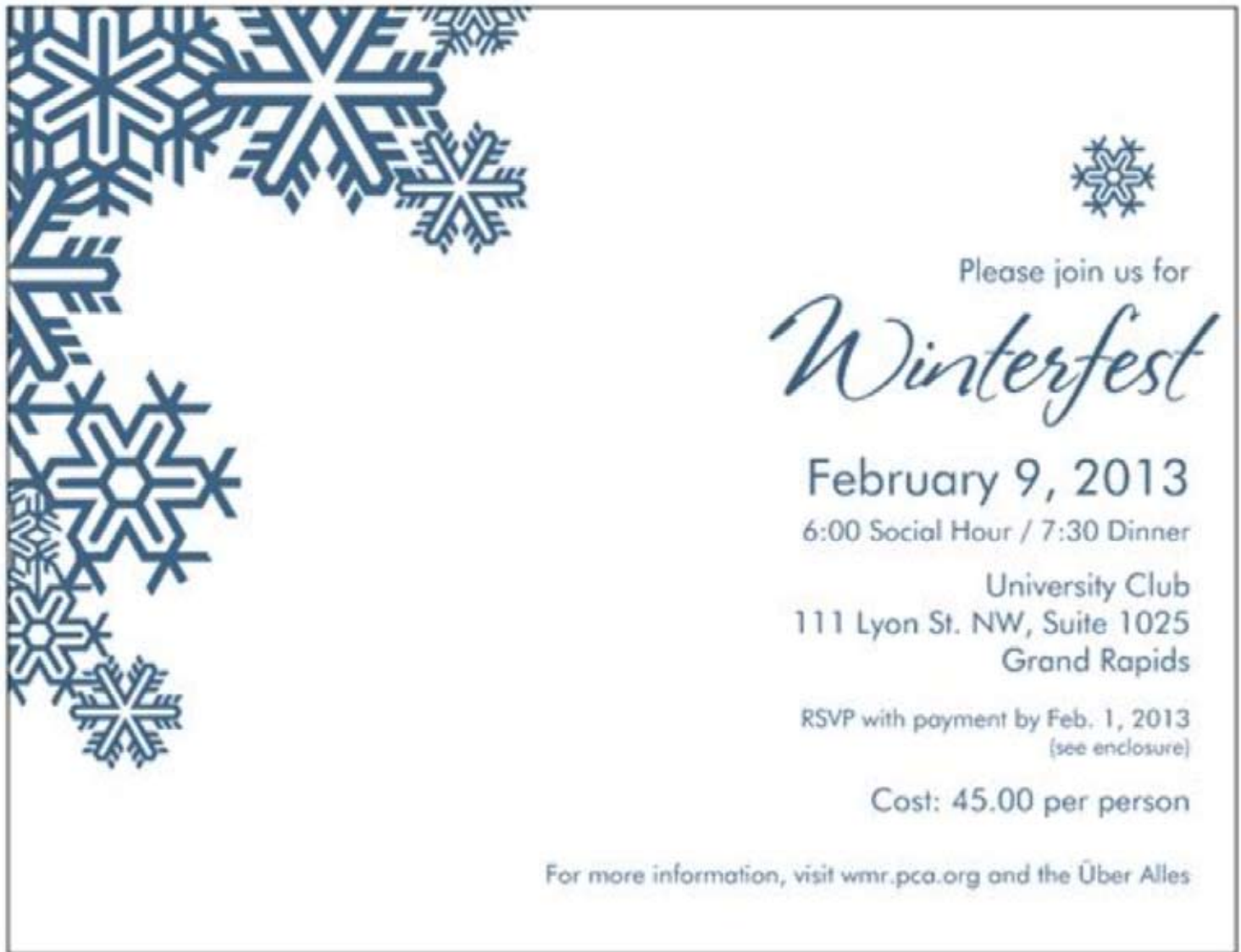
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Upcoming Events: February

10 Feb

Morning-After Brunch

Hosts: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck

The typical “morning-after” can bring many things...hangovers...lost glasses or keys...the ‘walk of shame’. However, we are anything but typical, and our morning-after will bring a fine-dining brunch experience unlike any you’ve ever had. Cygnus 27 will be serving us an amazing brunch on top of the Amway Grand Plaza’s glass tower, **beginning at 11:00 am**. Let the Winterfest afterglow carry on!

Valet parking (hotel lobby) or self-parking (ramp across street) are included with your brunch, as are the many fine small plates served at your table, all your champagne beverages, and the awesome buffet too, all for ~\$90 per couple including tax/service charge. DIY Bloody Marys are \$3/ea. Business casual dress code, coat-tie optional.

***** Please RSVP to Wolfgang before Thurs, 08 Feb at (616) 856-9104 or wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com.**

Where: Cygnus 27 (27th floor of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel tower), Grand Rapids, MI



WMR PCA's Continuing Support of MTSI

Text and Photo by Dan Phillips

For the second consecutive year, the Western Michigan Region of the Porsche Club of America is supporting the Midwest Traffic Safety Institute, a non-profit organization founded in 2011 by Dave Muma and Century Driving School.

At the December WMR PCA board meeting, a check in the amount of \$1,660 was presented to Dave Muma of Midwest Michigan Traffic Safety Institute. Dave mentioned that our donations and company match last year assisted 34 individuals (primarily with road tests) through Arbor Circle.

Our current donations have been allocated for next year to assist high-risk kids in White Cloud. It will be a trial program assisting 12 students @ \$120/hour (the total cost would include an amount paid by the student along with our subsidy.) The program will start around Christmas break, with students receiving their driver licenses by late summer. There was discussion about having some of these students come to our Grattan DE event to help raise awareness of the value MTSI brings to West Michigan, and how our donations directly help these students.



Dave Muma accepts our donation from WMR PCA President John Walters

Registration for Porsche Parade 2013 Begins March 12!!



Ladies and gentlemen...start your engines!

Porsche Parade 2013 will be in Traverse City, and registration for this incredible event will begin on March 12.

Be sure to register as soon as you are able, as many events will fill up fast. Visit <http://parade2013.pca.org> for everything you've ever wanted to know about Parade!

See you at the Grand Traverse Resort in June!!



Upcoming Events: March Dinner Drive

13 Mar

Dinner Drive to the Grattan Irish Pub

Hosts: Kurt & Shirley Wirth

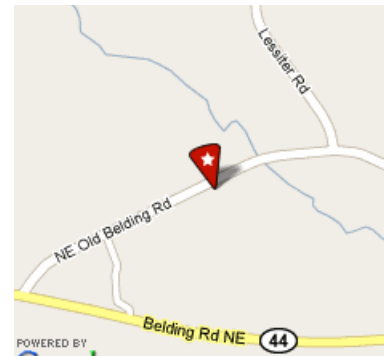
Meeting on what is usually a chilly and often rainy night in March for the warmth of freinds at the Grattan Irish Pub has become a very popular tradition with our group, so plan on meeting up with us there once again this coming Wednesday, March the 13th!

We'll enjoy the very decent menu that the Pub has to offer, and of course our favorite, Wednesday's all-you-can-eat fish and chips. The cozy atmosphere and good food keeps us coming back, and our group keeps getting bigger and bigger every year! Make this year the one you choose to come out and join us! We promise there will be talk about Porsches...

Please RSVP to Kurt at kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net, or call (616) 956-0249. Hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, 13 March 2013
6:00 pm for drinks, 7:00 pm for dinner

Where: **Grattan Irish Pub**
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2013 Calendar

Western Michigan Region

Porsche Club of America



February	4	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	9	Winterfest – University Club, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: WMR PCA</i>
	10	Morning-After Brunch – Cygnus, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck</i>
	TBD	February Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
March	4	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	12	Parade 2013 Registration Opens!
	13	March Dinner Drive – The Grattan Bar, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Kurt & Shirley Wirth</i>
April	8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	20	Annual WMR PCA Cookoff – The Schieble's, Portage, MI <i>Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble</i>
May	6	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	18	May Sporting Clays Event – Blendon Pines, Zeeland, MI <i>Host: Jerry Arens & Amber Door</i>
June	31-1-2	Belle Isle Grand Prix – IndyCar/GRAND-AM/ALMS Racing, Detroit, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips</i>
	3	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13-16	SEM Region DE Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI <i>Host: SEM Region PCA</i>
	22-29	PCA Parade 2013 – Traverse City, MI <i>PCA National Event</i>
July	8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Summer BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John & Marshall Walters</i>
	26-28	P20 (Porsche to Ohio) – Granville, OH <i>Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA</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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2013 Calendar Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America

August	3	Red Barns Spectacular – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
	5	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	August Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	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 <i>Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron</i>
	9	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod</i>
	14-15	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	28	September Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri</i>
October	5	Annual Fall Color Tour – Traverse City, MI <i>Host: Patti Pelizzari</i>
	7	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	October Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	24-29	PCA Escape 2013 – Los Angeles, CA <i>PCA National Event (http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx)</i>
November	4	Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI
	TBD	November Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Host: Amber Door & Jerry Arens</i>
December	2	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	7	December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI <i>Hosts: Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss</i>

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



TechSpalte: How to Change Your Oil

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

WITH OUR CARS STORED FOR THE WINTER, the shop slows down some from our normal hectic schedule. While we enjoy being busy, the winter slow-down gives us a chance to catch up on reading all those automotive/technical magazines we've set aside.

Recently during one quiet moment I ran across the following story. I laughed so hard I nearly fell out of my chair. So rather than writing another technical article this cold January night, I thought I share this mid-winter laugh with you instead. We'll get back to the technical topics next month, but in the mean-time, strap yourself in and laugh out loud.

How To Change Your Oil

Women:

1. Bring your car into the shop when the mileage reaches 3,000 since the last oil change.
2. Have a cup of coffee on us.
3. 20 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Men:

1. Go to O'Reilly auto parts and write a check for 50 dollars for oil, filter, oil lift (AKA kitty litter), hand cleaner and scented tree.
2. Discover that your used oil container is full. Instead of taking it back to O'Reilly to recycle, dump in hole in back yard.
3. Open a beer and drink it.
4. Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
6. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 13mm box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil; get hot oil on you in process.
12. Clean up.
13. Have another beer while oil is draining.
14. Look for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up; poke oil filter with Phillips screwdriver and twist it off.
16. Beer.

17. Buddy shows up; finish case with him. Finish oil change tomorrow.
18. Next day, drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car.
19. Throw oil lift (AKA kitty litter) on oil spilled during step 18.
20. Beer. No, drank it all yesterday.
21. Walk to 7-11; buy beer.
22. Install new oil filter making sure to apply thin coat of clean oil to gasket first.
23. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
24. Remember drain plug from step 11.
25. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
26. Hurry to replace drain plug before the whole quart of fresh oil drains onto floor.
27. Slip with wrench and bang knuckles on frame.
28. Bang head on floor board in reaction.
29. Begin cussing fit.
30. Throw wrench.
31. Cuss for additional 10 minutes because wrench hit your favorite Porsche souvenir.
32. Clean up; apply Band-Aid to knuckle.
33. Beer.
34. Beer.
35. Dump in additional 4 quarts of oil.
36. Beer.
37. Lower car from jack stands.
38. Accidentally crush one of the jack stands.
39. Move car back to apply more oil lift (AKA kitty litter) to fresh oil spilled during step 23.
40. Hang scented tree from mirror.
41. Drive car.



No, it never actually looks like this. Note lack of beer.

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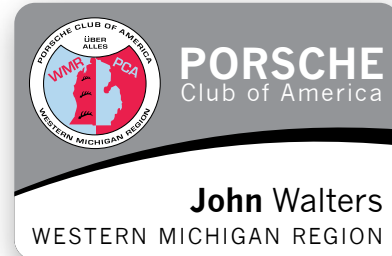
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New Members:

Willkommen!

Diane Parish – Kalamazoo, MI
1969 Porsche 911

Ralph Rogers, Ada, MI
1989 Porsche 911

Matthey Axford & Mariynn Janiga –
Grand Rapids, MI
1988 Porsche 911

February Anniversaries:

Glückwünsche!

1 year (2012) Steven Netherton

5 years (2008) Gary Buth &
Bette Toliver

15 Years (1998) Scott & Susan Cavell

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In The Zone: What's Happening Throughout Zone 4

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

YES - IT'S WINTER, yes - it's cold, yes - it's snowing, and no - it's not over yet!! But it won't be long. The time spent indoors during this time of year is one of planning and rejuvenation. While the club events are currently quite modest, the actual efforts needed to prepare and repair for the coming season are real. Thus, there is always something to do, if you look hard enough. Work on the calendar or work on the car, and get ready for spring! Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned, and check the Zone 4 Website at <http://zone4.pca.org/> for other regions' events, such as:

- Join the Allegheny Region at their Mid-Winter Party on February 2nd at the Sewickley Porsche dealership in Pittsburgh, PA. Food, beverages, and live entertainment will be provided for a donation at the door. Please register on the ALR Website at <http://arpca.com/2012/11/2013-mid-winter-party/> to allow them to get a count of attendees.
- The Mid-Ohio Region will host their monthly Trickle-Charge Saturday on February 9th at Byers Imports Porsche dealership in Columbus, OH. The theme will be an indoor Porsche Race Car Show, featuring cars of the Brumos collection, and featured guest speaker Hurley Haywood. RSVP to Jeffrey Brubaker at brubaker_jeff@hotmail.com by January 25th.
- You can join the Motor-Stadt Region at their Annual MSR Holiday Banquet on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at The Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe in East Lansing, MI. They will have a private room with a Cash Bar. Appetizers provided by the club. The cost for dinner is just \$20 per person. You must RSVP by February 5, 2013 to Mark Schlott at meschlott@frontier.com or (517) 669-9658.
- The PCA National Winter Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013 in Orlando, FL. Location and details are on the PCA Website. All PCA members are welcomed to attend this semiannual business meeting.
- The Northern Ohio Region will host a Tech Session on February 16, 2013 at Stoddard NLA in Highland Heights, OH. Coffee at 8:30 AM, presentation starts at 9:00 AM. Topic will be the PCA Porsche Parade- how to plan for, participate in, and enjoy the premier PCA event of the year. Our past Zone 4 Rep Denis Moore will explain the process and answer questions. RSVP to Tom Leigh at 440-645-9250 or flat6@roadrunner.com by February 12th.
- Like to Rally but not in the snow? Join the Northern Ohio Region for a Walking Fun Rallye on February 24, 2013 at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Wade Oval. Meet in the museum lobby at 10:00 AM. RSVP to Ava Singerman at 440-821-8630 or avadancer1@aol.com.
- The 3rd annual PCA Tech Tactics East will be held at the Porsche Cars North America site outside of Easton, Pa. February 23-24, 2013. Speakers from Mobil Oil, Bentley Publishing and Michelin Tires will join two members of our PCA Tech Committee, including John Paterek. We will also have two speakers from PCNA and possibly a Porsche "factory" speaker. Continental breakfast and "box" lunches are included in the registration fee of \$50. Registration will open on February 1, 2013 on motorsportreg.com.
- 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, volunteer to 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 March 12, 2013. The Parade Website is now available at <http://parade2013.pca.org/>. Please visit it often as it develops.



WMR Meeting Minutes, 07 January 2013

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, January 7, 2013 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Len Gawron, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod and Colin Carpenter.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 222 Primary Members, 170 Affiliate Members – total 392. New Members – Diane Parish, Kalamazoo, '69 911; Ralph Rogers, Ada, '89 911. Transfers In – Matthey Axford & Mariynn Janiga, Grand Rapids, '88 911. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 2. Renewals – 11

December Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Dan reported via email: The January issue is complete and printed. The RSVP for the Morning-After Brunch was inadvertently not included. RSVPs should go to Wolfgang – Amber to send out an email blast. There was a brief discussion regarding cost savings – increase advertising, possibility of quarterly statements vs. monthly, web vs. paper, etc. More to follow.

Webmaster' Report: Website up-to-date

Insurance Report: Nothing to insure.

Old Business:

- 2012 WMR Charity Donation – the 2012 donation was paid out.
- 2013 Calendar has been posted.
- Enthusiast Award – the award has been engraved and will be presented at WinterFest.
- January 19 – North American International Auto Show – Ron Carr has put together a drive and dinner. Several members will be attending the special Porsche preview in the morning.

New Business:

- January 16 Dinner Drive – Leo's, hosted by Rick Riley. Details in the Uber and on the web.
- 2013 Calendar – There are many TBDs listed. Anyone interested in hosting an event should contact a Board member.
- National Awards Nominations Solicitation – Submissions should be made by March 1, 2013. John will send an email blast, put it in the President's letter and will mention it at WinterFest.
- WinterFest thank-you gifts – John & Marshall will be ordering Fenn Valley wine as thank-you gifts.
- 2013 Porsche Parade – Amber reported plans are going well. Parade website is just about finished. Tall Ship tours are in the works. Registration opens March 12.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



Classifieds

2009 PORSCHE CAYMAN S – Black exterior with black leather interior. It currently has 13,476 miles. Other than the standard features, it has the following upgrades: Full Leather Interior, PCM 3.0 w/Extended Navigation, Bi-Xenon Headlights w/Dynamic Cornering, 7-Speed PDK/Porsche Doppelkupplung, 19” Carrera S II Wheels, Bluetooth, SportChrono Pkg Plus, XM Radio, Launch Code, Floor Mats in Interior Color, Universal Audio Interface. Original MSRP with upgrades was \$76,470. Asking \$47,000. Contact Bryanna Craig at (269) 353-6894 or email bryannacraig@gmail.com. (Jan 2013)



2000 PORSCHE BOXSTER S – Mint inside and out with only 6,700 miles. Black paint over Boxster Red full-leather interior, good Pirellis on Sport Classic 18” wheels. Heated seats, full power seats with memory, factory CD player. Extremely well maintained, looks brand new, properly stored every winter, etc. Soft top in perfect condition and everything works. Zero wear on driver’s seat. Priced aggressively at only \$20,000. Contact Brittany Craig in the Greater Toledo area at (419) 297-1133, or email brittany@crowningcelebrations.com. (Feb 2013)



1972 PORSCHE 914 – Own a piece of history! Very good condition with brand new transmission with under 100 miles on it. Typical 914 – corners like it’s on rails! New floor pan, new interior carpet installed 1 year ago, new battery summer of 2012, tires in excellent condition, all electrical in working condition, odometer is operational. New seats and covers. All service performed by Porsche Certified mechanic. Road ready for short or long trips. Practically rust-free, even in the “hell-hole”. Never sees rain, driven in beautiful weather ONLY! Currently stored in warm garage. Would make you proud at Parade in Traverse City. More pictures upon request. Mileage is 112,000, asking \$7,500 OBO. Contact Bob Younger at (616) 308-0313 or email robert.younger1@gmail.com (Jan 2013)

1972 PORSCHE 914 PARTS – We have a 1972 914 parts car with complete engine & transmission. Also most other parts. Also have a four-cylinder short block and additional 914 parts. Let us know what you need. Contact Randy Portoluri at (616) 842-9266 or email lindaportoluri@charter.net. (Sep 2012)

1989 PORSCHE 944S2 RACE CAR – PCA Stock E Class. Well-maintained and less than 10 hours on rebuilt engine. Recaro seat, B&B exhaust, 2 sets of 3-piece wheels (BBS & Forgeline), full cage, Bilstein coil-overs, Fabcar A-arms, quick-release steering wheel...to name just a few items. Comes with spare parts. Also available is a 24-foot Wells Cargo trailer, 5,000-lb axles, diamond plate floor, tire rack, winch and storage container. Contact Craig Ackerman at (616) 866-1905 or email pcaackerman@aol.com. (Sep 2012)

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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. Contact Glenn at (269) 751-5644. (July 2011)



BORLA CAT-BACK EXHAUST – Model #12654, fits most 2005-2008 Boxsters and Caymans. Professionally installed, then professionally uninstalled 48 hours later; didn’t pass the “wife test”! Performance gains were readily apparent. Paid \$1,400. Asking \$950 OBO. Contact Joe Venturella at (616) 949-6157, or email pjv3591@comcast.net. (Nov 2012)

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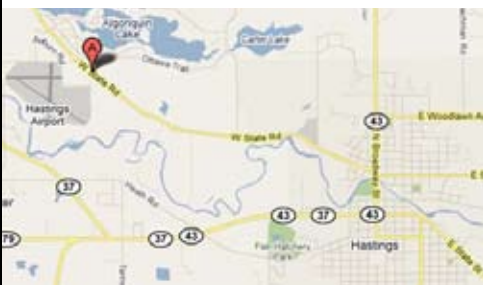
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