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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

March 2013

**Porsche Parade 2013 is coming to Traverse City!  
Registration begins on March 12**


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*Join us for our March Dinner Drive to the Grattan Irish  
Pub on Wednesday, March 16*

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# Get ready for PCA Parade 2013!

John Walters  
President, Western Michigan Region

REGISTRATION FOR PCA PARADE 2013 begins March 12th. Be sure to pre-register online if you want to participate in this wonderful event right here in our backyard! Look in the February Panorama for event descriptions and also consider volunteering to work an event or two. This is a great way to get to know fellow members from around the country. Many lifelong friendships have started this way.

On Sunday, the Morning-After Brunch at Cygnus made a great ending to the weekend festivities. I particularly enjoyed the coffee encrusted Bison tenderloin. Many tried the made to order omelettes. Those endless tasty mimosa's help the digestion! The thanks go to Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck.

If you have never been to the Gratten Bar, join us on March 13th for the annual dinner drive hosted by Kurt and Shirley Wirth. The Wednesday night special is all you can eat fish and chips. You can also enjoy the large choice of beverages. RSVP to Kurt, if you would like to join us.

Special congratulations are in order this month for members Bob and Barb Clark on attaining their 25th anniversary with the club! Congratulations! (And was 1988 really that long ago!?)

On a more somber note, our most sincere condolences go out to Doug Tepper on the loss of his father. Doug, you are in our hearts and prayers.

Warm weather will soon be here. The time is now to make plans for an exciting summer of Porsche fun! See you soon...

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# Porsche Parade 2013: Registration Begins March 12!!

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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!!



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## Upcoming Events: March Dinner Drive

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### 13 Mar **Dinner Drive to the Grattan Irish Pub** *Hosts: Kurt & Shirley Wirth*

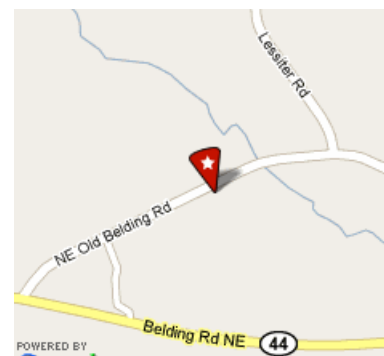
Meeting on what is usually a chilly and often rainy night in March for the warmth of friends at the Grattan Irish Pub has become a very popular tradition with our group, so plan on meeting up with us there once again this coming Wednesday, March the 13th!

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](mailto: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**  
11817 Old Belding Road NE  
Grattan, MI 48809  
(616) 794-1691



# Upcoming Events: Annual April Cookoff

20 Apr

## Gmünd Goulash: Party & Cookoff Competition

*Hosts: Terry & Dorilee Schieble*

Enter your favorite Goulash recipe in your Porsche Club's annual cookoff! Enter your own Goulash in a crock-pot and compete for:

- Judge's Choice
- People's Choice

Or, just be an official sampler of all the great recipes! All the extras will be provided, just bring your Goulash, and BYO beer and wine.

Cost is \$10 per person, or FREE for chefs who bring at least one quart of 'home grown' Goulash.



When:                   **6:30 pm, Saturday, 20 April 2013**

Where:                   **Terry & Dorilee Schieble's House**  
726 Lakeview Drive  
Portage, MI 49002  
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**Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 16th!**

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# TechSpalte: Spring-Time Performance Tips

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

WITH SPRING APPROACHING, we would like to remind you to review the article titled “Spring Start-Up” which appeared in the March 2012 edition of Uber Alles. You can review the article at <http://wmi.pca.org/members/Uber%202012/2012.03%20Uber%20Alles.pdf> or <http://www.euroautowerks.com/pca/think-spring/> if you no longer have the newsletter.

Last month we reviewed how not to change your oil and the response was great. I thank you for your encouraging comments. This month I would like to share a few tips that can make your cars perform better and last longer.

## ***Keep It Running Cool***

For those of you who own a water-cooled Porsche that’s over 4 years old, we highly recommend that you have the front radiators and condensers cleaned. The front radiator openings act like large vacuums and do a great job of sucking in air along with all the debris on the road. The debris plugs the openings in the cores and hinders their ability to cool properly.

This procedure does involve removing the front bumper covers and separating the radiators from the condensers. The buildup between the two can not be cleaned without performing this procedure. Often after cleaning we have removed approximately ½ gallon of debris.

If you find your car seems to still run warm, there are lower temperature thermostats available. A cooler running engine produces better power and improves longevity of the engine oil and internal components.



## ***Keep It Lubricated***

Here’s a great upgrade for the Autocrosser and those of us who drive in a “spirited” manner.

The new engines have a built in type of dry sump system which under hard cornering can allow the oil level to become low enough at the pickup area, that there will be a significant drop in oil pressure. Fortunately there is a deep sump system available which drops the oil pan down about ¼ inch and allows about a ½ quart of extra oil to be added.

The kit includes an extension for the oil pickup so it extends to the bottom of the new pan. In addition, the baffles or oil windows that keep the oil in the pickup area need to be modified or replaced at the same time to work properly. Installation of this system may be the difference of having or not having oil pressure during hard cornering. Best time to have this upgrade done is during an oil service. These kits start at \$285.00 for parts only, oil and installation will be additional.

Another lubrication tip we would suggest to our 1997 – 2008 owners with the M96 and M97 engine, is to convert to “spin-on” oil filters from the stock filters paper cartridge type. L&N Engineering has a “Spin-On” filter adapter which costs approximately \$150.00 and takes a NAPA Gold filter. Making this change can easily be done during a regular oil service and will ensure the complete filtering of all the oil. Installing a magnetic drain plug at the same time is also highly recommended. Cost for the plug is about \$25.00. The prices noted above are for the noted parts only, the NAPA Gold filter, oil and installation is additional.

Next month we’ll discuss upgrades for oil and air separators and chain tensioners. Until then rejoice – Spring begins this month!

# 2013 Calendar

## Western Michigan Region

### Porsche Club of America



<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>12</b>	Parade 2013 Registration Opens!
	<b>13</b>	March Dinner Drive – The Grattan Bar, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Hosts: Kurt &amp; Shirley Wirth</i>
<b>April</b>	<b>8</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>20</b>	Annual WMR PCA Cookoff – The Schieble's, Portage, MI <i>Hosts: Terry &amp; Dorilee Schieble</i>
<b>May</b>	<b>6</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>18</b>	May Sporting Clays Event – Blendon Pines, Zeeland, MI <i>Host: Jerry Arens &amp; Amber Door</i>
<b>June</b>	<b>31-1-2</b>	Belle Isle Grand Prix – IndyCar/GRAND-AM/ALMS Racing, Detroit, MI <i>Hosts: Dan &amp; Ren Phillips</i>
	<b>3</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>5</b>	Gilmore Gathering – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Host: Rick Riley</i>
	<b>13-16</b>	SEM Region DE Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI <i>Host: SEM Region PCA</i>
	<b>22-29</b>	PCA Parade 2013 – Traverse City, MI <i>PCA National Event</i>
<b>July</b>	<b>8</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>13</b>	Summer BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John &amp; Marshall Walters</i>
	<b>26-28</b>	P20 (Porsche to Ohio) – Granville, OH <i>Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA</i>
<b>August</b>	<b>3</b>	Red Barns Spectacular – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Hosts: Amber Door &amp; Jerry Arens</i>
	<b>5</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	August Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	<b>TBD</b>	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – US-131 Dragway, Martin, 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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# 2013 Calendar Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America

<b>September</b>	<b>5-8</b>	Niagra-on-the-Lake Wine Tour – Niagra-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada <i>Hosts: Len &amp; Bonnie Gawron</i>
	<b>9</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>14-15</b>	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	<b>20</b>	5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Hosts: Arnie &amp; Val Axelrod</i>
	<b>28</b>	September Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: Randy &amp; Linda Portoluri</i>
<b>October</b>	<b>5</b>	Annual Fall Color Tour – Traverse City, MI <i>Host: Patti Pelizzari</i>
	<b>7</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	October Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Hosts: TBD</i>
	<b>24-29</b>	PCA Escape 2013 – Los Angeles, CA <i>PCA National Event (<a href="http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx">http://www.pca.org/Activities/Escape.aspx</a>)</i>
<b>November</b>	<b>4</b>	Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>TBD</b>	November Dinner Drive – Location TBD <i>Host: Amber Door &amp; Jerry Arens</i>
<b>December</b>	<b>2</b>	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	<b>7</b>	December Appetizer Party – West Olive, MI <i>Hosts: Mike Karluk &amp; 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.*

# WinterFest; WMR's 2012 Enthusiast of the Year

*Text by John Walters and Dan Phillips; photos by Dan Phillips and Wolfgang Bubeck*

WHAT A BLAST 48 new and old friends had at Winterfest 2013!

The University Club does not disappoint, the service, appetizers and the main courses were delicious. The social hour took place in a west facing room where drinks and snacks were consumed watching the sunset, along with a Grand River view. Dinner was served in the formal dining room, tablecloths and all.

Our favorite MC Michael Betz announced the host awards with his witty candor and warmth. Door prizes were collected and the 50/50 raffle was paid out to new member Sue Siler (the other half goes to our chosen charity).



*Marshall Walters presents the Enthusiast of the Year for 2012*

WRM Enthusiast Chair Marshall Walters announced the winner of the 2012 Western Michigan Region Enthusiast of the Year award. Congratulations, Jerry Arens!

We offer a special thanks to Tim Thatcher and Euro Autowerks for the beautiful custom-made calendars that the Winterfest attendees received. We'd also like to thank Tim and Clyde for the wonderful tech articles that they provide for our Über Alles newsletter each month. Your knowledge and contributions are invaluable to us all!

Our sincere thanks go out to Arnie and Val Axelrod for arranging this perfectly sized and cozy venue, to Brenda Hildon-Kaempf for managing the details, and to Amber Door for helping make the evening run so smoothly. Events



*Jerry Arens takes home the Enthusiast of the Year Trophy for 2012*

like this do not just happen, there are many of our members contribute their time and talent (along with a multitude of door prizes) to make everything come together, and put on a first-class event for our membership.

Worthy of special mention, two of our Region's members were very successful in PCA Club Racing this year! Novice Club Racer Rick Riley took top honors in his class (not bad for a rookie!), and looks forward to many more hot laps around the track in the future. And, our own local champion, veteran PCA Club Racing legend Claudio Kaempf took 2nd in the nation in his class! Considering that a fender-rubbing not of his doing knocked him out of 1st, suffice it to say that Claudio will always be Number One in our book! Congratulations on a successful season, guys!



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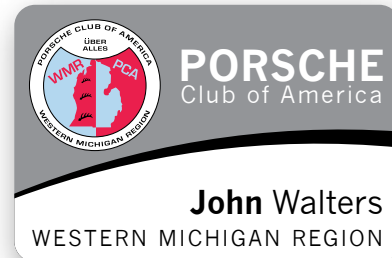
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### New Members:

*Willkommen!*

Glen & Julie Gordon – Traverse City, MI  
1990 Porsche 911

### March Anniversaries:

*Glückwünsche!*

1 year (2012)	Dave Chism Tom Hinnerstiz Joe & Pam Venturella
15 years (1998)	Daniel Mekar
25 Years (1988)	Bob & Barb Clark

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

Ron Carr, PCA Zone 4 Representative

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, and the snowbirds will be returning from Florida soon- keep an eye out for them and their motorcoaches. This will be a sure sign of an early spring! In next month's article I will have a complete listing of this summer's DE events, which start in April and run through October. 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:

- Check out the local Cars & Coffee events!!! 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. Despite the cold weather, the following region is planning to participate:
  - *Maumee Valley Region- Sunday, March 10th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, - Central Classic Cars, 8444 W. Central Ave., Sylvania, OH.*
- Join the Mid-Ohio Region for a Beer Tasting on Saturday March 16th, 2013 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm Eastern Time at Barley's Smokehouse, 1130 Dublin Rd, Columbus OH 43215; See the region website for additional details.
- The Northern Ohio Region will host its New Member Party at Porsche of Beachwood 25855 Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood, OH on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. See the latest region newsletter for details and registration.
- The Southeast Michigan Region will host a Member Parade Preview Dinner at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073 on Friday, March 15th, 2013. RSVP by 03/11/13 to Fred Young 586-566-3193, [fredyoung@knpanel.com](mailto:fredyoung@knpanel.com).
- Also in the Southeast Michigan Region area, the SEM Region is sponsoring a Tech Session at Gilson Motor-Sports on Saturday, March 23rd, 2013 From 11:00am to 2:00pm. If you drive your car with spirit, you will not want to miss this Tech Session. FREE food & refreshments!!! See additional information on the SEM website or newsletter.
- Join fellow Western Michigan Region members for their monthly Dinner Drive on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 PM (drinks) and 7:00 PM (dinner). Hosts Kurt and Shirley Wirth have made reservations at the Grattan Bar - now known as the Grattan Irish Pub 11817 Old Belding Road NE (Grand Rapids, MI area) 616.794.1691. Established in 1937, this restaurant is famous for their home-cooked meals, soups, and made-from-scratch pies. Please RSVP by Monday, March 11 by calling 616.956.0249 or sending an email to Kurt at [kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net](mailto:kurtwirthsc356@comcast.net).
- Registration opens (online only) on March 12th for the 58th Annual Porsche Parade to 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. The Parade Website is now available at <http://parade2013.pca.org/>. Please visit it often as it develops.
  - *Important Notice about Parade Registration: The basic event registration fee includes the entrant and a co-entrant. This co-entrant is your affiliate member as indicated on your PCA member login page. All additional guests in your party will be charged an additional fee per the registration rules. If you have not declared an affiliate member for your PCA membership, do this before registering for Parade- it will save you time and money. Contact the PCA National Office at <https://www.pca.org/AboutUs/Contacts.aspx> and they can help with these changes.*



# WMR Meeting Minutes, 04 February 2013

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*Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, February 4, 2013* – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:00pm. Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Dan Phillips, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Arnie Axelrod and Colin Carpenter.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 223 Primary Members, 169 Affiliate Members – total 392. New Members – Glen & Julie Gordon, Traverse City, '90 911. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – Joe & Mary Sue Prout to Everglades Region. Non renewals – 2. Renewals – 14

January Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: John has updates for the calendar which he will provide to Dan. Ted has a commitment for advertising from Great Lakes Chemical, which he will follow up on.

Webmaster' Report: No report

Insurance Report: Nothing to insure.

## Old Business:

- January 16 – Dinner Drive at Leo's. Hosted by Rick Riley. Attended by 28 members. A great time had by all.
- 2013 Calendar – John will provide updates to Dan for the Über.
- Enthusiast Award – All set. Marshall will present at WinterFest.
- January 19 – North American International Auto Show – Ron Carr organized a great weekend. A PCA video was shown on the large screen at the show.

## New Business:

- February 9 – WinterFest. Dan will bring the small 50th Anniversary banner. Brenda will check with University Club to find out if there is any way to display the historical displays. Rick and Claudio will bring their Zone and National awards from PCA Club Racing for display.
- WinterFest thank-you gifts – Wine has been purchased and we have a number of donated items for giveaway.
- February 10 – Morning-After Brunch at Cygnus, hosted by Wolfgang and Meluzka Bubeck
- New Member Social Subsidy – discussion about hosted a new member lunch in Spring 2013. More to follow.
- 2013 Porsche Parade – Registration opens March 12. A region-wide blast will go out from Ron Carr. Some regions are going to do a “pre-parade primer” and we'll try to do the same. Amber reported plans are moving forward smoothly. Having an issue with finding lift trucks for use. National will be back in April to meet and complete some of their work. Delta is providing transport for cards under warranty. Service will be available locally for those not under warranty. Amber suggested that those who are attending, review the website, and print everything off prior to registration which can be a 20-30 minute process.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm*

*Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf*



# Classifieds

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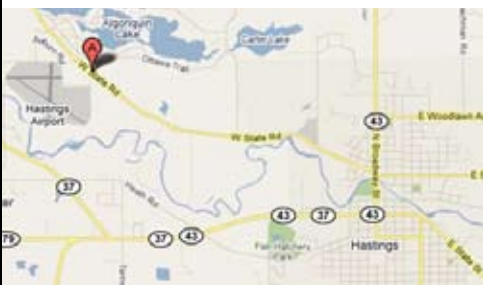
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