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Upcoming Events:

Sporting Clays Event
Parade Orphans
Lunch Drive
Spring-Up to Traverse City

Tech Spalte:

Brake Fluid -
The Critical Link, Part 1

In Review:

Annual Chili Cookoff



The 911 has become a fixture of popular culture. Ironic, considering it has never once stood still.

Movies. Television. Music. The Porsche 911 has influenced culture for half a century. Which is no surprise to drivers who know, first hand, why it's become an icon. The 50th Anniversary edition 911 honors that legacy with special features including increased track width, a Powerkit, which increases engine output to 430-hp, and an interior fabric pattern hearkening back to the original 911. Limited to just 1963 examples, the 50th Anniversary edition 911 delivers the kind of inspiring sports car performance celebrated by culture. Not to mention, its driver. Porsche. There is no substitute.

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On the cover:
Whale Watching at
the Chili Cookoff

Photo by
Amber Door

THE RIGHT NOISE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Much to what I assume will be our esteemed Editor's shock and gratitude, I am writing too far ahead of deadline to comment on our April social events because "She Who Must Be Obeyed" has us scheduled to be vacationing with great friends in Utah, therefore missing Terry and Dorilee Schieble's Annual Cookoff.

I hope many of you will have attended and enjoyed this great event. I definitely plan to see you at Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck's Spring Brunch at Cygnus 27 on April 27 and Jerry Arens' Sporting Clays event on May 5.

I haven't yet seen any headlines on the supermarket tabloids touting this year's weight loss plans for bathing suit season, but at the moment I'm wishing less that I was slimmer than I was shorter. Yes, shorter, so I could actually fit inside and buy a pre-996 era 911 and a 987 Cayman (one of the things I learned at the March Presidents Meeting is that 18% of Porsche owners own more than one).

My first ride in a Porsche was in a 930 Turbo. As exciting as it was blasting down I-90 into the Loop in Chicago, I was equally entranced by the song of that air-cooled engine! I've always thought a car's sound was an integral part of the experience.

I was remind of this by a "reader sales report" item in the April 2013 "Excellence" that I swear was about a 2002 911 Turbo X50 I test drove at Delta Porsche about five years ago. The owner wrote that it "was burdened with droning aftermarket exhaust," which he replaced after buying. This was exactly the reason I didn't buy the one I tested, as I had a headache from the drone ten minutes into the test drive. In an interesting case of synchronicity, Nigel Roebuck's column in the April 2013 edition of MotorSport magazine made mention of Max Mosley, then long-time head of the Formula 1 ruling body FIA, suggesting that electric cars might be the key to the "green" future of F1 and asking, "Would they miss the noise, d'you think? Personally, I've always found the noise rather intrusive." I heartily agree with Nigel's closing comment, "Trust me, Max, noise does matter," but it's got to be the right noise and the air-cooled flat six has it in spades.

Happy motoring! — *Mike*

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SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS

Back for 2014, by popular demand of those that were able to attend and by some who missed out – Sporting Clays.

Join us at Blendon Pines Gun Club for a Sporting Clays event. For those unfamiliar with Sporting Clays it is a form of clay pigeon shooting that is described as “golf with a gun”. The sporting clays course consists of 6 shooting stations laid out over natural terrain. 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.

No skill or previous shooting experience is required to participate and have fun. This was proven last year by several members that shot a shotgun for the first time at the event and even hit a clay or two! This is outside and in the woods along a groomed trail - Rain or shine.

Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Eye and ear protection is REQUIRED. Regular glasses/sunglasses are adequate and they do have some protective eyewear available, but if it's busy they may run out. They also sell earplugs. Guns are available to rent for 10.00 (2 people can share 1 gun) and of course ammunition is available for sale. The cost will be 22.00, not including gun (10.00) /ammunition (6.95/box). Of course you are welcome to bring your own shotgun.



Look back at the 2013 Sporting Clays attendees and their “bullets” (bottom).

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. Additionally, if you would like to participate, but are unsure about the walking 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 at Rush Creek Bistro inside Sunnybrook Country Club in Grandville to brag about our shooting prowess. You are welcome to join us there afterwards (estimated time 1:45-2pm)

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



PARADE ORPHANS LUNCH DRIVE

HOST: LEN & BONNIE GAWRON

We invite you to join other Porsche Parade 2014 Orphans on Saturday, 14 June at the BIGGBY Coffee Shop located at 2745 10 Mile Rd. in Rockford at 11:30 AM for a 12:00 noon departure on what will be a relaxed Spring drive through the countryside followed by a 1:30 PM lunch at the Blue Water Grill located at 5180 Northland Drive, Grand Rapids. The Blue Water Grill is a breath of fresh air with unique Frank Lloyd Wright inspired architecture, a stunningly massive fireplace, and some of the best water views in West Michigan.

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We look forward to your joining us and ask that you RSVP by Monday, June 9 via E-mail at:

lagawron@comcast.net or by phone at, 231.670.3274.

Where:

Meeting at BIGGBY Coffee Shop located at 2745, 10 Mile Rd. in Rockford at 11:30 AM

When:

Saturday, June 14, 2014
11:30 am



SPRING-UP TO TRAVERSE CITY

HOST: DR. RALPH & DENISE FORD III

Dr. Ralph & Denise Ford III invite you to start your planning and join them for the WMRPCA annual Spring-Up to Traverse City. Dinner will be catered by Cambria Suites, Ice Tea, Coffee & Beer will be provided, otherwise BYO. RSVP by check \$50.00 per person to the Fords and that will reserve a place for you and yours.

Cut off date is June 18, 2014

Saturday Rally and Luncheon:

Meet for the rally at 11:00 a.m. at Clinch Park Marina, Maps will be provided for Rally and Luncheon at Knot Just A Bar II, 5919 N.W. Bayshore Dr., Omena, MI After lunch feel free to visit the local wineries, shops, towns, Lake Michigan, etc.

When: Saturday, June 21, 2014

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

Where: Old Mission Peninsula, 909 Gray Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Accommodations:

Reduced room rates have been reserved at the following hotels: Mention Code #WMR-PCA

Cambria Suites (King Suite) \$249

Comfort Inn (Double Queen Suite) \$189

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They do require a two night minimum stay utilizing Friday and Saturday nights. All reservations not reserved by a credit card by May 19, 2014 will be released. There is a 14 day cancellation policy once individual reservations are reserved.

IN REVIEW: CHILI COOKOFF

BY TERRY & DORILEE SCHIEBLE · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

Another year and 10 great chili recipes were sampled by 35 Porsche Club members. Thank you to the three judges: Greg Currie, Chris Ackerman and Jerry Ahrens. They took it very seriously and actually noticed when the last entry they were suppose to evaluate was actually a sweet potato side dish and not an official chili, although it took them a few minutes to speak up. The crowd enjoyed the food and was quite charitable when my Brussels sprouts marinated in sweet chili sauce became charcoal when I walked away from the oven and forgot them. Yes, the directions said to watch them closely!

The Judges Choice trophy went to Amber Door (Recipe #6) and the People's Choice trophy was presented to Betty Tolliver (Recipe #10). These engraved ladles are fun to present but there is a reason we never see them again at the cook offs. I understand that the past winners do not want people to think they already won the competition. The After-Party was relaxing with B-52's served by Dan Phillips. And my collection of toothpick holders was in all its glory. The event photo albums are a trip through history since these cook offs began in 1997.

We take a group photo each year and 3 a.m. sometimes shows up on our clock because we take a picture when the last person leaves. This year, Greg Currie made us stay up past 3 to keep the trend alive. Thank you to everyone for joining us. — *Dorilee Schieble*



Our proud winners of the 2014 Chili Cookoff: Betty Tolliver (Left, Recipe #10, People's Choice) and Amber Door (Right, Recipe #6, Judges Choice)



Mike Karluk's "Just-in-time" chocolate bunnies were won by Dan Phillips and Brenda Hildon-Kaempf.



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2014 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
MAY	05-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-17	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland	Jerry Arens
JUN	06-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-14	Parade Orphans Lunch Drive	BIGGBY Coffee Shop, 2745, 10 Mile Rd. in Rockford at 11:30 AM	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	Old Mission Peninsula 909 Gray Rd. Traverse City, MI 49686	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 Kraai
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
	08-16	German Auto Service Open House and Car Show 2014	1014 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI (10 AM – 2 PM)	Ben Zeeuw German Auto Service Ltd.
	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
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 Blacklidge

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For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/Activities/ClubRacing/Schedule.aspx>.



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-27	Sept. Dinner Drive	Boyne City, MI	Dan & Ren Phillips
	09-19 through 09-21	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
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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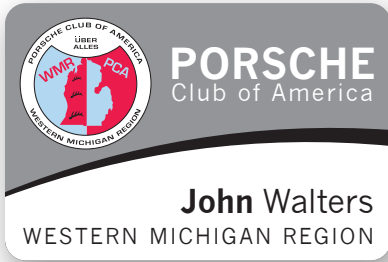


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When brake fluid is new it is almost incompressible, but over time, the heat caused from braking, breaks the fluid down causing air bubbles and allowing moisture to be absorbed into the fluid. This process is accelerated as pads wear and become thin and the fluid is “overworked” due to additional heat. The combination of contaminated brake fluid and normal wear of the hydraulics components, can create poor pedal pressure (soft/spongy pedal) and begin corroding your car’s hydraulic components, which in turn equals poor braking performance.

Contamination and overwork can also cause the fluid’s max boiling point to drop, which in turn creates less effective braking under extreme conditions, such as on hills or during panic stops. This decrease in efficiency can often occur without affecting the “feel” of your pedal.

To maintain the integrity of your car’s braking system, we recommend that brake fluids be changed every two years or anytime you need a brake job, such as replacing pads and rotors. In addition, using brake fluid with the correct viscosity and boiling point is critical to proper brake function. We recommend that you always use the correct fluid per the manufacturer’s recommendation or application, such as with D.E. or race cars.

To be continued in the June issue. — Tim Thatcher

The chart below lists the various brake fluid types along with specifications and a comment regarding each.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMON BRAKING FLUIDS

Type	Dry Boiling Point	Wet Boiling Point	Viscosity Limit	Primary Constituent	Comment
DOT 2	190°C (374°F)	140°C (284°F)	?	Castor Oil/ Alcohol	Rarely used any longer
	205°C (401°F)	140°C (284°F)	1500 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether	Most common fluid on early drum brakes
	230°C (446°F)	155°C (311°F)	1800 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether/ Borate Ester	Most common fluid on today’s cars
	260°C (500°F)	180°C (356°F)	900 mm ² /s	Silicone	Not recommended for most applications
DOT 5.1	260°C (500°F)	180°C (356°F)	900 mm ² /s	Glycol Ether/ Borate Ester	Some racing applications. Entering the new dye can be used to upgrade from DOT 3/4

NEVER SUBSTITUTE OR MIX ANY DOT 2/3/4/5.1 WITH DOT 5 SILICONE!

WMR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2014

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids April 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:02 pm.

Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempff, John and Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Ted and Gabi Blacklidge, Colin Carpenter, Arnie Axelrod

Treasurer's Report: approved

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 265
Affiliate Members: 195
Total Members: 460
New Members: 1
Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 5
Renewals: 19

Minutes: Minutes from March meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Nothing new to report. Charles/Delta will provide details for the August Metro Cruise member event.

Webmaster's Report: Craig submitted the application to enter our website in the National competition, and the application was accepted. Winner will be announced ring Parade in Monterey.

Insurance Report: No current needs.

Old Business:

- President's Meeting
 - Tire Rack Street Survival Program – Amber will follow up with Don Sazma to see if there has been any progress with the planning. It was noted that you do not have to be a DE instructor to be an instructor. Location and water are two big hurdles.
 - Post-event Evaluation for insured events – form is supposed to be submitted to National within 11 days of each insured event. To be completed by host(s). Forms will be provided to hosts going forward.
 - Region Bylaws – National bylaws are being revised. Our bylaws will have to be re-evaluated in 2015.
- Grattan DD – 28 attendees enjoyed great food and camaraderie

New Business:

- Reviews.com Auto Insurance Link – after discussion, it was decided we will not post this to the website as requested.
- Annual Chili Cook-off – hosted by Terry and Dorilee Schieble. Details in the Uber and on the web. Mike Karluk will possibly donate an item to be auctioned off.
- Spring Brunch

Meeting was adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempff

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(Aug 2013)

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(Aug 2013)

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BY THE ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

Are you one of those who strategically planned their Porsche purchase to max out the Michigan driving season? You're in good company — judging by the roster of people who are either celebrating their WMRPCA anniversary or have just joined. It takes more than average dedication to stay involved with a club for 20 or even 35 years. Please join me in congratulating these fine folks on their Western Michigan Porsche Club Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

1 year John Clickner, (2013)
 Frank Conner, (2013)
 Stefan Gravis, (2013)
 Paul & Elizabeth Luce, (2013)
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20 years Ronald Hendrick, (1994)
35 years Kurt & Shirley Wirth, (1979)

Willkommen! — New Members

Dan Casey, Richland · '08 911 Cab
Dave Dean, Suttons Bay · '87 911
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