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**THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A FULL COLOR CENTER-FOLD.
PERHAPS WE GET ONE FOR CHRISTMAS.**

This picture was recently taken at the Gilmore Car Museum.

From left to right: Rick Riley and his 1964 356 Coupe,
Kurt Wirth and his 356 Convertible, and Rob Clark with his 1989 911.
— Photo submitted by Kurt Wirth

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On the cover:
*In the other gardens
 And all up the vale,
 From the autumn bonfires
 See the smoke trail!*

*Pleasant summer over
 And all the summer flowers,
 The red fire blazes,
 The grey smoke towers.*

*Sing a song of seasons!
 Something bright in all!
 Flowers in the summer,
 Fires in the fall!*

Autumn Fires by
Robert Louis Stevenson

Photo by Wolfgang Hofmann

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EXCUSE ME, BUT I NEED SOME HELP

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

I seem to have misplaced my summer. November is looming and I've got a date next week at Claudio's Foreign Car Services to have the summer wheels and tires replaced by the winter set .

How could it have come to this so quickly? I missed Grattan for the second year in a row. After writing last month about what great social events DEs are, I'd like to suggest that they also provide a valuable social service by allowing some of us to exorcise our speed demons, which, to paraphrase John Lee Hooker's classic "Boogie Chillen," is in us and got to come out.

We also missed the dinner drives organized by Ren and Dan Phillips and Duane and Brenda Weed, which I heard were great. I know that for many of you, your Porsche steeds will be securely tucked in for the winter, but please join us on Thursday, November 20 at the Brewery Vivant on 925 Cherry Street SE in Grand Rapids for Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck's November dinner gathering for great fellowship, artisanal beers, and food.

Let's hope there's good weather for the Christmas appetizer party on December 6 that Barb and I will be hosting at our West Olive home. We haven't agreed on a theme for this year's event yet, but we'll announce it in the e-mail blast.

I neglected last month to thank our friends at Delta Porsche, particularly Charles Van Wyk, for organizing an excellent gathering at Delta on Friday evening of the Metro Cruise weekend. The great turnout of WMR members enjoyed lovely food on a lovely evening. Thanks again! In a recent visit to Delta, Barb and I test-drove a new Boxster GTS. The GTS's manual gearbox with its short-throw shifter was such a revelation that it forces me to reconsider whether I'd want a PDK. With the PASM, Barb found it much more comfortable over rough pavement than our 2001 911 Turbo and it gives nothing away in the handling department.

Andrew Frankel in November's MotorSport said the Boxster GTS "is a delight and, with the sole exception of its little sister, quite the best car of its kind in the world. Just to get near it, the new Audi TT will need to be a staggering improvement over its forebear." Well said! See you soon! — *Mike*

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NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: WOLFGANG & MILUZKA BUBECK

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RSVP to wolfgang.bubeck@gmx.com no later than 11/17/14. Otherwise there's always a open spot at the bar. Don't hesitate and join us on November 20 for a cozy get together in a unique setting.



Let's keep some brew-masters happy and pay a visit to the Brewery Vivant. We will enjoy some unique Belgium craft beers and even get some insight with a short tour through the brewing chambers. Then we will quickly continue the tasting in conjunction with culinary delights.

Parking cannot be provided. There is a parking lot next to the Brewery. Cherry St. and Lake Dr. provide also plenty of opportunities. It's all about the timing.

When:

Thursday, November 20, 2014

6:30 PM Meet

7:00 PM Tour

7:30 PM Dinner — Open End

Where:

Brewery Vivant

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2014 EVENT CALENDAR



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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-03	Annual Planning Dinner	Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	11-06 through 11-09	PCA Escape 2014	Orlando, FL	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	11-20	November Dinner Drive	Brewery Vivant, Grand Rapids, MI	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

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For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit <http://www.pca.org/activities>

AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative,
Porsche Club of America

Amidst the cool crisp air and surrounded by the majestic splendor of the beautiful autumn foliage, it will soon be time to put our cars into storage until sunshine and warmer temperatures return next spring.

However, that does not mean that there still aren't plenty of opportunities to get together with your fellow PCA members for friendship and camaraderie.

I was recently able to enjoy MORPCA's Race of Champions at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. It was a well-run and well organized PCA Club Race that drew participants from all over the country.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Mid-Ohio Region officers, members and club racers who turned a portion of the awards banquet into a very thoughtful surprise birthday celebration. I truly appreciated having a banquet room full of PCA

friends singing Happy Birthday to me while blowing out candles on a beautifully decorated track themed cake that read, "Happy Birthday Mr. Zone Rep."

I also attended OVR's signature event, Rallye Porsche Mariemont, the largest community gathering of Porsches in Southwest Ohio, which included a car show and a day filled with Porsche fun. Several hundred people were on hand as downtown Mariemont was closed off to accommodate the 150 Porsches on display in the picturesque village. A local café even hosted a beer garden complete with brats and featuring a band playing German music.

This is an important time of year. Remember to help shape and support your region by participating in your region's elections. In addition, you can strengthen your region by volunteering and taking part in the upcoming planning meetings. Maybe this will be the year that you lead a tour, organize an event, or host a party. And, of course, with the holidays approaching, many regions will celebrate with their PCA family and friends by holding festive annual holiday parties. — *Michael*

FALL Dinner DRIVES 2014

Boyer City · Big Rapids



In September we drove to Boyer City for a fun fall weekend. Great Lakes Splendor. There's no substitute. — Photo by Mike Murphy



Our club welcomes all shapes and sizes. We should have choreographed the colors better. Next time. — Photo by Wolfgang Hofmann



Blue Thunder... he's out there. — Photo by Wolfgang Hofmann



Red, like a Michigan Sunset in the Fall. The most pristine 914. — Photo by Dan Phillips



Nope. You're not in Kansas anymore. The sign going the other way reads: "Don't you wish you were home right now." — Photo by Dan Phillips

REVIEWS: THE FALL COLOR TOUR —

BY DAN & REN PHILLIPS · PHOTOS BY DAN & REN PHILLIPS

Our September dinner drive to Boyne City was a home run! In total, we led 42 people and 24 cars through the inland lakes region between Traverse City and Charlevoix, ending at the wonderful Cafe Sante in Boyne City for a late lunch. The Grand Traverse Resort graciously welcomed us back, and helped us create the perfect starting grid for our group right out in front of the hotel.

Our leisurely drive around Elk Lake, Torch Lake, and Lake Charlevoix was hard to beat, with so much early fall color it was like driving through a beautiful painting. The perfect weather - 75 and sunny - was a bit unusual for the 27th of September, and made it feel like this day was meant to be.

We all managed to stay together, stay safe, and see many beautiful sights along the way, including a parade of about 40 or so Mustangs as we wound through Central Lake. Two of our participants joined up with us along the way - being part of our gaggle of Stuttgart's finest was just too cool to resist.

When we arrived in Boyne City, the city manager was kind enough to block off a big public parking area right in front of Cafe Sante just for our club, and our al fresco lunch destination gave us an outstanding view of Lake Charlevoix, and all those gorgeous Porsches. Our lunch at Cafe Sante was simply outstanding, and they handled our large group with great service.

We need to do this kind of thing more often...



At Cafe Santé our members socialized with a fine Juan Gil 2012, from Spain.



Makes for a fast exit when you forgot your wallet. Wait, that's Jag drivers.



Still going strong. Where Ruby leads, all shall follow.

— AND THE DAM FALL COLOR TOUR

BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN · HOSTED BY DUANE & BRENDA WEED



Dinner Drive invocation by Duane Weed (far right). — Photo by Amber Door



The woods were alive with the sound of horsepower. - Photo by Amber Door

Yes, your eyes do not deceive you. There was another fall driving event. In October, Duane and Brenda Weed invited us to their Dinner Drive, for a quick jaunt through the colorful countryside. After a week unrelenting rain, Saturday came and so did warmer temps and sunshine.

What would have been a mundane highway cruise for most, was a well-planned 20–30 mile route that took 22 cars onto a scenic drive around the greater Big Rapids area. The cacophony of sound from our cars echoed, as we all exercised our right foot merging from one small side road onto bigger ones.

Some bewildered motorists were trying to make a late afternoon grocery run when they sat in awe in their driveway or — probably more likely — just wondered



Well, hello there, ladies. Porsche comradery. — Photo by Amber Door

when this German freight train would finally come to an end. And while all was as expected, you do have to be prepared, because it's always 5 o'clock somewhere and Paul Bunyan might just come out of the shaded woods, beer in hand, to check his mail box across the road.

Mind you, Duane called it the “Dam Fall Color Tour”, so naturally we stopped at one — the Croton dam. The small roadside parking lot quickly filled up and everyone enjoyed a look down stream and stretched their legs. I wonder what the fishermen were thinking. We skillfully extricated ourselves from said parking lot set our sights on Cranker's Brewery in Big Rapids for a refreshing brew and Dinner Drive comradery. On behalf of all attendees, many thanks to Duane and Brenda for making it a wonderful event. — *Wolfgang*

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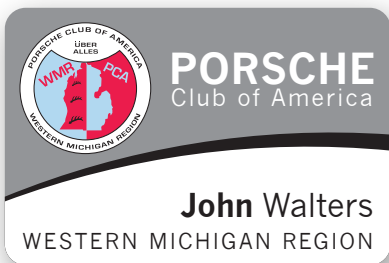


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WAX ON, WAX OFF - A KEY TO PRESERVATION

As we near the end of our driving season, it's time to put our treasures away. As always, preparation is the key to preservation. Let's take a moment to look at some waxes that are over the top, and then what it takes to create a good shine without breaking the bank.

MITCHELL & KING wax is said to be the world's most expensive and exclusive wax at \$97,200. No that's not a typo, ninety-seven-thousand-two-hundred dollars and don't forget the two-hundred bucks, they need it all. This wax comes in a 24-carat gold jar and is personally delivered by the company's CEO. But wait, before you run out to buy it, you must first complete an application to purchase it.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NOT QUITE SO PRICEY?

You might try Zymol Solaris Glaze at \$50,000 or for the more down to earth client, their Royal Glaze at a measly \$8,500. I should mention that the Zymol waxes come with life-time refills.

STILL A LITTLE TOO MUCH THAN WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SPEND?

Then we can drop down to something more affordable such as Migliore Presidential Carnauba at \$350 or their Competizione Carnauba at a more reasonable \$215. Finally we have Zymol Concours Glaze for a mere \$175.

STILL OVER THE TOP ON PRICE?

The auto finish experts tell us that it takes a wax with 33% yellow carnauba wax to give the best shine; your car's maximum shine. Cheaper waxes will have as little as 15% carnauba wax, so read the product info carefully. You won't have to spend \$97k for a good shine. Several good waxes are available in the \$50 to \$100 range. With these products and proper waxing techniques, even higher-priced cars can benefit from a lasting shine of brilliance.

WAXING TIPS — PREPARATION

- Wash and dry your car using a non-detergent, pH balanced soap that doesn't remove the wax.
- Remove any bug or road tar grime that didn't come off in the wash, with a clay bar, carefully following the instructions that come with the bar. There are some chemical cleansers you can use for this purpose but they will be harsh to your car's finish.

WAXING TIPS — APPLICATION

Applying the wax properly is the most important thing you can do to protect your car's finish.

- Use a good carnauba based wax. This wax will give your car a better shine than a paint sealant but will not last as long.
- For added protection, you can use a sealant first and then apply the wax for a great shine.
- **NEVER** apply wax or sealant in direct sunlight.
- Apply the wax using a circular motion, being careful not to stick wax into the trim edges.
- Be sure to apply and remove ALL of the wax using only the proper soft towels and applicators.
- Consider purchasing an 18 volt cordless, portable orbital buffer for around \$60. It's a great investment for use on the large surface areas and can actually apply and remove the wax better than we can by hand. With practice you can use it to do up to 90% of your car. Consider too that they are very safe to use, even for a beginner, since they do not run fast enough to burn the paint, not even the pant on the edges. However, they will not polish out deep scratches.

SOUND LIKE A LOT OF WORK AND THINKING OF SENDING YOUR CAR OUT TO BE WAXED?

If you're feeling extravagant you might consider sending it to a guy I heard about in Great Britain. He uses a forensic microscope to check for any scratches, then he color sands the car twice and buffs it once before waxing, all for only \$11,520 plus shipping. Now that's extravagant! — Tim

WMR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2014

Delta Porsche, Grand Rapids October 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:07 pm. Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Wolfgang Hofmann, Marshall Walters, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Joyce Lo, Craig Paull, Colin Carpenter, and Arnie Axelrod.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 266
Affiliate Members: 186
Total Members: 452
New Members: 2
Transfers In: 2
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 6
Renewals: 13

Minutes: Minutes from September meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Latest edition went to press last Tuesday (9/30). Received notice Jim and Helen Owens are selling their 1974 Targa - ad will be in the next Über classifieds.

Webmaster's Report: Nothing new to report.

Social Media Report: We have 167 likes on Facebook. Photos from Boyne drive have been posted to the page. The 912 Registry shared a post about our Fall Color Tour.

Insurance Report: We are set for insurance through the end of the year.

Old Business:

- Grand Prix of Grattan: Great turnout with 60 paid participants. Delta furnished the t-shirts. Comments have been very favorable — a few to note: great social outing as well as a track event; well-run event; fantastic donuts; name-tags were a nice touch.
- Dinner Drive, hosted by Dan & Ren Phillips - Boyne City: 24 cars in attendance - great time had by all.

New Business:

- Fall Color Tour - October 11: Blast went out 10/5. Details in the Über and on the web page.
- Annual Planning Meeting - Bistro Bella Vita Nov. 3: details in the Über Alles and to be posted to the web. 6 pm dinner, with the meeting to start at 7pm.
- WinterFest: Being the preliminary search for a venue and selecting a date.
- Charity: Proposed charities for 2015 to be voted on at the Annual Planning Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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THE TAILPIPE

BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR



Wolfgang Hofmann
Über Alles Editor,
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Last weekend was very busy. Not only was your editor busy getting this newsletter together, but the weather allowed for the long overdue fall cleaning ritual. I won't lie. I like driving my Porsche much more than I enjoy cleaning it.

However with the privilege of owning a sports car comes the careful dance with factory approved cleansers, wax, microfiber towels, sponges, wheel brushes, etc. When you're six foot tall and have a lint roller, that soft-top roof is done in a jiffy. Well, not so fast. Of course it is only the first step. Rinse it. Lightly soap it with the appropriate tincture, rinse again, dry off immediately, lint roller again and eventually apply the protective spray while not getting it on any rubber, glass or painted pieces. Right! So much for the convertible fun, I wrote about in my last Tailpipe open editorial. It made me wonder ...

What is the most challenging Porsche to prep for Concours competition? Share your thoughts or proof-in-pictures on our Facebook page.

Congratulate these fine folks on their Western Michigan Porsche Club Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 1 year Bob Greene, (2013)
Donald Novess & Mary Dykstra, (2013)
- 10 years John & Tracy Van Raalte, (2004)
- 25 years Jack & Michele Fisher, (1989)

Willkommen! — New Members

- Ronald Windemuller, Grand Haven · '00 Boxster
- Doug & Shari Hoek, Charlevoix · '08 Boxster S
- Emil Przeklasa, Englewood, FL · '96 911
- Scott Hice, Lawton · '84 944
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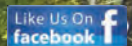
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