

## Über Alles

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

## **Let's Get Together:**

The Gilmore Wednesday Night Cruise-In

Concert Drive: Bob Milne The best ragtime pianist in the world

Parade Orphans Dinner Drive

## In Review:

May Events

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## **BUBBLE LIGHTS AND PRETZELS**

Just back from Wuppertal, Germany — a gracious and jolly Herb Welz hosted our WMRPCA members with a tour of Euro-Lighting Designs, which appropriately ended with a visit to the Stickmann Bäeckerei. Thanks, Herb!

— Photo provided by Amber Door

# Liber Alles Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

On the cover:

Bubble lights at Herb Welz's

Euro-Lighting Designs factory tour.

## STREET SURVIVAL

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk** President, Western Michigan Region

I'll start by apologizing to Über's ace Editor, Wolfgang Hofmann, as I am submitting this dispatch several days later than would be strictly convenient. I felt compelled, however, to be able to write first hand about at least one of May's fine WMR activities, last evening's dinner drive through scenic Allegan, Barry, and Kalamazoo

counties to our dinner destination, The Dock on Gull Lake. John and Marshall Walters did an excellent job in charting the route, which saw few left turns and minimal interruption of our Porsche caravan's brisk progress. The threatening skies managed to restrain themselves until the gathering of thirty-three began to disperse after delightful beverages, hearty repast, and lively conversation among friends in a comfortable private room. I'm sorry that other plans will keep me from attending Herb Welz' Euro Lighting Designs Tour and Stickmann Bäeckerei gatherings and Jerry Arens' and Amber Door's Sporting Clays event. June brings more chances to hit the road with Rick Riley's Wednesday Night Cruise-In to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory

Corners on June 10, one of two club opportunities to see this great museum this summer. The PCA National Porsche Parade runs from 6/21-6/27 in French Lick, IN and Len and Bonnie Gawron have organized a Parade Orphans Dinner Drive for Saturday, 6/27 for those who can't make the Parade. July seems to be wide open for anyone wishing to organize and host an event. Our most ambitious club undertaking this year will be hosting a day-long "Street Survival" driving course at 5/3rd Ballpark on October 17. Don Sazama has been spearheading WMR organization of this event. "The Tire Rack Street Survival School" is a "safe teen program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education minimums and give teens across the USA the tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers." The program, which is hosted by BMW and PCA clubs across the country, was started by the BMW CCA Foundation and has been supported by The Tire Rack. This will be a big and worthwhile undertaking for our club and provide the opportunity for lots of members to contribute their time, driving and teaching skills, and organizational talents to a most worthy endeavor. More details about Street Survival in general can be found at www.streetsurvival.org/schools. - Mike

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

HOSTS: RICK RILEY, KURT WIRTH, ROB CLARK

Every Wednesday from May till September, weather permitting, the Gilmore Car Museum hosts 150 to 300 (sometimes more) great-looking vehicles and their equally great-looking drivers. These Cruise-ins are open to anyone. Just bring the car you want to show off, and the attitude to go with it. It is FREE to bring your car on the grounds during the cruise-in. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and runs until 9 p.m., and our authentic 1941 Blue Moon Diner serves dinner and frozen custard from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

With oldies music providing the soundtrack, these are evenings you won't soon forget. So plan to bring your ride, snap a photo in front of the 1930s Shell station, cruise our amazing grounds, and enjoy an evening of great wheels and memories. With the exception of the Blue Moon Diner, the buildings are closed for the event. Rob, Kurt and Rick will be there starting at 1 pm. Mention PCA for a discount on the museum's entry fee.



Image by WMR PCA Facebook member(s)

When: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 · 5:00 pm

Where: Gilmore Car Museum

6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060

## BOB MILNE CONCERT DRIVE

## HOSTS: JIM & ARDIS SCHAAF · PHOTO COURTESY OF BOBMILNE.COM

Who is Bob Milne? He is an American ragtime musician and concert pianist. He was referred to as a "national treasure" after he was interviewed and documented for future generations by the U.S. Library of Congress in 2004. Experiments conducted by Penn State neuroscientist Kerstin Bettermann established that



Milne has the unusual ability to mentally "play" up to 4 symphonies in his head simultaneously. Check him out online at YouTube.com or Apple's iTunes. Please RSVP to dogzan2@aol.com or by calling (231) 759-7360 by June 10. Make sure you receive a confirmation e-mail, or phone call, if you left a message on the Schaaf's phone answering machine.

## If you would like to drive as a group:

Meet at: Choice One Bank 4170 17 Mile NE Cedar Springs. We will leave by 1:00 pm sharp.

**Cost:** \$10/person. We currently have 20 tickets reserved, but can increase this if needed.

**Where:** Barn Theater, Montcalm College 2800 College Dr., Sidney, MI (this is 46 miles NE of Grand Rapids) **When:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 · Concert Begin: 2:00 pm

## PARADE ORPHANS DINNER DRIVE

## HOSTS: LEN & BONNIE GAWRON

Not able to attend 2015 Porsche Parade? - Join your hosts Len & Bonnie Gawron instead! They'll guide you on a relaxed drive through the West Michigan countryside and lake-shore, to a 5 PM dinner at Pereddies Restaurant. Pereddies has been serving Italian cuisine in Holland's historic Washington Square for over 20 years.



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You don't want to miss this Old World Italian treasure! Please RSVP by June 19th to lagawron@comcast.net or call at 231.670.3274

## Where:

Parking lot at the corner of Leonard and 1195 Wilson NW (behind Foot & Ankle Specialist)

When: Saturday, June 27, 2015, 3:00 pm

## IN REVIEW: SPORTING CLAYS

## BY AMBER DOOR · PHOTOS BY AMBER DOOR

What do you get when you have sunshine, no insects, the outdoors, friends and Porsches? The Answer: the perfect day in the woods to participate in a Sporting Clay event. The pictures speak for themselves. Congratulations to our top shooter this year, Gary Buth, followed closely (minus 1) by one of our newest members Neil Ringerwole.

Our (tied) top women shooters were Marshall Walters and Bette Toliver. As a group we are happy to report that we shot 323 clays from the sky - 63 more than last year, with the same number of shooters.

We hope that you join us next year so that you too can help us to increase the sporting clay death rate.



Marshall Walters has her sights on Bette Toliver. — Bette's score that is.



Shootin' Buddies. Ted Blacklidge (in rifle range orange) and Jerry Arens.



Marshall & John Walters May Dinner Drive led our drivers through scenic back roads across three counties. 'Twas the first Dinner Drive of the year!



Second only to Herb Welz, Dan Phillips (photo) is our resident bubble light expert. He knows the difference between Howard and Herman Miller.



The Stickmann Bäeckerei surprised us with this confectionery masterpiece. Who wouldn't want a slice? Afterall — There is no substitute.™

# IVAY\* EVENTS IN REVIEW

Photos by Amber Door



From the vantage point of a scared orange clay pigeon. Our annual Blendon Pines Gun Club event.



The connoisseur can tell them apart by the tip of their noses. Here's to a safe and enjoyable driving season in Michigan!

## 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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
	06-14	Bob Milne Concert Drive	Barn Theater, Montcalm College 2800 College Dr., Sidney, MI	Jim & Ardis Schaaf
	06-20	Red Brick Reunion Porsches Return to Oxford, OH!	Oxford Memorial Park 1 N. Main St., Oxford, OH 45056 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	PCA Zone 4 Event Jessica Greene Phone: (513) 523-8687
	06-20	Cars & Coffee 9 AM to 12 PM	Great Lakes Chemical 870 40th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508	Non-PCA Event Phone: (616) 246-5134
	06-21 through 06-27	Porsche Parade 2015 PCA National Event	French Lick, IN	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Susan Brown
	06-26 through 06-28	Vintage Grand Prix Car Corral	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, OH http://www.midohio.com/	Non-PCA Event Greg Winter Phone: (716) 450-4580
	06-27	Parade Orphans Drive	Pereddies Restaurant, Holland, MI	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
	08-15	German Auto Service Open House	1014 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	Non-PCA Event Ben Zeeuw
	08-21/22	28 <sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise	28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Non-PCA Event
	8-29	Euro Autowerks Open House	Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher and Euro Autowerks
SEP	09-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-26	Sept. Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
	09-25 through 09-27	Porsche Rennsport Reunion V	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, 1021 Monterey Salinas Hwy, Salinas, CA 93908	Porsche Cars North America
	09-30	PCA Escape 2015 Escape to Rushmore	Black Hills of South Dakota	Porsche Club of America, National Event
ОСТ	10-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	TBD	Annual Fall Color Tour	Destination TBD	TBD





	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-02	Annual Planning Dinner	Destination TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-07	November Dinner Drive	Destination TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
DEC	12-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-12	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk

## 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

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

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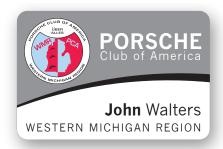


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## NO TIME FOR WRITING.

As you can see in the picture below, Tim is busy preparing a car for some enjoyable summer driving. In response to my request to take a break to write this month's article, he simply pointed to the line of Porsches that awaited his attention.

Since coming to work here in 2010, I have found it interesting that through the winter months, Tim steadily works at what needs to be done, but when spring comes and the Porsches are pulled out of storage, his smile grows. There's a spring to his step and a twinkle in his eye. There's no doubt that he loves working on and driving a Porsche.

So, in lieu of a tech article this month, we thought we'd take this opportunity to remind you that we have rescheduled our Open House from its June date to August 29th.

This will be just prior to the Grand Prix of Grattan scheduled for September 12th, giving us an opportunity to invite you to put your car on a rack, have it inspected or otherwise prepared for Grattan.

We'll have a special guest speaker at the Open House that you won't want to miss. He's an expert in the custom/specialty car market and will be discussing current trends in the Porsche market. He'll also spend some time discussing the value of used car inspections when considering the purchase of a car.

In addition to the speaker and tech session we'll have some great food and gifts for all who attend. We look forward to seeing you in August and hope you have a great time at Parade.

Drive hard, have fun,

- Clyde

P.S. Next month Tim promises a great article on convertible tops and cables.



## WMR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2015

### Delta Porsche/Subaru, Grand Rapids, May 4, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:02 pm. Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Wolfgang Hofmann, John & Marshall Walters, Joyce Lo, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge, Rick Riley, Don Sazama, Doug Tepper, and Dennis Holefca.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

### **Membership Report:**

Primary Members: 281
Affiliate Members: 194
Total Members: 475
New Members: 5
Transfers In: 0

Transfers Out: 1 (to Motorstadt)

Non renewals: 3 Renewals: 14

**Minutes:** One correction to the April minutes: Don Sazama's name was spelled incorrectly

Sazma should be Sazama. Minutes were approved.

**Über Alles Editor's Report:** The latest edition was printed April 29<sup>th</sup> and should be arriving in mailboxes soon, if not already. Wolfgang has contacted Herb Welz about advertising in the Über Alles.

## Webmaster's Report:

Nothing new to report from Craig.

**Social Media Report:** Total likes on Facebook are 196 - 6 short of our 200 benchmark by summer. Joyce will be traveling May-June, so the posting of the Über Alles to Facebook may be delayed slightly.

**Insurance Report:** We are all set for the Dock Dinner Drive and Euro Lighting Designs Tour. No insurance needed for the Sporting Clays event.

Editors Note: For the full meeting minutes, please visit our website at http://wmr.pca.org

Meeting was adjourned 7:44 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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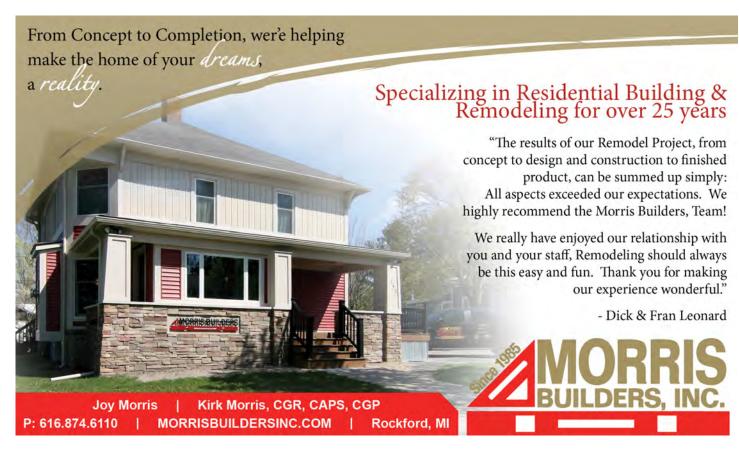
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## THE TAILPIPE

## BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR



**Wolfgang Hofmann** Über Alles Editor, Western Michigan Region

By the time you read these lines, we'll be very close to the 83rd running of the 24 hours of Le Mans. On June 13th, Porsche will try again to win this race of all races. Three 919 Hybrids will roll of the starting grid, trying to re-capture the glory of past wins, while proving once again that racing will not stop when

we eventually run out of oil. In fact, Audi engineers and their partners, have more recently managed two very interesting feats. First they were able to create "Blue Diesel" a carbon-neutral synthetic fuel made from water and CO<sub>2</sub>. Yes, trust your eyes: water and carbondioxid. You can read more about it by following this link: http://tinyurl.com/bludiesel

Then, shortly thereafter - they created 100 octane fuel (synthetic methane) from biomass. The link below has some detail on it: http://tinyurl.com/ebenzin It's a brave new world, in which automakers are not only working on the next hot drive, but also what is required to actually power it, besides a battery. — *Wolfgang* 

Congratulate these fine folks on their WMR PCA Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

## **Anniversaries**

1 year Kirt & Heather Kilbourne (2014)10 years William & Nancy Busso (2005)

Gary Cirulli & David Braganini (2005)

### Willkommen! - New Members

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Brian Gluck, Spring Lake, MI·'14 Panamera Turbo
Christian Hirsch, Kalamazoo, MI·'15 Cayman S
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