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On the Cover: Martini Racing Porsche 917 'Hippie' colors; Kurt Wirth's 356 Convertible at the entrance to Grattan; Photo by Kurt Wirth



Spring is Here!

John Walters President, Western Michigan Region

Getting the old Porsche (25 years old) ready for summer is part of the fun. My best plan for annual maintenance has expanded, as with some disassembly, more problems arose. Now is the time to get all those bits and pieces just right for a summer of fun and friends. Marshall and I have used up our Pelican gift certificate that was won as a door prize at Euro Autowerks Tech Session. (Thank you, Tim Thatcher and crew!) When the mechanicals are finished, I look forward to cleaning the inside and outside even better than usual, to make our baby ready for Porsche Parade this June.

The March Dinner Drive at the Grattan bar was a nice gathering of twenty seven new and old friends! As usual, I could not resist the fish and chips special. Last year, Marshall noticed how good the burgers looked and ordered one this year. What a great deal, if you can finish one of these, you have arrived very hungry. Thank you, Kurt and Shirley Wirth.

And May brings a different kind of event (for our region, anyway) -- a sporting clays event at Blendon Pines, followed by a short drive for lunch. You don't need to have any experience to participate -- guidance will be available. See the write-up in this issue for more information.

As I look out at the still frozen and snow covered lake (watching the geese and ducks circling, in vain, as they look for open water) I try to remind myself that warm weather will soon be here (it is now officially spring, after all). The time is now to make plans for an exciting summer of Porsche fun! Lots of fun events already planned, and always room for more! I hope to see each of you, again, very soon!

Special congratulations are in order for Arnie & Val Axelrod on being with WMR PCA for 25 years! Congratulations!

And, special congratulations go out to Stephen & Deborah Locke on their 40th anniversary with our club!!

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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 (269) 329-1578

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 16th!

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Upcoming Events: May and September

18 May

May Sporting Clays Event at Blendon Pines Gun Club

Hosts: Jerry Arens and Amber Door

Over the years, WMR has done a wide variety of events. So, to mix it up for 2013 we are taking you to Blendon Pines Gun Club for Sporting Clays, a form of claypigeon shooting that is described as "golf with a gun". Unlike traditional skeet shooting, sporting clays uses 6 shooting stations laid out over natural terrain to simulate the unpredictability of live-quarry shooting, offering a great variety of



trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations, distances, and target sizes. We have been assured that you do not have to be a sharp shooter to have fun at this event (which is going to be good for Amber).

This is outside and in the woods along a groomed trail. Please wear appropriate clothing & shoes. Eye and ear protection are MANDATORY, bring your own or purchase on site. The cost will be \$22.00, not including gun (rent @ \$10.00) / ammunition (purchase @ \$6.95/box). Of course you are welcome to bring your own shotgun. For those members that want to accompany another participant, but is are not interested in shooting, there is an indoor area available to hang out. Additionally, there are golf carts available if needed.

Following the event, since we are after all a car club, we will be taking a short drive for lunch to brag about our shooting prowess. Please **RSVP by Monday, May 13th** to Jerry Arens or Amber Door at (616) 457-4515, or email jdarens62@aol.com or Amdoor242@aol.com.

When: Saturday, May 18th, 10:30am

Where: Blendon Pines Gun Club, 8455 88th Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464

05-08 Sep

Labor Day Road Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake

Hosts: Len and Bonnie Gawron, lagawron@comcast.net / (231) 670-3274

Yes, the next big thing for the West Michigan Region of PCA is Porsche Parade 2013 in Traverse City this June. However, we do have other events planned for the balance of this year. One of these is the Labor Day weekend Niagara on the Lake Fall Vineyard Tour. While the planning continues, we did want to tell you a bit more information that you can decide if you would like to join us.



We will be departing West Michigan Friday morning for our drive across Michigan, the Bluewater Bridge, and on to Niagra on the Lake, Ontario, Canada. We plan to be lodged at the dramatic Prince of Wales Hotel (www.princeofwaleshotel.com) with its period architecture and unique antique-filled room decor. The

amenities offered seem endless, and will cater to your every need and pampering desire. Please visit their web site and browse through the available vineyard tours, local theater, and five-star restaurant offerings in this quaint small town. Of course, just 20 or so miles to the south is the world famous Niagra Falls with the long-running 'Maid of the Mist' up close and personal boat tour, and requisite colorful plastic rain gear. This is a must-do

stop you won't soon forget!



So much more to do than I could list here, so please investigate www.niagaraonthelake.com. We need to hear back from you to gage interest as there is a rather long lead time for reservations and once committed, you will be locked in. So, kindly respond before 30 June if you will be joining us. Please contact us directly with any questions and we'll do our best to answer them.



2013 Calendar Western Michigan Region Porsche Club of America





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 5	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Gilmore Gathering – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI Host: Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth
	8	Tech Session – Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI Hosts: Tim Thatcher & Clyde Sinclair
	13-16	SEM Region DE Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI Host: SEM Region PCA
	22-29	PCA Parade 2013 – Traverse City, MI PCA National Event
July	8 13	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Summber Charity BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI
	10	Hosts: John & Marshall Walters
	26-28	P2O (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



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September	5-8 9 14-15	Niagra-on-the-Lake Wine Tour – Niagra-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada Hosts: Len & Bonnie Gawron Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI
	14-13	Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge
	20	5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, Ml Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod
	28	September Dinner Drive – Location TBD Hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri
October	5	Annual Fall Color Tour – Traverse City, MI Host: Patti Pelizzari
	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 TBD	Annual Planning Dinner – Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI 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



TechSpalte: Oil-Air Separators, Timing Chain Tensioners, and Pre-Parade Tech Session

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

OIL AND AIR SEPARATORS — Often heard of, but rarely understood. These emission devices are designed to collect the residual gases and vapors in the engine crankcase and direct them via the intake system to the combustion chamber to be burned.

Failure of these units will often present the following conditions:

- Cause the Check Engine light to come on.
- Cause blue smoke to come out the tail pipe. (oil is sucked into the intake manifold and then burned in the combustion chamber.) Obviously such a condition will adversely effect the emissions of the engine.
- Cause your car to run and/or idle poorly as well as smoke.
- Create a high amount of vacuum in the crankcase.
 One way to tell if this is the case is to carefully remove the oil cap with the engine running. If the cap is difficult to remove because it is held in place by a high vacuum, the separator may be failing.

Upgraded oil/air separators are available and most likely you would not need to upgrade beyond the factory upgrade unless you do a lot of hard track time. If you experience smoke out the tailpipe after a hard run at the track, you may want to consider the higher upgrade. The manufacturer has upgraded the stock separator to meet most applications, however there are aftermarket separators that are larger in size to help eliminate the "track day" smoke.

TIMING CHAIN TENSIONERS — Timing chains run from the crankshaft to the camshafts with the tension of the chain being controlled by a pressurized tensioner. If the tensioner fails, it allows the chain to become loose causing a rattle in the engine. A loose tensioner could also allow the chain to "jump" timing, which would cause damage to the valve train of your engine.

As of 2000, Porsche came out with an updated version of the chain tensioner for the M96 engine. If you are hearing a rattle on start-up that disappears after the oil pressure builds up, you may want to consider replacing your tensioners with the updated version and save yourself some grief down the road.

EURO TECH SESSION CONCEPT - Prior to the Parade

With our tech session scheduled just two weeks prior to the 2013 Parade, I thought it might be a good idea to allow you to schedule time on a hoist to complete any last minute cleanup that you can't get done at home. Those of you who will be driving in the autocross will have a chance to check your car out while in the air. We'll also have scales available for the more serious Autocrossers looking for that additional edge. In addition, Tim will be available to assist you with any technical questions you may have.

Hoist time will be allotted between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM depending upon the number of participants who register.

Again, as we did last year, food will be provided and door prizes will be awarded, so please come join us whether you want hoist time or not.

Come on down, and let's have a good showing of our Region at Parade.

YOU ARE INVITED: Join Tim and Deb as they celebrate their marriage. A reception will be held Saturday, July 20th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Townsend Park, just north of Cannonsburg Road on Ramsdell Rd., in Cannon Twp. There will be a parking paddock for specialty cars. Join us for food, music and camaraderie. We hope to see you there.

REGISTRATION FOR EVENTS: To register for lift time at our Open House/Tech Session or to register for the reception, please email us at admin@euroautowerks. com. Be sure to let us know if you would like to reserve hoist time at the Tech Session and/or attend the reception. Please specify the number of guests that will be attending the reception. RSVP is required for both events by May 31, 2013.

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New Members: Willkommen!

Michael Bowers & Cecilia McInnis-Bowers – Grand Rapids, MI 2013 Porsche Boxster (Transfer from Florida Citrus Region)

April Anniversaries: Glückwünsche!

1 year (2012) Wolfgang Hoffman

15 years (1998) Scott & Alyson Booth

25 Years (1988) Val & Arnie Axelrod

40 Years (1973) Stephen & Deborah Locke

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The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Contributed by WMR Member Rick Riley

"This is what it's all about..."

Two years ago, in 2011, my "Stonegray" 1958 Speedster was invited to the 2012 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. It is an honor to be invited.

The plan was to have Neil Goldberg of Neil's 356 Restoration accompany the car along with myself due to the fact Neil assembled the '58 in Troy Michigan.

Then disaster struck. The Tuesday after returning from the Rennsport Reunion at Laguna Seca, Neil had a massive stroke.

I called Bill Warner, the chairman and founder of the Amelia Concours and told him about Neil. He immediately agreed that we should postpone showing "Stonegray" until 2013, to allow Neil to recover.

And recover he did. Due to the wonders of modern technology, his loving wife Peggy and his son and daughter, and a LOT of hard work, Neil is back working at his love of restoring 356s.

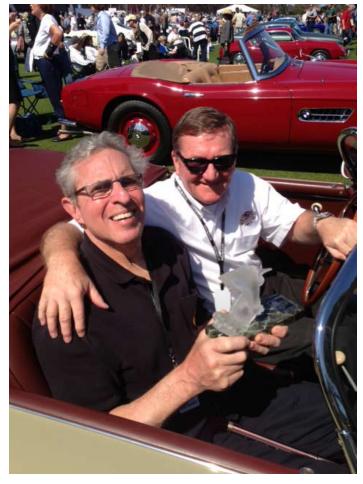
Stonegray and the prototype 1985 were transported to Amelia Island and arrived safe and sound. More about the prototype in a future article.

First issue. I have 2 cars to get to the show field and Neil has not yet mastered a clutch as yet.

Solution. Parked next to us in the staging area was none other than Vic Skirmants, world-renowned 356 Speedster racer and best buddy of Neil. Vic said he would be honored to drive Neil on to the field! Perfect!

So at 6:00am Sunday morning, pre dawn, we drove in tandem to the Ritz-Carlton to be staged on the golf course for the show.

To make a long wonderful day short, Stonegray placed second in class against an amazing one off Ferrari. (Not too shabby.)



Rick and Neil with the trophy for Stonegray

So one year later than planned, and for the second time in this car (Lion award @ Medowbrook), Neil and I made the ride to the reviewing stand to receive our second place trophy. The sun was out, Neil was smiling and the cameras were rolling. Perfect.

I want to thank Bill Warner and everyone associated with the Amelia Island Course for inviting us and allowing Neil to recover so he could attend the event.

If you have not attended Amelia Island I would suggest you put it on your bucket list. I have never attended an event of this stature where I have seen so many smiling and happy people.

More on the rest of the weekend later. Until then, see you, down the road!



WMR Meeting Minutes, 04 March 2013

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, March 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, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth and Colin Carpenter.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

<u>Membership Report:</u> 223 Primary Members, 170 Affiliate Members – total 393. New Members – 0. Transfers In – Michael Bowers & Cecilia McInnis-Bowers, Grand Rapids, '13 Boxster, from Florida Citrus. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 2. Renewals – 13

January Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed.

<u>Uber Alles Editor's Report:</u> Euro Autoworks tech session will be added to the calendar.

Webmaster' Report: No report

Insurance Report: Nothing to insure.

Old Business:

- February 9 WinterFest, University Club Nice event, great atmosphere, food and camaraderie.
- WinterFest thank you gifts Many thanks to all who donated!
- February 10 Morning-After brunch at Cygnus Hosted by Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck wonderful time had by all.

New Business:

- March Dinner Drive The Grattan Bar, hosted by Kurt & Shirley Wirth a blast will go out to membership as a reminder.
- Zone 4 President's meeting as reported by Marshall Walters:
- Sean Reardon presented PCNA Goals:
 - Grow membership
 - Full time hire for Panorama (advertising)
 - Re-design of website (to be contracted). Ease of use is a priority
 - · Hire media coordinator
 - Club racing initiatives
 - PCA National volunteer to support regional websites
 - Every region should have a budget
 - Annual statements to be audited by an outside member of the region/club
 - Track financials
 - Use of media to promote activities
 - Submit "what's happening" in regions to Panorama
- Zone 4 DE Meeting Events seem to be going well in most regions but not ours. There was discussion regarding safety, instructor training and a new tech sheet that has been developed.
- New Member Social & Charity Subsidy enhancements
 - Charity Subsidy is larger now and is to be used to help fund the activity
 - New Member Subsidy is meant to be used to benefit the new members
- 2013 Porsche Parade There will be a street survival course geared for teens ages 16,17 \$75. Must use an autocross/DE instructor. A zone party is in the works. We have a sponsor but will ask each region to provide financial support as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

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)

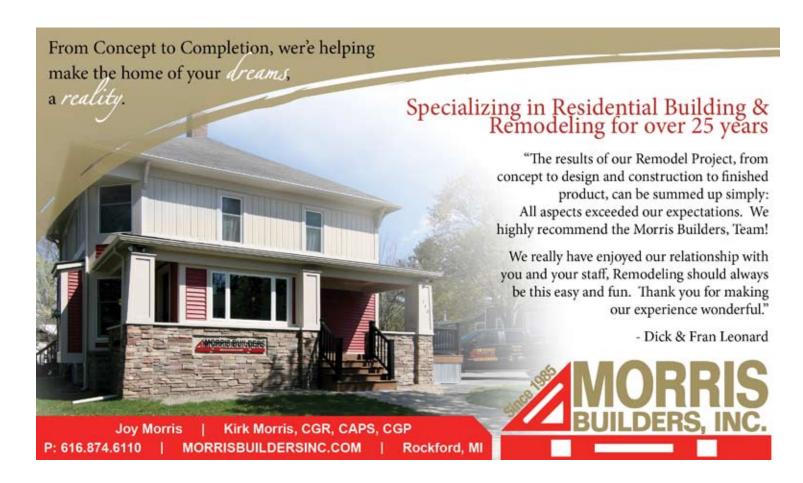
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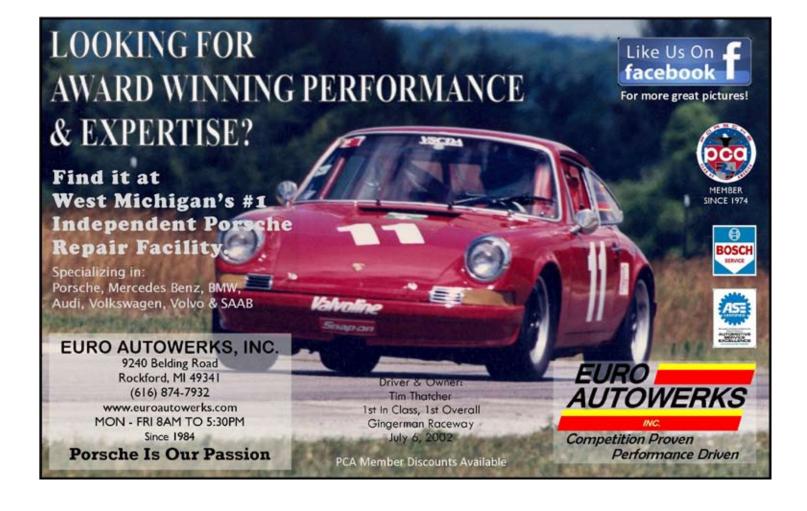
1989 PORSCHE 944S2 RACE CAR – PCA Stock E Class. Well-maintained and less than 10 hours on rebuilt engine. Recaro seat, B&B exhaust, 2 sets of 3-piece wheels (BBS & Forgeline), full cage, Bilstein coil-overs, Fabcar A-arms, quick-release steering wheel...to name just a few items. Comes with spare parts. 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)

WHEELS AND TIRES – OEM Porsche Cayman S 18" factory wheels (2008) with Pirelli Sottozero winter tires. Set of 4 (2 rear and 2 front w/TPMS), can be used on Boxsters, Caymans, and 911s. Great condition, used two winter seasons. Tires have 50% tread remaining, sizes are 235/40-R18 91V front, 265/40-R18 97V rear. Priced at \$1,000. Contact Jamie Akemann at (616) 682-5302 or email jamieakemann12@comcast.net. (December 2012)

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)

AUTO DETAILING SERVICE – References available. Call or e-mail Eric at Professional Car Appearance, LLC, (616) 706-4421 or ericpca911@yahoo.com.





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