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Upcoming Events:

Annual Chili Cook Off
Spring Brunch
Sporting Clays Event

Tech Spalte:

Tim wants to hear from
you: our avid readers

In Review:

We revisit the 10th
annual Grattan Pub
Dinner Drive





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Slumbering Beast(s) at
Claudio Kaempf's
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A SURPRISE PERK

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

A surprise perk to being President was the opportunity to participate in the Zone 4 President's meeting at the Maumee Bay Lodge overlooking Lake Erie on the outskirts of Toledo on March 22. New Zone 4 rep Michael Soriano and his wife Lisa organized a great meeting that included presentations by Sean Reardon, PCA's National Secretary. Aaron Ambrosino, the National Coordinator for the Tire Rack Street Survival Program, also spoke. Launched initially by the BMW Car Club of America in April 2002, Street Survival is a national driver education program for teens "aimed at teaching teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel" and averting some of the over 6,000 deaths to teen drivers annually. There have been over 500 one-day driving schools since 2002 with the help of PCA, BMW, Audi, Mercedes, and other local car clubs, with the numbers growing rapidly as more groups come on board. There is already support among WMR members to join the ranks of groups hosting these worthy and important programs. I look forward to discussing this at upcoming Board meetings and social

events with anyone interested in participating. The real perk to the meeting was in meeting the presidents and attending officers of the other eleven Regions in Zone 4. Not surprisingly, they were a great group of people and along with their club members have organized a lot of great activities. The Central Indiana and Allegheny regions have some particularly interesting motorsport related activities coming up. Locally, WMR members occupied about half of the Grattan Irish Pub on March 19 for an evening of great camaraderie and food hosted by Kurt Wirth and the Ted and Gabi Blacklidge. Preparations apparently are well underway by many to get their Porsches out of storage. Coming up, our brethren in the Traverse City region are gathering at the North Peak Brewing Company for dinner on April 2. Further south in Portage, Terry and Dorilee Schieble are hosting their annual cooking contest on Saturday, April 19. This year it's chili, so whip up your favorite chili recipe and join the fun. Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck are hosting the spring brunch at Cygnus atop the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids on Sunday, April 27. There's limited seating at Cygnus, so sign up before April 20. I'm reasonably confident the snow will cease eventually and look forward to seeing you soon. Safe and happy motoring! — *Mike*

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APRIL IN TRAVERSE CITY

HOST: PATTY PELIZZARI & KARLENE CURRIE

Join your fellow WMRPCA members for an evening of food and fun at North Peak in Traverse City.

Come to Kilkenny's (below North Peak) if you like, for drinks and appetizers, then move upstairs for dinner at 6:30 pm (separate checks).

North Peak is located at 400 W. Front St on the corner of W. Front Street and Hall Street (next to Folgarelli's) and parking is available.

RSVP by 3/30/14 to Patty Pelizzari (231) 947-1916 or Karlene Currie (231) 632-2233 or via E-mail: Karlene@CurriesFurniture.com

When:

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

5:30 pm Social Hour, Drinks / 6:30 pm Dinner



Where:

Kilkenny's Irish Public House

Located below North Peak Brewing Company

400 West Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

(231) 941-7527

ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

HOST: TERRY & DORILEE SCHIEBLE

Enter your favorite Chili recipe in the annual **"Porsche Club's Carrera Chili Cook-off Party & Cook-off Competition"**. On April 19th you're invited to enter your own crock pot chili creation and compete for: Judge's Choice, People's Choice, or be an Official Sampler of them all! — *Bring your own alcoholic beverage if desired.*

All the other extras are provided. We will gather at the home of our gracious hosts Terry and Dorilee Schieble. RSVP is REQUIRED, so please contact Terry or Dorilee by April 15th by phone: (269) 329-1578 or Dorilee's Cell: (269) 910-4306. Let them know, if you will bring chili.

Chefs who bring at least one quart of homemade chili get in for free, everyone else is asked to kindly pay a cover charge of \$10.00 per person.

Where:

Terry and Dorilee Schieble

726 Lakeview Dr., Portage, MI

(269) 329-1578

When:

Saturday, April 19, 2014

6:30 pm



SPRING BRUNCH @ CYGNUS 27

HOST: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK

Join us for a unique brunch in a lovely contemporary restaurant and let's forget about the long gone winter days. Well ... not so fast. To have something to talk about and share, please bring your favorite (best or worst) winter picture you can find. This will let us enjoy the warmer weather even more and enhance the driving spirit for the upcoming season.

It promises to deliver us a wonderfully fresh and utterly stylish dining experience that we will savor. Mark your calendars for what will prove to be, yet again, a fabulous dining experience. No worries about downtown parking or weather. — Complimentary valet parking is available.

We will have the upstairs room and seating is limited to about 32 people. Don't be late and RSVP before April 20th to Wolfgang & Miluzka at: wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com

Where:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 27th floor
187 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

When:

Sunday, April 27, 2014
10:30 am



SPORTING CLAY EVENT

HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS

Join us at Blendon Pines Gun Club for a Sporting Clays event. Sporting Clays is a form of clay pigeon shooting that is described as "golf with a gun". Unlike traditional skeet shooting, sporting clays simulates the unpredictability of live-quarry shooting. Offering a great variety of trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations, distances, and target sizes across natural terrain. No previous shooting experience is required to participate and have fun. This was proven last year by several members, who fired a shotgun for the first time and even hit a clay or two! It's an outdoor event along a groomed trail, so please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Eye/Ear protection is REQUIRED. Glasses/sunglasses are adequate. A limited supply of protective eyewear is available at the club. They also sell earplugs. Guns are \$10 to rent (2 people can share 1 gun) and ammunition is available for sale too. The cost will be \$22, not including gun (\$10) / ammu-

nition (\$6.95/box). You're welcome to bring your own shotgun. For those members that want to accompany another participant, but are not interested in shooting or watching, there is an indoor area available to hang out. If you would like to participate, but are unsure about the walking there are golf carts available. Following the event, we will be taking a short drive to the Rush Creek Bistro inside Sunnybrook Country Club in Grandville. We'll have lunch and brag about our shooting prowess. Everyone is welcome to join us there around 2 pm.

RSVP by Tuesday May 13th with Jerry or Amber:

Jerry: (616) 340-2192, jdarens62@aol.com
Amber: (616) 340-0971, Amdoor242@aol.com

When: Saturday, May 17th, 10:30am

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

IN REVIEW: MARCH DINNER DRIVE

BY KURT WIRTH · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

Grattan Dinner Drive: Another great turn out. Thank you all for coming and holding up the traditional March return to the great old Grattan Pub. What a splendid choice of homemade cooking, brew, and cozy, but tight "SITTING TOGETHER" atmosphere it was!

Befitting the German Saying: "Wo es eng und gemütlich ist, da lass dich nieder ..."

Well, for all the no shows, you sure missed a great outing. Just as a side note, this was the 10th year we had this destination on our WMR calendar!

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Our wonderful host(s) Kurt & Shirley Wirth at the 10th annual Grattan Pub Gathering. A heartfelt "DANKE" from all the WMRPCA members.



*Top: Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck loving the March Dinner Drive to Grattan.
Bottom, left to right: Bob Baker, Arnie Axelrod, Carmine Bosco, Bea Bosco, Kim Fletcher*



Joyce Lo & Rex Tsui enjoying their evening with the WMRPCA and some excellent Pub Grub. Outside a Mid-March snow flurry was stirring.



Paul Luce (left) and Mike Karluk (right) presenting their "good side" to Amber's camera. Looks like they found their happy place.

2014 EVENT CALENDAR

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
APR	04-02	April in Traverse City	Kilkenny's Irish Public House (below North Peak), Traverse City	Patty Pelizzari, Karlene Currie
	04-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	04-19	Annual Chili Cookoff	The Schieble Residence, Portage, MI	Terry & Dorilee Schieble
	04-27	Spring Brunch	Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
MAY	05-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-17	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens
JUN	06-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-14	Parade Orphans Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
	06-15 through 06-21	59th Annual Porsche Parade, 2014 PCA National Event	Monterey, CA	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	06-21	Spring-Up to Traverse City	Locations TBD	Ralph & Denise Ford
	06-28	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher
JUL	07-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-10 through 07-12	Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show	Dublin, OH	Mid-Ohio Region PCA (MORPCA)
	07-16	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth, Rob Clark
	07-19	July Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Scott Kraii
AUG	08-02	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	08-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	08-16	August Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
	08-22 through 08-23	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
	08-24	WMR PCA Annual Autocross	US-131 Dragway, Martin, MI	Duane Weed



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-08	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-13 through 09-14	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blackledge
	09-19 through 09-21	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
	09-27	September Dinner Drive	Boyne City, MI	Dan & Ren Phillips
OCT	10-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-11	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	Duane & Brenda Weed
NOV	11-03	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-06 through 11-09	PCA Escape 2014	Orlando, FL	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	TBD	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
DEC	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-06	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss

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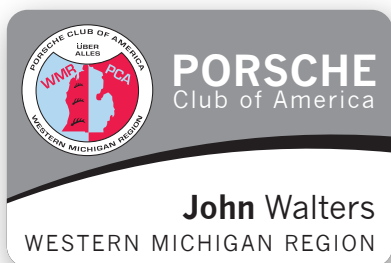


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Spring Driving Tips. After this past winter, I'm sure we are all looking forward to hitting the road for some enjoyable moments, but before you head out, here is a list of things you need to check to prevent an unenjoyable experience.

Oil Service up to date

Cooling system hoses and fluid levels

Clear any debris in front of the radiator or condenser

Inspect all belts

Check the suspension, brakes and tire wear

Make sure your A/C is up to the hot summer tasks

Tire pressure and tread depth

Remember, for every 10 degree increase in temperature, your tire pressure will go up approximately 1 pound.

With your car checked out and any shortcomings corrected, there are some items to keep in mind so that your trip is safe for you and others on the road.

Keep safety in mind when taking a trip:

- Do not overload your car's payload capacity.
- Secure your luggage and gear properly, as they can become projectiles if you have to make sudden stop or are involved in an accident.
- Use proper car seats for children and seat belts for all others. Make sure they are fitting and working properly. Anything less than 40 pounds can easily become a projectile, even kids.

- With the warming weather, we need to share the road with mopeds, motorcycles and bicycles. Remember when children are out of school, many are riding bikes with little or no awareness of those around them. Be alert to these extra road hazards
- Share your itinerary with family or friends, and take up to date paper maps with you as well as your favorite GPS system. It can be fun to follow your progress with maps and you may lose your GPS signal. Take the time to make sure your navigator can read a map and understands your route before you begin. There are a lot of people who have never used maps as a guide.
- Keep your fuel tank above ¼ of a tank. You never know when you will encounter a traffic jam or detour. It's no fun running out of gas. My rule has always been, if the car runs out of gas, the driver walks.
- Wet roads are a hazard, so slow down! The oil on the pavement can create a slippery condition much like ice. Try to avoid large puddles, as they may be hiding large pot holes.
- Slow down for construction zones and workers.
- Carry emergency items like flashlights, blankets, bottled water, non-perishable snacks and a first aid kit.
- Be alert for fatigue and take breaks. Do not drive if you are feeling drowsy. It's not good to wake up behind the wheel of a speeding or uncontrolled car. It's reported that approximately 100,000 crashes, 71,000 injuries and 1,500 deaths are related to fatigue or drivers going to sleep.
- Manage your stress level by preparing and planning ahead. Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination.

I enjoy writing this column, but often I find it difficult to choose a topic that I feel would interest you. So I'm asking you to please take a few minutes, to forward your ideas or request to me at admin@euroautowerks.com.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND FORWARD YOUR IDEAS/REQUESTS TO: ADMIN@EUROAUTOWERKS.COM

With your participation we can continue to keep this column interesting and informative. — Thank you, Tim.

WMR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3RD, 2014

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids March 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:05 pm.
Members present were: Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Craig Paull, Rex and Joyce Tsui, Joshua Witzke, Gary Buth.

Welcome: Introductions were made as several new members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: approved

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 264
Affiliate Members: 193
Total Members: 457
New Members: 1
Transfers In: 1
Transfers Out: 1
Non renewals: 4
Renewals: 9

Minutes: January minutes approved as printed

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Latest issue should be arriving in the mail. A full page was added to accommodate extra content. Ad billings have been sent out.

Webmaster's Report: Nothing new to report.

Insurance Report: No current needs.

Old Business:

- WinterFest 2014 – 46 attendees. Great food and ambiance – fun had by all. We collected \$1,100 and 135 lbs. of food for the Food Pantry.
- Grattan DE/Combined Region Proposal – After careful consideration, we will not have a combined region DE event this year. There are plans to boost marketing for our event. Ted plans to attend other club/marque events to spread the word. Grattan registration opens June 1.

New Business:

- 2014 Board Elections – We are still looking for a VP.
- Tire Rack Street Survival – Originally founded by BMW SCCA Foundation. PCA has created a partnership with this event. Geared toward 15-20 yr. olds. \$75 = day in parking lot (accident avoidance, skid pad, autocross). Clubs are encouraged to sponsor the event. The foundation pays back a good portion of the cost. Sponsor to supply tent, instructors, water and detergent for skid pad, etc. There are currently 3 events held in Michigan – 1 by SEM region and 2 by other clubs. Don Sazama has volunteered to help organize an event sponsored by WMR. Need commitment from instructors and volunteers as a first step. Amber will let Don know that it's ok to proceed with planning.
- Social Media – Joyce Tsui has expressed an interested in the Social Media position.

Meeting was adjourned 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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(Aug 2013)

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BY THE ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

April will finally be the month were my 987 aka "Orange Crush" will rejoin the wonderful world of performance motoring. I suspect the added attraction of ridiculous potholes will require some extra attention, before the bloom of construction cones will ensue. If you do find a stretch of twisty, pristine asphalt let your fellow Porsche drivers know; right here. They'll thank you for it. Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their Western Michigan Porsche Club Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members.

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