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July 2013

Porsche Parade 2013: A smashing success as over 800 Porsches gather in Traverse City

Upcoming Events: July BBQ; August Red Barns Spectacular, IROC III AutoCross, and August Dinner Drive

TechSpalte: Tim Thatcher gives us an overview of Direct Injection Systems

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A Summer Filled with Porsche Fun

John Walters
President, Western Michigan Region

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, Porsche Parade 2013 will be history... I missed out on our Gilmore Gathering on June 5. If previous years are an indication, this was a fun, casual event. Thank you for hosting to Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth. Tim Thatcher and crew hosted the June 8th tech session, giving free advice about how to set up a car for a day at the track. Also, they provided a lunch of chicken fillets and brats on the grill, with great side dishes as well. Red sure knows his way around the grill.

The 3rd annual Air-Cooled Show at the Gilmore Car Museum was a fine way to see some unusual cars. A 1919 Franklin Sedan (unrestored) driven by father and son from Jackson, Michigan stole the show. Members Greg Calahan, Bob Clark, Jerry Broersma and Lane VerSchure drove their Porsches to this non-PCA event (and there were a few PCA members from the east side of the state as well). We were impressed by the new Model A Museum – the displays included other items and information related to the era (along with many cars, of course).

In September, we have Grattan, the 5th Annual Golf Outing at Egypt Valley, and a dinner drive at the end of the month. Unfortunately, the Niagara-on-the-Lakes wine tour is being postponed for a year...so block your calendars for 2014!

This is your club, and we are still 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, but would like to step down) 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! Also looking for suggestions for our designated charity for 2014 – contact a board member...or come to a meeting!

Editor's Note: Our cover color this month was chosen to honor the many WMR members who wore the dark-cherry color of the Volunteer t-shirts, as they volunteered their time and energy to help make Porsche Parade 2013 a success. Thank you!!

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Upcoming Events: July BBQ, Aug RBS, & 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 Seymour Drive, Shelbyville, MI

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



03 Aug

Gilmore Red Barns Spectacular and Porsche Car Corral

Hosts: Amber Door & Jerry Arens

Western Michigan Region PCA will again be joining hundreds of other car enthusiasts (and 1,000+ vehicles) for the 33rd annual Red Barn Spectacular. It is West Michigan's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic and special interest car shows. In addition to cars, the event has special displays of antique boats and campers. The event includes a swap meet, food booths, judge's Concours and people's choice Concours.

The WMR Porsche Club will have a Porsche-only car corral located on the north end of the race track (located on the west side of the museum grounds).

You may also enter your 1988 and older Porsche in the People's choice category. Feel the need to Detail? Then enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1988 and older vehicles). You must register separately for this portion of the event (visit www.gilmorecarmuseum.org).

Entry Fees: \$20.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), 1988 & older only
\$10.00/person for general admission (Corral Cars), Free for children under 11

When: Saturday, August 3rd, 2013; gates open at 7:00 am

Register before 11:00 am (sharp!) in order to be allowed into the car corral area

Where: Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060



**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!



Upcoming Events: August

24 Aug **August Dinner Drive to the Bostwick Lake Inn, followed by Desert at the Ackermans' Home**
Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips, Craig & Chris Ackerman



Wind down the last remaining days of summer with your friends from PCA, with a relaxed drive through the countryside, followed by dinner at the Bostwick Lake Inn. The BLI serves a casual, creative American menu in a beautiful lakeside setting. After dinner, bring your swimsuit and favorite beverage over to Craig & Chris Ackerman's home for desert and a little afterparty!

Meet us at 4:00 pm at the Park & Ride lot on the SE corner of the intersection of I-96 and the East Beltline (right by Malarky's), and we'll depart from there at 4:30 sharp, for a 5:30 arrival at BLI. **Please RSVP to Ren Phillips at (616) 281-2459 or renukaphillips@gmail.com.** See you there!

25 Aug **IROC III, our Annual AutoCross Event**

It's time once again to melt the pavement at our annual AutoCross event at the US-131 Dragway in Martin! If you've never experienced an AutoCross event, it's the cheapest way (25 bucks!) for you to get some real track time in your car, in a safe and controlled environment. We compete against the clock, one person at a time on the course, and learn how to properly hustle your car through a tight road course. You might even earn the Fastest Time of the Day trophy!



Please be sure you have your car safely set up for the track. All the tech rules of DE events apply to Auto-Crossing, including the rollover protection and helmet requirements (Snell 2005 or newer, SA or M rated). Please contact Duane Weed at (231) 250-9624, or email duane@dwvideo.com for any questions relating to this event. See you there!

When: Runs begin at 9:00 am

Where: US 131 Dragway, Martin, MI

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In Review: Porsche Parade 2013



Text by Dan Phillips; Photos by Dan Phillips, Michael Betz, and Mackinac Images



WHAT A WEEK! Porsche Parade is PCA's most important annual event, hosted in a different part of the country each year. Last year it was in Salt Lake City, UT, the year before in Savannah, GA...and this year, the 58th annual Porsche Parade was held right here in our very own Western Michigan Region, in Traverse City, Michigan!

Back in 1989, the 34th annual Porsche Parade was held in Traverse City. Many attendees of this year's event attended Parade in '89, and remember it fondly. The national Parade committee and hundreds of volunteers from our Region and many others worked hard to ensure Porsche Parade 2013 would be even more spectacular and memorable.

If you've never been to Parade, you owe it to yourself to go at least once. The annual spectacle of almost a thousand Porsches all in one place can't be matched. Porsche enthusiasts from all over learn from one another, compete against each other, and share their passion for design, engineering, and performance of Porsche cars in a week-long 'parade' of competitive and social events. Lifelong friendships are forged, old ones are rekindled, and the general spirit of camaraderie among PCA members from far-flung regions of the country is really special.

Our week in Traverse City began with a day of thousands of arrivals at the Grand Traverse Resort, and a Hawaiian-themed welcome party sponsored by Pirelli. Porsche is a major sponsor of Porsche Parade, and they made our first evening incredibly special by introducing, for the first time to the public, the new 50th Anniversary Edition of the Porsche 911! This was very unusual, and reflected Porsche's commitment to Porsche Clubs and to its sports cars by

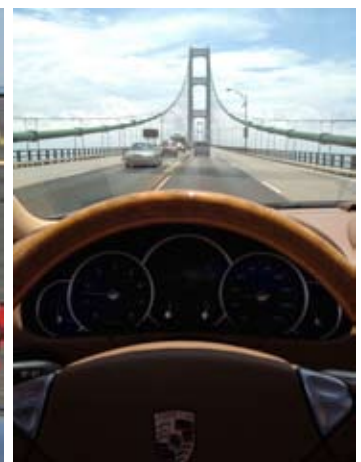


making the first public display of this special 911 not in Berlin, not in Geneva, not in Detroit, not in LA...but at Porsche Parade 2013 in Traverse City, Michigan. We were honored!

Monday brought the start of a terrific week, starting with the Porsche Concours d'Elegance, the historic display, and the Michelin Drive & Compare. WMR member Rick Riley showed 'Speedy' at the historic display, alongside many other unique and special historic Porsches, including a 904, several Monte Carlo rally cars, and the first 911 designated 'typ 911' by the factory (compared to 'typ 901'), a gorgeous '64 owned by none other than Jerry Seinfeld.



The week continued on with a number of spectacular driving and bus tours with record attendance, including Sleeping Bear Dunes tours to Arcadia Bluffs, Leelenau Peninsula tours to Leland, Inland Lakes tours to Petoskey, and Mackinac Island tours to the Grand and Iroquois hotels. Bus tours brought groups to the Platte river for a great canoe trip, and around Leelenau peninsula for winery tours. *(cont. on p. 10)*



Scenes from one of the several Mackinac Island Tours

2013 Calendar

Western Michigan Region

Porsche Club of America



July	8	Monthly Board Meeting – Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI
	13	Deutsche Marques – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <i>Non-PCA Event</i> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
	13	Summer Charity BBQ & Picnic – Shelbyville, MI <i>Hosts: John & Marshall Walters</i> 2:00 pm - later
	20	IROC I AutoCross & BBQ – Spartan Speedway, Mason, MI <i>Host: MotorStadt Region PCA</i>
	26-28	P20 (Porsches 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
	17	German Auto Service's Annual Open House – GAS, Grand Rapids, MI <i>Host: German Auto Service (www.germanautoltd.com)</i>
	24	August Dinner Drive & Afterparty – Bostwick Lake Inn, Rockford, MI <i>Hosts: Dan & Ren Phillips, Craig & Chris Ackerman</i>
	25	IROC III, the annual WMR Autocross – US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI
September	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>

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James Rogers – Williamsburg, MI
1999 Porsche 911

July Anniversaries:

Glückwünsche!

1 year (2012) Ralph & Denise Ford
Tom & Jacquelyn McDonald

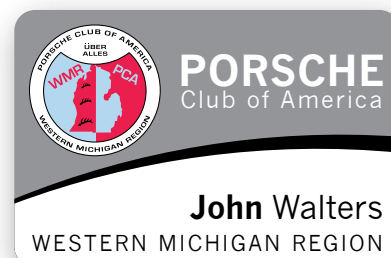
15 years (1998) Bob & Ann Erler

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In Review: Porsche Parade 2013 (continued)



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Competitive events rounded out the week with a two-day AutoCross, TSD rally, the famous Tech Quiz, an RC car competition, and Zone and Region parties, evening banquets, and events for kids and families. The week culminated on Saturday with the Volunteer party, an actual parade of Porsches through Traverse City and Mission peninsula, and the highly anticipated Victory Banquet, at which the winners of the Porsche Cayman raffle were announced. (They gave away TWO Caymans, and also two all-expense-paid trips to Germany!)

As people left on Sunday, there was even an official DE event held at Grattan raceway. What better way to end a week of Porsche thrills?



WMR Member Darren Draves tears it up at the AutoCross



Cayennes lined up for the parade

Cayman raffle winners

For more on Porsche Parade 2013, please visit parade2013.pca.org, and browse through the links. You'll find results from all the competitive events (WMR members had a great showing overall!), and a fantastic photo gallery with hundreds of great photos documenting our week in Traverse City. Enjoy!



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- Ted and Gabriele Blacklidge

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In Review: April's Gmünd Goulash Annual Cookoff

Text by Dorilee Schieble; Photos by Dorilee Schieble and Dan Phillips

30 ATTENDEES...9 RECIPES...3 JUDGES...2 WINNERS...

This year's judges were Greg Koning, Ren Phillips, and Marshall Walters. Their pick for the Judge's Choice award went to Helen Szama, while the People's Choice award went to Gary Buth. Congratulations to both our champions!

Thanks to everyone who attended the cook off. The Chief Judge (Mr. 911S) has already decided that the 2014 recipe will be Chili...so get ready to bring it on next April!!



The judges get serious...

Dan & the girls get anything but...



People's Choice winner Gary, with Judge's Choice champ Helen.



A good time was had by all!

Driving In China

Contributed by WMR member Mike Murphy (on 21 June)

LOOKING BACK ON THIS LAST WEEK in Ningbo, China, I am thankful I never had to drive there. The experience of just being a passenger here is difficult to describe.

The mix of grossly overloaded trucks, bicycles, and pedicabs, combined with Cayennes, BMWs, Audis, Buicks, VWs, a variety of Chinese cars...and then throw in the pedestrians...

Everyone is going somewhere and squeezing vehicles into traffic slots that are way too small.

No one appears to look before changing lanes, signaling only sometimes. Anything like open road or light traffic results in speeds like 80-100 kph quickly followed by heavy braking.

The entire week I have yet to see even a minor accident, the aftermath, or even any tempers.

It is rare even to see a vehicle with any dents.

Go figure!



China is one of Porsche's largest and fastest-growing markets.

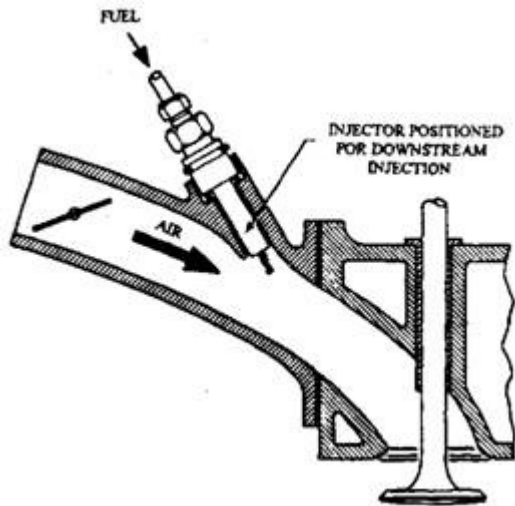


TechSpalte: A Brief Overview of Direct Injection Systems

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

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DIRECT INJECTION DOES, one first must know how a standard injection system functions.

COMMON INJECTION SYSTEM – On a normally injected engine, often referred to as a standard injection system, the fuel and air are mixed before the intake valve. When the valve opens, this mixture is introduced into the combustion chamber. Generally, fuel is pressurized to the injectors by an electric pump. Pressure is controlled by a regulator, which maintains a pressure in the 32-35 psi range. The pressure does vary from one system to another and as fuel demands fluctuate. The stoichiometric range (best burn mixture) is 14:1, or 14 parts air to 1 part fuel.



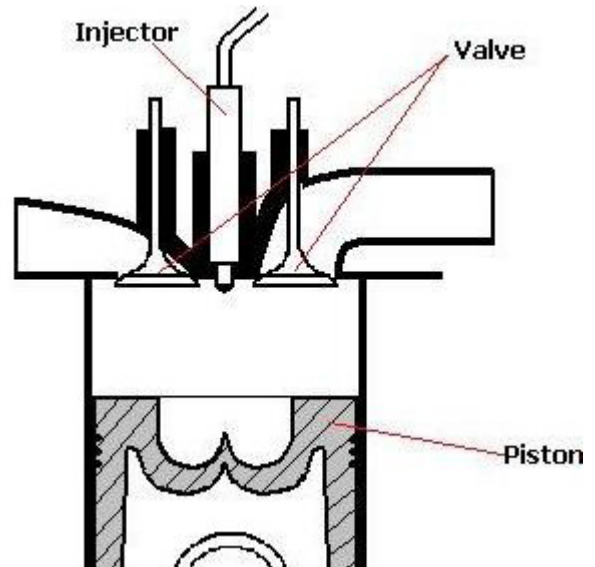
Cross-section view of a standard injection system

DIRECT INJECTION SYSTEM – In a direct injection system, the fuel injector is located directly in the combustion chamber, and the fuel and air is mixed in the cylinder when the intake valve opens. The stoichiometric efficiency of this system is 40:1, which is clearly much more efficient.

A direct injection system can either be a “Common Rail” system or a “Direct Fuel” system, depending upon how fuel is delivered to the injector.

- With a **Common Rail** system, fuel is delivered to the injector via an electric pump, which in turns feeds a high pressure pump that is either a plunger or rotary style, producing in excess of 2,100 psi. The high-pressure pump feeds a rail or header, which provides fuel for each injector in that particular bank of cylinders.

- The **Direct Fuel** system consists of a high-pressure pump and injector, all built into one unit. Injector pressure on these systems is in excess of 2,100 psi. Fuel is directly introduced into the combustion chamber. When the intake valve opens, it allows the air to flow directly into the combustion chamber to mix with the fuel.



Cross-section view of a direct injection system

Direct injection is used on diesel engines, so while not a new concept, applying it to a gasoline engine did offer up some challenges. To enable the system to work efficiently, computers needed to respond much faster and operate in tighter tolerances than before.

Another problem occurring in direct injection diesels and some gas engines, which had to be overcome, was a “choking up” resulting from a carbon buildup that created a restriction of airflow in the intake system. In some cases, this was caused by the P.C.V. and E.G.R. systems.

There are some great benefits with direct injection. Because there is very little waste, better fuel economy is achieved. The system also allows the compression ration to be increased, which equals more power and lower emissions.

Next month we will discuss if your direct-injected Porsche is subject to this same problem, and if so, what can be done to help or prevent it.



WMR Meeting Minutes, 03 June 2013

Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, June 3, 2013 – Meeting was called to order by Len Gawron at 7:00pm. Members present were: Len Gawron, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Marshall Walters, Rick Riley, Colin Carpenter, and Arnie Axelrod.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report: 238 Primary Members, 180 Affiliate Members – total 418 (a new high for WMR PCA). New Members – 6: John Clickner, Grand Haven, '02 911; Frank Connor, Ada, '02 911; Stefan Gravis, Grawn, '99 911; Paul & Elizabeth Luce, East Grand Rapids, '97 993; Dale Porter, Grand Rapids, '02 996; James Rogers, Williamsburg, '99 911. Transfers In – 0. Transfers Out – 0. Non renewals – 4. Renewals – 31.

May Meeting Minutes: Approved as printed.

Uber Alles Editor's Report: Latest edition received and looks great.

Webmaster's Report: The website is up-to-date.

Insurance Report: No upcoming insurance needs.

Old Business:

- May 18 Sporting Clays Event, hosted by Jerry Arens & Amber Door – Great fun had by all. 25 attendees, of which 22 were shooters. Several had never shot a gun prior to the event.
- June 1-2 Belle Isle Grand Prix, hosted by Dan & Ren Phillips – Great time. 8 members from our region attended.
- New Member Social & Charity Subsidy – We are still working on setting something up after Parade, such as an event to help stir interest in the upcoming Grattan event. The subsidy would be utilized to offset the cost of lunch.

New Business:

- June 5 Gilmore Gathering, hosted by Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth – Information is listed in the Uber and on the web. An email blast will be sent out prior to the event. There is a PCA discount for entry into the barns – just mention you are a PCA member.
- June 8 Pre-Parade Tech Session at Euro Autowerks – An email blast was sent out on 5/31 and another on 6/3. RSVPs suggested for those needing the use of a lift, but walk-ins will be allowed.
- 2013 Porsche Parade – The autocross location has been moved to the ballpark. There are many first-time attendees registered for Parade.
- Grand Rapids Auto Gallery – There is a showroom in Traverse City. Corey Wade would like to open the showroom for tours and detailing 6/22. More information to come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf



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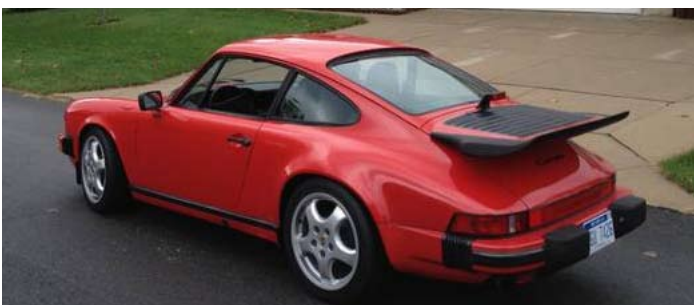
2000 PORSCHE 911 CABRIOLET – 6 speed manual, black on black, 10,000 miles on a new set of Michelin Pilot Sport AS Plus, new battery, a few cosmetic road marks in the front, interior in good shape. It runs and handles excellent, everything works, no leaks, 81,000 miles, asking \$22,000. Feel free to contact 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)



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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)



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