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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

June 2013

Porsche Parade 2013 is coming to Traverse City this month! Registration is open!

Upcoming Events: Gilmore Gathering in June, June Tech Session, Parade, Charity BBQ in July!

TechSpalte: Spring into summer with a few maintenance reminders from Tim

Many exciting summer events added to our calendar - check them out!



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Porsche Parade 2013 is Near!

John Walters
President, Western Michigan Region

I HOPE ALL OF YOU have your Porsches ready for Parade! Ours is finally tuned up (new plugs and wires, among other parts). We are very much looking forward to the last week in June (it will be my second parade, and Marshall's first). Thanks to the hard work of all the tour leaders/planners, plus all of the attendees who will be volunteering, this will be a great event and a great way to show off some prime Michigan landscape to a number of Porsche enthusiasts who have never experienced a Great Lakes state. If you haven't registered yet, it is not too late. And you need to be registered to enjoy the hospitality tent and other events (looking at the cars is free).

Everyone had a great time at Blendon Pines (thank you Amber and Jerry!) This sporting clays event had a great turn-out -- proving that we are club with diverse interests (not just dinners and racing). A few upcoming events are the Wednesday evening drive-in at the Gilmore Car Museum, on June 5th, and our charity barbeque on July 13th (details later in this issue). The Red Barn Spectacular (also at the Gilmore Car Museum) is the first weekend in August. But August is a long month (31 days) and there is room on the calendar for another event!

There are more great events on the way, including a post-Labor Day tour of the Niagara wine region. For those of us who enjoy the occasional bottle from the vine, this will be a treat -- this region is especially known for their ice wines (eiswein, for those who prefer the German spelling). Please contact Len Gawron for more details. But hurry, rooms will need to be reserved soon!

This is your club, and we are always looking to you, the members, to provide input and help. We are specifically looking for someone to help with the website (which Michael Betz has in fantastic shape) and a person to assist with media communications (tweets re: special and/or charity events, etc. and possibly maintaining our Facebook page). If you, or someone you know (including your children), would be interested in helping out with either of these roles (or anything else), please contact a board member. This type of experience could boost a resume!

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Upcoming Events: May and June

05 Jun

Gilmore Gathering

Hosts: Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth

What could be more enjoyable on a sunny Wednesday afternoon in June than a back-road blast down to the Gilmore Car Museum to enjoy all things automotive with your friends from the Porsche club?

We'll be on site shortly after 12:00 noon on Wednesday the 5th. Exhibits close at 5:00 pm, so if you would like to tour the exhibits you will just HAVE to take the afternoon off! Wednesday is cruise night (hot rods and other cool stuff), the Blue Moon Dinner will be open until 9:00 pm, and we have NO formal agenda planned...so please just come down and enjoy this jewel that is right in our back yard. No need to RSVP, just show up when you feel like it. See you at the Gilmore!



08 Jun

Pre-Parade Tech Session at Euro Autowerks

Hosts: Tim Thatcher, Clyde Sinclair

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 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.

When: **Saturday, June 8th, 9:00am to 1:00 pm**
Where: **Euro Autowerks**
9240 Belding Road, Rockford, MI 49341



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.

Upcoming Events: July BBQ, and...Grattan!!

13 Jul

July Barbecue and Charity Fundrasier Event

Hosts: John & Marshall Walters

We hope you'll join us on Saturday, July 13th for a barbeque at our house on Selkirk Lake. We are hoping for a sunny afternoon of food and fun on the water! Please BYOB, along with a lawn chair and swim suit.

All food will be provided. However, we are requesting a suggested \$10 per person donation, to go to our club's chosen charity for the year – Century Driving School. We are also requesting that you bring a bag of nonperishable food items, to be donated to Feeding America West Michigan (part of Second Harvest Gleaners). Please visit wmr.pca.org for directions to the house if you need them.

When: 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 13

Where: John and Marshall's house, 2578 Seymoure Drive, Shelbyville, MI

Please RSVP by July 8th to (269) 672-5055 or marshall.walters@towerswatson.com.



**14-15
Sep**

Annual Grand Prix of Grattan – Save the Date!

With all that's going on with the Club this summer, time is sure to fly by! So please take a moment and mark your calendars for our annual Grand Prix of Grattan DE event on September 14-15. The cost will be the same as last year, and the fun will be...priceless!!

Registration will open in June at clubregistration.net. Contact DE Chair Ted Blacklidge at (616) 866-4143 or email sgrafex@chartermi.net with any questions!



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2013 Calendar

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May	31-	
June	1-2	Belle Isle Grand Prix – IndyCar & GRAND-AM Racing, Detroit, MI
	3	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	5	Gilmore Gathering – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Host: Rick Riley & Kurt Wirth</i>
	8	Tech Session – Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Tim Thatcher & Clyde Sinclair</i>
	8	IROC AutoCross Practice Day – Spartan Speedway, Mason, MI <i>Host: MotorStadt Region PCA</i>
	13-16	SEM Region DE Event – Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI <i>Host: SEM Region PCA</i>
	15	CruZionsville Porsche Show & Charity Event – Zionsville, IN <i>Host: Central Indiana Region PCA (www.cruzionsville.com)</i>
	22-29	PCA Parade 2013 – Traverse City, MI <i>PCA National Event</i>
	28-30	Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix – Lexington, OH <i>Non-PCA Event</i>
July	5-7	Mid-Ohio Club Race and Advanced Solo DE – Bellville, OH <i>Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA (www.morpca.org)</i>
	8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Summer Charity BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John & Marshall Walters</i>
	20	IROC I AutoCross & BBQ – Spartan Speedway, Mason, MI <i>Host: MotorStadt Region PCA</i>
	26-28	P20 (Porsche to Ohio) – Granville, OH <i>Host: Mid-Ohio Region PCA</i>
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>
	17	German Auto Service’s Annual Open House – GAS, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: German Auto Service (www.germanautoltd.com)</i>
	TBD	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

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
	14-15	Grand Prix of Grattan DE – Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI <i>Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge</i>
	20	5th Annual Golf Outing – Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, MI <i>Hosts: Arnie & Val Axelrod</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.*

In Review: May Sporting Clays at Blendon Pines

Text by Amber Door; Pictures by Amber Door and Dan Phillips

Who says cars, guns, and the woods don't mix? For over 20 members of WMR and their guests, cars and guns (in the woods) were the focuses of the day on our outing to the Blendon Pines Gun Club for our hand at sporting clays. The level of experience ranged from those who brought their own gun (and had clearly spent time with it) to those of us who had never shot a shotgun before (Amber & Bettie). By the end of the event, 12 stations and 50 shells later, everyone was talking about how much fun they had. And fun was had regardless of the number of clays anyone hit! Our group ranged from a high of 28 (Bill White) to under 5. My goal was 1, having never shot a shotgun, and I exceeded that with 4 hits on Ted Blacklidge's 410 with a double trigger. Not exactly a sharp-shooter, but...



Carmine, Arnie, Bettie, & Gary



Rick Riley takes aim

After our round of clays, the cars (and 2 trucks) strutted their stuff for a 40 minute tour on the back roads from Zeeland into Allendale, Eastmanville, Lamont, and Marne (with an unexpected neighborhood scenic detour to avoid the Lamont Tractor Festival) to our final destination of the day. The Crooked Goose Pub in Standale was that final spot where we enjoyed some food, hydration, and shooting stories. (If you have a hankering for a fried bologna sandwich, this is the place for you – just ask Ted or Jerry.)

If you could not make it this year – never fear, every participant thinks that we should do it again. So we will!



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Paul & Elizabeth Luce – East Grand Rapids, MI (1997 Porsche 911)

Stefan Gravis – Grawn, MI (1999 911)

Dale Porter – Grand Rapids, MI (2002 Porsche 911)

June Anniversaries:

Glückwünsche!

1 year (2012) Tom & Marian Benedict
Cameron Bowman & Eric Snyder
Gregg DeWitt
Tom Harris & Verna Surprenant
Larry & Joanne Lunt
Amar Meda Prakash
Larry & Jeanne Rist

10 years (2003) Andy & Mary Boesky
Fred & Judy Holt
Timothy Kruse

20 years (1993) Henry Upjohn II (20 years!!)

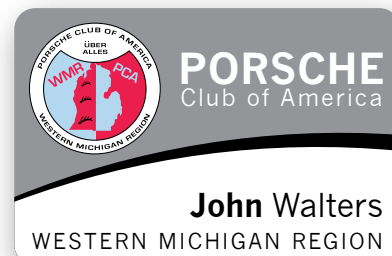
40 Years (1973) Craig & Barbara Paull (Woo-hoo!!!!)

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TechSpalte: Spring Into Summer With These Maintenance Reminders

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

CABIN AIR FILTER – Perhaps you just changed it last fall, but you had better check it. Often over the winter months, creatures eat right through them and get into the air

distribution box build their new home. One unfortunate resident had a pretty fast ride on the fan motor, resulting in some vibration when the fan was turned on.



OIL CHANGES – Oil fill tubes on our Boxters like to crack after time. If you change your own oil and see it dripping on

your floor after adding oil, this could be the cause. This hose runs from your oil fill cap down to the engine block and cracking is a common problem. If the tube breaks, it can also cause a vacuum leak, same as leaving your oil cap off. So if you see drips or your engine has a lot of oil on the pan side, this could be the cause.



EXTENDED OIL CHANGE PERIODS – Extending your oil service can have deadly results such as plugging up the oil pickup tube and screen. This is a problem that we are seeing in several manufacturer’s cars that go with the “long-life” oil service. I’m sure you never let your Porsche oil service go to this extent, but many of us drive other cars that may.

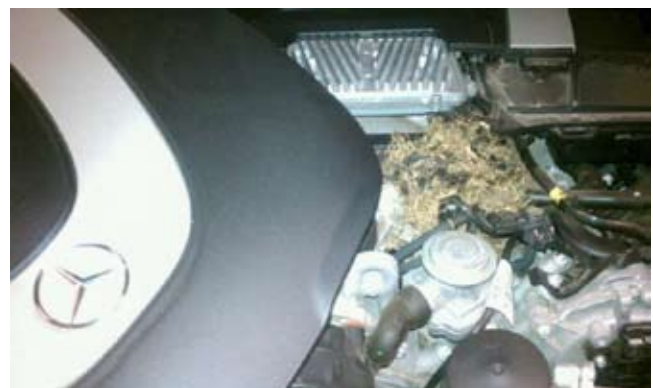


Changing your oil is still the cheapest and best maintenance item you can do. Even though it may seem expensive, it’s still a lot cheaper than paying to repair the damage caused by a plugged pickup screen.

WATER COOLED PORSCHE TIP – If your temp gauge runs a little high or you’re A/C doesn’t perform like it used to, check the front air inlets for your radiators for debris. Often the radiators and condensers may be plugged up and proper air flow is prohibited. With a quick glance they may look clean, but often we find that they are plugged with fine debris between the units. Because they are sandwiched together, debris that gets between them often cannot get out.

CRITTERS AND CARS DON’T MIX – It doesn’t take long for mice or other such animal to take up residence in your car. We recently removed a well built nest from a customer’s 1986 911. It seems like the little guy found the space behind the front blower pretty cozy.

Another customer recently left his garage door up just long enough for a woodchuck to find a nice warm spot in the engine compartment of his Envoy. When the vehicle wouldn’t start he opened the hood only to see a very upset woodchuck looking at him. After some exciting moments, the woodchuck was dispatched, but not until he had created more than eleven hundred dollars worth of damage.





WMR Meeting Minutes, 06 May 2013

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, May 6, 2013 – Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:05 pm. Members present were: John Walters, Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Rick Riley, Gabi Blacklidge, Ted Blacklidge, Len Gawron, Arnie Axelrod

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: Primary Members – 229; Affiliate Members – 174; Total 403; New Members – 1; Transfers In – 3; Transfers Out – 1; Non renewals – 3; Renewals – 16

January Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Requesting cover photos from members.

Webmeister's Report: No report. Website looks good.

Insurance Report: No report.

Old Business:

- April - Annual WMR PCA Cookoff - Gmünd Goulash - Hosts Terry & Dorilee Scheible; a well attended event, write up in the Über coming with winners
- New member Social & Charity Subsidy enhancements
- WMR media relations chair
- Advertising for Über Alles: continue to pursue additional advertisers
- Webmeister volunteers - looking for an interested member

New Business:

- May 18 - Sporting Clays Event – Blendon Pines, Zeeland MI: Hosts Jerry Arens/Amber Door
- 2013 Porsche Parade Wine Tours
- 2013 Porsche Parade – Volunteer for driving tours; still looking for additional volunteers
- 2013 Porsche Parade – update:
 - Cooking Demonstrations added
 - Zone 4 Party – Thursday. Board approved 50.00 donation to subsidize party

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amber Door



Classifieds

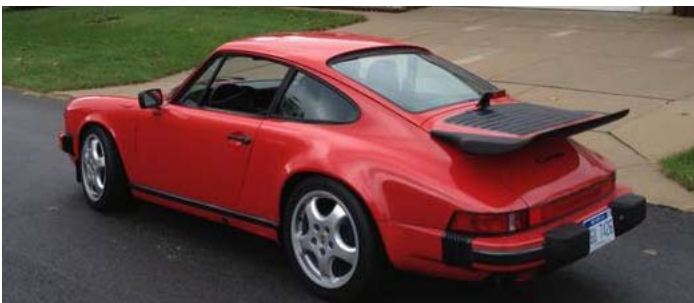
2000 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET – 6 speed manual, black on black, 10,000 miles on a new set of Michelin Pilot Sport AS Plus, new battery, a few cosmetic road marks in the front, interior in good shape. It runs and handles excellent, everything works, no leaks, 81,000 miles, asking \$22,000. Feel free to contact me for more photos. Located in Northport, MI – just 35 miles from the 2013 Porsche Parade! Contact Norm Golm at (231) 386-5857 or email ncgolm@gmail.com. (June 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)



1987 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA – 3.2 liter, Guards Red over black leather. The car currently has 121k miles on the odometer. Recently received a valve adjustment, rebuilt alternator, new turbo tie rods, and an all-wheel alignment, along with new brakes and rotors. The car has new cup wheels and Toyo tires. The car runs great, sounds awesome, and doesn’t leak any fluids. Asking \$ 22,500. Contact Tom Hinnershitz at (203) 273-8034 or email hinnershitz@gmail.com. (May 2013)



1969 PORSCHE 911 T COUPE – Serial #119122121. Excellent condition ,garaged winters, cream yellow, restored 4 years ago, upgraded to S specs. Vented brake rotors & lines, Fuchs wheels, PMO carburetors, MSD ignition, Weltmeister suspension upgrades (CamberMeister strut brace, front & rear torsion, sway bars, bushings & tie rods), Koni shocks. New dashboard, windshield, internal antenna & booster, and even a battery tender installed. Also has electric S mirrors, sunroof, electric door locks, S front air dam, and a mahogany steering wheel & shift knob. Porsche certified mechanical work always. Located in Kalamazoo. Contact Diane Parish at (269) 544-2674, or email didee73@msn.com. (May 2013)



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)

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)

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)

WANTED – Set of tires (205 55/R16 & 225 50/R16) to be used for DE events for my 1980 911SC (stock 6” and 7” Fuchs). Please contact Kevin Pinner at klpinner@gmail.com. (May 2013)

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