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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

Upcoming Events:

- 34th Red Barn Spectacular
- August Dinner Drive
- German Auto Service Open House
- 28th Street Metro Cruise, Cool Cars & Hot Dogs
- Lunch @ the Boscós



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28TH STREET METRO-CRUISE

Charles and the Delta Imports Team are again supporting the 28th Street Metro-Cruise this year.

Visit with Carmine & Beatrice Bosco, as they host "Cool Cars and Hot Dogs" at the same time. *Turn to page 6 for details.*

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On the cover:
Rick's latest acquisition.
1965 356 outlaw, created
by Neil Goldberg.

Photo by Amber Door

GUESS WHAT I'M SAVING FOR

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
*President,
Western Michigan Region*

June was a busy month of PCA activities, both locally and nationally, and July has been full of fun thus far, but special attention needs to be paid to the generosity of WMR club members that has allowed us to make a donation of \$1,023 to the Kids Food Basket. This amount doubled with matching funds and blossomed to over \$20,000 in actual food

purchased given the wholesale purchasing power of the food bank! Outstanding!

Forgive my exuberance as a relative newcomer to the Porsche Parade experience, but my week in Monterey spent volunteering and enjoying the activities was fantastic and I'd encourage all to strongly consider registering for next year's Parade at the French Lick Resort in French Lick and West Baden, Indiana (check it out online). The Concours was an absolute treat, even if some of the judging seemed a bit arcane (one lovely Speedster lost points for it's top looking 'too perfect!') and my personal highlight was seeing an awesome 917K from the Canepa collection. The 917 is one of my favorite racing cars and sufficient to distract me from thinking and talking about the Cayman GT4. That said, Panorama reports the Cayman GT4 will have a twin turbo flat-four



of "around 400 hp" and CAR Magazine claims it to have a 3.8 twin turbo six putting out 450 hp.

Reports have it that the Parade Orphans Lunch Drive, Spring-up to Traverse City, and Euro Autowerks Open House activities were well attended and rewarding. Thanks to all the organizers and volunteers!

The 40th IROC I autocross attracted 31 participants, including 7 WMR members. The IROC was my first autocross and sufficiently exciting from the sidelines to convince me to participate next year. I highly recommend anyone interested in a little spirited driving, but who find the prospect of high speed DE daunting, to check it out. August has too many great activities to talk about here, so please check the calendar and plan to join your friends for great Porsche fun! — *Mike*

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34TH RED BARN SPECTACULAR

HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS



Admission: \$20 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people); \$10/person for general admission (Corral Cars); Free for children under 11

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

When: Saturday, August 2nd, 2014 · 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Gates open at 7:00 am

Our WMR Porsche Club will again be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts (and 1000 vehicles) for the 34th 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 and People's Choice Concours. The WMR Porsche Club will have a Porsche only car corral and welcome/membership tent located on the west side of the museum grounds. You may also enter your 1989 and older Porsche in the People's Choice category. Feel the need to Detail? - then enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1989 and older vehicles)! You must register separately for this portion of the event. Porsche's should enter through the west entrance. All others will be directed to the east entrance. Pack a lunch or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner. If you have Questions, please call Amber Door at 616-340-0971, or E-Mail: Amdoor242@aol.com

AUGUST DINNER DRIVE

HOST: RANDY & LINDA PORTOLURI

Any plans on August 16th? — Well, be sure to mark your calendars and join our gracious August Dinner Drive hosts: Randy & Linda Portoluri, when we gather for a relaxed drive through beautiful Michigan countryside only to arrive at one of West Michigan's best kept restaurant secrets.

"Grill One Eleven" will await us around 5:30 pm, as we conclude the drive and spoil us with classy yet casual dining and a full bar featuring an extensive wine list. Craft beer is brewed in-house and their highly skilled chefs work with local farms for seasonal dishes with a twist. Steaks are hand carved and fresh fish is flown in. It's a treat — you don't want to miss it.

Please RSVP by August at rportoluri66@charter.net or call 616-842-9266.



Images by Randy Portoluri and Grill One Eleven

Where: Meet at 4:00 pm in the parking lot of Rockford Resurrection Life Church, 3233 10 mile Rd NE. Take 131 to 10 Mile exit East, past Meijer, about a half mile on the left

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014, 4:00 PM

GERMAN AUTO SERVICE OPEN HOUSE

HOST: BEN ZEEUW · GERMAN AUTO SERVICE LTD.

German Auto Service would like to invite you to their 6th annual open house and car show. Previous year's have been a big success and German Auto is hoping for another strong event, which will include a car show and fun activities for the family. Any European car is welcome so tell all your VW/Audi/BMW/Mercedes/Porsche/Volvo/Saab/Whatever friends.



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If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Ben at (800) 260-8000 or email benz@germanautoltd.com.

Where: German Auto Service, Ltd.
1014 Scribner NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

When: Saturday, August 16, 2014
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

COOL CARS AND HOT DOGS

HOST: CARMINE & BEATRICE BOSCO



Come visit the 28th Street Metro Cruise and stop by for a "Brake and Lunch!" with Carmine & Beatrice. Hot Dogs, Brats & Polish Sausage will be available with all the trimmings. Ice Tea and selected sodas will also be available. Feel Free to take a refreshing dip in our "sipping and dipping" pool.

Bring a dish to pass, your favorite alcoholic beverage and bring a folding chair in case we need addition seating! Don't forget a towel.

Please kindly RSVP via phone at: (616) 575-0966 or E-Mail: cfbosco@att.net

When:
Saturday, August 23, 2014 · 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Where:

The Boscoss · 2041 Tall Pines Dr. SE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(Off of Spaulding Rd. 0.2 mile north of Burton)

JULY EVENTS IN REVIEW

BY MICHAEL BETZ, SCOTT KRAAI, RICK RILEY

IROC I — 31 drivers made for the best turnout in years. Thank you Duane Weed, Amber Door, Colin Carpenter and Michael Betz for organizing the event. Thanks also to the non-driving club members who came out to assist all day long. Mike, Rick, John, Craig, Jerry and Don. We could not have done it without you! The Furrin Group had an awesome turnout of skilled drivers. Although Men's FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) went to Michiana Region. Marshall Walters captured the Ladies' FTD for WMR! It was her first track outing. Way to go, Marshall. We hope to get huge WMR turnout at the remaining IROCs, as we work to claim the "Bent Pylon Award" at the end of the season! — *Michael*



Corner carving, IROC-style. Looking far ahead is key. — Photo by Amber Door

July Dinner Drive — Eighteen shiny Porsche and their enthusiastic owners were ready for a well planned route, which took us on some of the best twists, turns and hills available. We wound our way north through Kent, Montcalm into Newaygo County. Many people found new roads, which they had never seen, along with one of the big dams on the Muskegon River. Smugglers Cove had a nice grassy parking area for us, close to their deck, overlooking Hess Lake. It was fun watching people almost fall off the deck as they were getting up to see all the beautiful cars pulling up to the restaurant! We had a total of thirty-eight people for dinner. Marty and his staff at Smugglers Cove did a great job accommodating us, and we thank him for his hospitality. — *Scott*



The WMR PCA members take over the lakeside deck at Smugglers Cove — Photo by Michael Murphy and Amber Door

Gilmore Car Museum, Wednesday Night Cruise-In

Mother nature cooperated mostly and 15 WMR cars took advantage of a wonderful evening at the Gilmore Car Museum. We had threatening clouds, a couple spits of rain, but that was it. There's never a formal program, just friendly car people gathering to show their cars and look at what others drive/enjoy. Oldies music and the Blue Moon Dinner round out the experience. I want to thank all those that attended from WMR. The Cruise-In takes place every Wed. evening from 6 pm to 8ish. The next big scheduled event at the museum is the 34th Red Barns Spectacular Car Show & Swap Meet. — *Rick*



Lots of action at the Gilmore Car Museum in July. Deutsche Marques and the Wednesday Night Cruise-In back to back. — Photo by Michael Betz via Facebook

2014 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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	Start: Parking lot of Rockford Resurrection Life Church at 3233 10 mile Rd NE	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
	08-23	Cool Cars & Hot Dogs Lunch	2041 Tall Pines Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546	Carmine & Beatrice Bosco
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
	09-27	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	W. & 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



**Thinking about hosting an event?
Have a brilliant event idea?**

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact your WMRPCA Officers. We can help you work through the details.





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE



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MOTORSPORT EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-07	IROC III	The Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN	Michiana Porsche Club
	09-13 through 09-14	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blackledge

For the full PCA Club Racing Schedule, visit <http://www.pca.org/club-racing>
For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/activities>

THE TAILPIPE

BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR



Wolfgang Hofmann
*Über Alles Editor,
Western Michigan Region*

More recently I participated in a CGI Motorsports Track Day at Gingerman Raceway. I always consider myself a novice driver, even though I've attended a number of schools both state-side and overseas. Plus I have about 75 to 80 laps on Gingerman under my belt. When raw talent is in short supply, modesty is the best safety equipment when attempting performance driving. It was the first real track time on my bone stock 987. Just prior to the track day I had purchased a set of new Michelin tires and they were just about ready for a little extra "scrubbing in."

I met up with Claudio Kaempf and Terry Schieble for a bit, who were chasing the other Pro drivers around the track. My little Boxster performed without fault and it was joyous to drive. Just so easy. Mind you, this is the 2008 model. If you ever wondered how good Porsche's entry-models really are, rest assured they aren't useless tubs of lard. Perhaps you suspected. Then again, any short-comings or extra potential may not be revealed at 6/10th driving. It was great fun. I don't get to do this enough! Folks conducted themselves pretty well, although I did have to use "the finger" on the dude in his Nissan GTR with all its driver-aid witchcraft and Testosterone fuel. Only to point him by, folks. — *Wolfgang*



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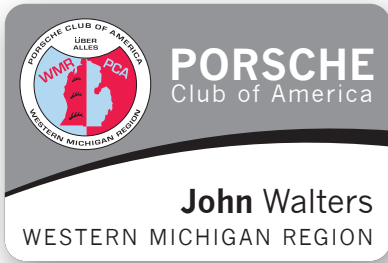


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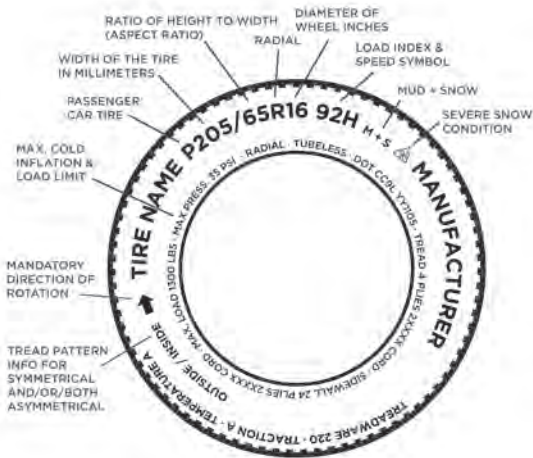




Contributed by WMR PCA member
**Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician
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TIRES - WHAT IS ON YOUR CAR AND WHAT DO THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?

First here are a couple things to check on your tires. Tires become hard and brittle with age and heat cycles, so the tread depth may look good, but you want to check for cracking of the side wall or between the tread itself too. Always check the tread depth across the entire width of the tire. Also a good thing to remember, if the tires are five or more years old, that rubber is hard and no longer grips the road like it should, causing poor braking and cornering.



Pressure, size and “those numbers” is all we will deal with in this article. The most recognizable number will be P205/65R16.

Here’s a breakdown of the code:

- P = Passenger car tire
- 205 = Sectional width measured from sidewall to sidewall on correct sized rim/
- 65 = The ratio for the sidewall height as a percentage of the tire width.
 This example (65%) would equal 133.5mm
- R = Tire construction, in this case it’s a radial tire
- 16 = The wheel or rim diameter in inches.

Examples of other numbers and letters you will see:

- 92H - 92 refers to the recommended amount of load that the tire can carry, H is the tire’s speed rating.
- Tread wear 520 = Tires projected life
- Traction A = A rating for the tire to stop on a wet straight road
- Temperature = The tires resistance to heat
- Max Load = The absolute maximum weight the tire can carry
- Max Air Pressure = This is the maximum pressure you should ever have in the tire. Not to be confused with the manufacturer’s recommended tire pressure found in your owner’s manual
- Ply Construction = What materials were used in construction
- ➔ = Tires with an arrow on the sidewall are called directional tires and must be installed appropriately
- Outside/Inside = Tires with the words “Outside/Inside” on the sidewall are asymmetrical and must be installed appropriately
- Tires that are both directional and asymmetrical will have both markings.

TIRES BECOME HARD AND BRITTLE WITH AGE AND HEAT CYCLES, SO THE TREAD DEPTH MAY LOOK GOOD, BUT YOU WANT TO CHECK FOR CRACKING

Here is an example of a DOT marking you might see:

CC9L YY1105

1. CC = Manufacturing plant
2. YY = Tire characteristic code
3. 11 = Week it was manufactured
4. 05 = Year it was manufactured

Whenever you purchase tires, always check the proper size by vehicle manufacturer, rim size and speed rating or your application. We see a lot of improperly mounted tires, improper rim size to tire, as well as cracks in old tires. Lastly, check the date on each new tire. You want a set with either matching or close to matching dates. Make good use of this information. — *Tim*

WMR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2014

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids July 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:04 pm.

Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempff, John Walters, Marshall Walters, Wolfgang Hofmann, Rick Riley, Don Sazama, Arnie Axelrod, Colin Carpenter and Doug Tepper.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Paid out donation to Kid's Food Basket via credit card - donor match if paid by credit card.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 266
Affiliate Members: 188
Total Members: 454
New Members: 5
Transfers In: 1
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 8
Renewals: 24

Minutes: Minutes from June meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Latest issue should be arriving in the mail. Will contain follow up articles regarding the Tech Session and Parade Orphans Lunch.

Webmaster's Report:

Nothing significant to report per Craig.

Insurance Report: No current needs.

Old Business:

- Parade Orphans Lunch - A great turnout - 40+
- Spring Up to Traverse City - 25 cars.
A great time had by all.
- Euro Autowerks Open House - Well attended.
Very nice job!
- Porsche Parade - Attended by 9 WMR members.
Very successful - largest Parade to-date.
2015 Parade to be located in French Lick, Indiana.

New Business:

- Gilmore Drive-In (Rick Riley) - 7/16/14.
- Gilmore Red Barn Spectacular - 8/2/14.
- August Dinner Drive (Randy & Linda Portoluri) - 8/16/14.
- German Auto Service Open House and Car Show (Ben Zeeuw) - 8/16/14.
- 28th Street Metro Cruise (Delta Porsche) - 8/22/14.
- Cool Cars & Hot Dog Lunch (Carmine & Beatrice Bosco) - 8/23/14 12-3:30pm.
- WMR PCA Annual Autocross (Duane Weed) - date moved to 7/13/14. 40th year of IROC.
- Facebook Social Media Chair - Joyce Lo has been named Social Media Chair.
- Email Opt-In - for social purposes only.
Discussion tabled for now.

Editors Note: Edited for length. Refer to Event Promos and Calendar for details.

Meeting was adjourned 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempff

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