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On the cover:

WMR member

Bob Stander and his '86 911

at the Grattan Grand Prix

Photo by Watermark Photography Jeff Simonis

ANNO 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike KarlukPresident,
Western Michigan Region

Anno 2014 is drawing to a close, but our Annual Planning Meeting on November 3 provided reassurance of a full calendar of events for 2015 to buoy our spirits this winter while the sun takes a holiday. I'm delighted to report that Amber Door has agreed to continue as our region's Treasurer and Brenda

Hildon-Kaempf as our Secretary. Wolfgang Hofmann will remain at the reins of Über Alles, Craig Paull will continue to manage our website, and Joyce Lo will continue to provide creative energy and enthusiasm to our Social Media activities. Thank you and all the other chairpersons and volunteers who continue to make things happen in the WMR, including Chief Driving Instructor Terry Schieble; Autocross Chair Duane Weed; Safety Chair Craig Ackerman; Historian and Insurance coordinator Kurt Wirth; Membership Chair Jerry Arens; and Registrar Amber Door. Ted Blacklidge and John Walters continue to be listed as Interim Advertising Co-Chair, which implies they would welcome anyone with the time and interest in taking over their duties to

come to our next Board Meeting (January 5) and make yourself known. We continue to have a vacancy for Vice President, so let us know if you're interested or if you have a recommendation for a candidate we can pursue. I hope many of you will be able to attend the December Appetizer Party on December 6 at Barb's and my home in West Olive. Don't miss Rick Riley's annual January Dinner at Leo's on January 14. I hope the weather cooperates with both events, though I've been told that the last time Grand Rapids had a summer this cool was in 1952, the year the current record for highest snowfall was set. Miscellaneous thoughts: In 2013, Porsche sold 30,000 more Cayennes than the total number of cars Porsche sold the year before the Cayenne's introduction. Reports in Panorama and other sources suggest that turbocharging will be playing an increasing role in all Porsche model variants beyond specific "Turbo" models. This is undoubtedly being driven by the need both for more power and greater fuel economy. It strikes me we might be on the cusp of another great transition, this time from naturally aspirated to forced induction engines. Whether this turns out to be a schism as dramatic and traumatic as the change from air-cooled to water-cooled engines remains to be seen. — Mike

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DECEMBER APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: BARB & MIKE KARLUK

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline in West Olive, MI for a second consecutive year. Barb and Mike invite you to their home to celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! This year we'll explore ice wines, aperitifs, and olive oils with the usual backup of chocolates.

Please join us for a great evening of food, friends, and festivities. As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

No need to RSVP! Just show up!

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When:

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Where:

Barb and Mike's home, 9342 Whispering Sands Drive, West Olive, MI, 49460

Directions from Grand Rapids:

Take Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) west all the way to Lake Shore Drive on Lake Michigan.

Head south (left) and travel ~ 2.4 miles, passing Kirk Park, and turn right (west) onto Sheldon Dunes Drive.

Our bright red house (no, not Guards Red, unfortunately) is straight ahead at the southeast corner or Sheldon Dunes and Whispering Sands Drive.

Our driveway has been re-oriented since last year and continues straight off Sheldon Dunes Drive.



A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM —

BY AMBER DOOR · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

At the end of September, Jerry and I had the opportunity of travel to Germany with a group of fellow PCA members. Although it was a 10-day trip, the highlight and primary reason for it, should be obvious to any PCA enthusiast — a visit to the Porsche Factory and Museum. Additionally, for me, it included the ability check a box on the bucket list: Trip to Porsche Factory / Museum with Amber's Mom & Dad

Over the 10 days we were pretty hard-core, first-time Germany tourists, covering nearly 2500 km. Our travel modalities included: planes, buses, a train, gondolas (to a mountain top), elevators (into the salt mines), trucks, boats, and of course our own two feet. We saw many castles, walled cities, and churches. We visited candy factories, mountain tops, wineries, the Steif (aka teddy bear) Museum (for the non-car enthusiasts on the trip), Oktoberfest in München (yes, we drank beer in the Biergarten tents), BMW museum and of course the automotive "Mecca", that is the Porsche Museum and Factory. Although I took over 1900 photos, if you are interested in seeing them, they were all just a build up to the "Porsche Day" of the trip.

It started with a tour of the Porsche factory that included the production line, that assembles all 911's (and some Boxster's and Cayman's). It's a multi-level facility with the vehicles starting on the top floor and traveling down as they are assembled.



The Museum Restoration shop will try its best to bring back this ...

The cars are almost entirely assembled by hand, with only the window installation done by robots. We also visited the engine assembly line, as well as the interior assembly area. Following the tour we were treated to a wonderful Swabian lunch in the Museum Restaurant "Boxenstopp" with Matthias Menner (Porsche Club Coordinator for South America/Japan).

After lunch, we were surprised with an additional "behind the scenes" tour at the Museum. Author Dieter Landenberger, head of the Porsche Archives, took us into the Museum Restoration shop to see a newly acquired barn find — an early 901. As you can see from the photo — the Museum has a lot of work to do! Following the Restoration shop tour we had the pleasure of visiting some of the 2.5 km of Archives that reside at the Museum, which are not open to the public.



One of the many keepsakes in the Porsche archives. Recognize anyone?



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Nearly everything from Porsches history has been saved, cataloged and stored. This includes every poster from every race Porsche has entered, the Porsche family personal notebooks and writings, sales information, trophies, manuals, films, and even a 100-pound carved chocolate Porsche presented to Porsche by the mayor of Moscow.

Following the behind-the-scene tours we literally nearly ran into fellow PCA members from Chicago, Jack and Karen Stephensen. It's a small world for PCA members! But, onto the Museum itself — the layout and design is, as it should be, all about the cars, both by sight and by sound. As one can imagine, the array of Porsches is an amazing visual.

On display were several prototypes of the now production model vehicles. Plus, the Porsche #1, a 959, Carrera GT, multiple 917's, race cars of all models and of course the newest kid on the block the 918 Spyder. Even a vehicle planned only for China called the C88. Auditory excitement could be found in one area of the Museum. Here you stand and listen to Porsches of all "makes and models", including a traktor, start and run. As we all know, the sound of a Porsche is like no other.

It was a great end to a wonderful trip. I would encourage anyone that has the opportunity, to make the trip. If you go, remember to bring your PCA card. PCA members get free admittance to the Museum and discounts in the Museum store! — Amber

2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JAN	01-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	01-14	January Dinner Drive	Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI	Rick Riley
FEB	02-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	02-21	Winterfest 2015	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	02-22	Morning-After Brunch	Destination TBD	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
MAR	03-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	03-18	March Dinner Drive	The Grattan Pub, Grattan, MI	Kurt Wirth, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
APR	04-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	04-18	Annual Cookoff	The Schieble Residence, Portage, MI	Terry & Dorilee Schieble
	04-27	Spring Brunch	Cygnus 27, Grand Rapids, MI	Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck
MAY	05-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	05-16	May Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	John & Marshall Walters
	05-23	Sporting Clays Event	Blendon Pines Gun Club, Zeeland, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
JUN	06-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	06-10	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley
	6-13	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher and Euro Autowerks
	06-21 through 06-27	Porsche Parade 2015 PCA National Event	French Lick, IN	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Susan Brown
	06-27	Parade Orphans Lunch Drive	Destination TBD	Len & Bonnie Gawron
JUL	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
AUG	08-01	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Amber Door & Jerry Arens
	08-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club







ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-21 through 08-22	28th Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
SEP	09-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	PCA Escape 2015 Escape to Rushmore	Black Hills of South Dakota	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	09-26	September Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
ОСТ	10-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-09 through 10-11	Porsche Rennsport Reunion V	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, 1021 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908	Porsche Cars North America
	TBD	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	TBD
NOV	11-02	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-07	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
DEC	12-01-15	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-12-15	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk



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. For example: Driving Events require insurance, etc.



MOTORSPORT EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	TBD	IROC Series I — III	Destination TBD	Duane Weed, Michael Betz
	08-07 through 08-09	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI	South-East Michigan Region PCA (SEM)
SEP	09-12 through 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge





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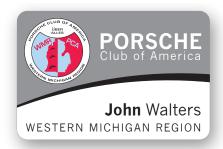


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The main functions of your car's cooling system are to:

- 1. Keeping your car's engine operating at the optimum temperature for maximum performance
- 2. To keep the engine from over heating
- 3. To keep the engine from freezing
- **4.** Protect aluminum parts from acidity

There are many components to a cooling system and they vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Failure in any of these components will compromise the system's ability to cool the engine. The main components of the cooling system are:

- Water pump the water pump is either belt driven or electric and circulates the coolant through the many cooling system components
- Coolant a liquid that efficiently transfers heat
- Thermostat controls coolant flow to the radiator
- Radiator the main heat dissipating component (exchanger) of the cooling system
- Cooling fan draws air through the radiator to cool the coolant passing through it. The fan can either be belt driven or electric, or a combination of both
- Thermo-time switch turns the electric cooling fan on and off as needed
- Heater core a small heat exchanger that is used to provide heat to the car's interior

- Radiator cap controls the pressure in the system, which is created by the coolant expanding as it is heated
- Expansion tank a holding tank for coolant to go into as it expands and back out when it contracts
- Other components there are numerous other small components that link the whole system together such as the upper and lower radiator hoses, the heater hoses, the thermostat housing and the by-pass hose

Just as engine oils and transmission fluids have evolved over the years, so have engine coolants. Coolants now last longer, dissipate heat more efficiently and protect engine components better. However, the evolution of coolants has produced many different products! Many of the coolants can somewhat be distinguished by color, but do not depend on it because there are matching colors from various manufacturers which have different additives.

Coolants come in many colors such as green, pink, blue, yellow, orange and red with pink tints (figure that one out). There are also multiple shades of the various colors. For instance we have two green coolants, one we call the "old" green and the other we call the "new" green.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR COOLING SYSTEM OPERATING AT PEAK EFFICIENCY:

- When adding to or replacing your car's coolant, always read the product information completely, making sure that what you are adding to your cooling system is recommended for the year, model and manufacturer of your vehicle
- Have your coolant tested for freeze point and acidity to assure yourself of its ability to do its job
- Have your cooling system components inspected annually and replace components as recommended to prevent failure



PLEASE NOTE!

Mixing coolants IS NOT recommended and although it may not create a bubbling chemical reaction, it can diminish the coolants ability to protect your engine components. Also, by using a high-quality coolant from a reputable supplier and following careful preventive maintenance practices, you will help to ensure the proper protection of your engine for years to come.

All of us here at Euro Autowerks would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2015. — *Tim & Team*

VMR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Bistro Bella Vita, Grand Rapids November 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:21 pm. Members present were: Mike Karluk, John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door and Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Rick Riley, Wolfgang Hofmann, Arnie and Val Axelrod, Craig Paull, Joyce Lo, Rex Tsui and Don Saszma.

Treasurer's Report: Approved. Charity monies have been given to Children's Food Basket. Expenditure for Grattan will go out at end of year.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 268 Affiliate Members: 185

Total Members: 453 **New Members:** 3 Transfers In: 2 Transfers Out: 0 Non renewals: 3 Renewals: 10

Minutes: Minutes from October meeting approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report:

Investigating a member survey and 4c holiday spread with Swift Printing - cost prohibitive at the moment.

Webmaster's Report: Nothing new to report.

Social Media Report: Winter will likely be slow -

Joyce encourages members to continue to post to the Facebook page. If unsure how to post - send to Joyce and she will post.

Insurance Report: No insurance needs.

Old Business:

• Annual Fall Color Tour: 20+ cars, some new members

New Business:

- 2015 WMR PCA Board: President - Mike Karluk Vice President - (currently an open position) Treasurer - Amber Door Secretary - Brenda Hildon-Kaempf
- November 20 Dinner Drive Hosted By Wolfgang and Miluzka Bubeck. Brewery Vivant. Details in the Über Alles and on the web.
- December 12 Appetizer Party Hosted by Mike Karluk and Barb Doss. Details to come.
- Street Survival Looking for a 4-5 acre, paved lot. Contact Don Saszma with suggestions.
- WinterFest Looking at a date in February. Possibly Bar Divani. More details to come.
- The members present established a preliminary 2015 event calendar that will be printed in the Über Alles and on the web. There are opportunities for more events - anyone interested in hosting a dinner drive/event should contact any Board member.

Meeting was adjourned 8:12 pm Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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AN EVENING AT THE BREWERY

BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

Just this past Thursday (11/20) Wolfgang & Miluzka Bubeck graciously invited us to Brewery Vivant. Many WMRPCA members shrugged off the snow and ice outside, to warm up with a fine brew, good food and conversations as varied as the beer menu. We had the Walloon room to ourselves and a delightful evening concluded with a brief tour of the Vivant Brewhouse plus, cleaning off another inch of snow afterwards.



Mr. Bubeck (far right) quizzing our tour guide. — Photo by Amber Door



If this doesn't look inviting, what does? - Photo by Amber Door

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