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Porsche 919 Hybrid (19), Porsche Team: Nico Huelkenberg, Earl Bamber, Nick Tandy
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On the cover:
*History, Heritage,
Horsepower
and Gratitude*

Photo by Wolfgang Hofmann

SEVENTEEN

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Sunday, June 15, 2015 was a great day internationally as well as locally in the Porsche world. Porsche 919 hybrid race cars finished the 24 Heures du Mans in first, second, and fifth place; “Grey’s Anatomy” star, Patrick Dempsey, and teammates Patrick Long and Marco Seefriend finished second in the GTE amateur division in their 911 RSR; and WMR members enjoyed a drive to an intimate concert by ragtime piano great, Bob Milne. Despite all three Audi R8 e-tron Quattros breaking the 40-year-old Circuit de la Sarthe lap record, the “underdog” #19 Porsche of LeMans rookie drivers Niko Hulkenberg and Earl Bamber and veteran Nick Tandy won the race a lap ahead of the second place #17 Porsche 919 and two and three laps ahead of the #7 and #8 Audis, respectively. This marks the seventeenth outright LeMans victory by Porsche and their first since leaving prototype racing after their 1998 victory. To achieve this in the second year of the 919’s development against such competition is amazing. These exotic hybrids are playing a crucial role in the development of technology that will allow Porsche

and other manufacturers to continue making sports cars as CAFE mileage standards continue to rise and the racing is fantastic. Thanks to Rick Riley for organizing the Wednesday Night Cruise-in to the Gilmore Car Museum and Jim and Artis Schaaf for organizing the drive to the Bob Milne concert. Jim and Artis’ Cayman demonstrated its versatility by proving to be an outstanding vehicle for a tailgating party! The concert was educational as well as delightful; ask any of the twenty WMR members in attendance the origin of the term “ragtime.” Upcoming WMR PCA include the July 11 Deutsche Marques Event at the Gilmore Car Museum and the newly created July Appetizer Party at Barb and my West Olive home on Saturday, July 25. Same December Appetizer Party format without snow and the option to walk on the beach! I’ll even be grilling brats and hotdogs! Monitor the wmr.pca.org website and look for e-mail blasts for further developments. Miscellaneous quote: “The [Cayman] GT4 is as far ahead of its competitor as any GT Porsche I can recall. Indeed it makes the question for those looking to spend such money of any proper sports car not why they should choose a Cayman GT4 but why on earth they might possibly not.” – Andrew Frankel, GT Porsche, May 2015. See you soon! — *Mike*

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DEUTSCHE MARQUES

HOST: NON-PCA EVENT · MICHAEL BETZ

The 2015 Gathering is open to all German car owners and enthusiasts. Bring your favorite German car – either your daily driver or weekend keepsake. Up to 10 prizes in each marque for Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Volkswagen and Other German Marques classes will be awarded. The Best in Show award winners in BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Porsche will see their names engraved on trophies to be displayed at area dealership sponsors, and will receive a beautiful crystal trophy.

When: Saturday, July 11, 2015, Cars at 8:00 a.m., show runs 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, Michigan 49060



The \$11 entry fee supports the Gilmore Car Museum. For more info visit: <http://www.deutschemarquesag.com> or on Facebook at DeutscheMarques.

JULY APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: BARB & MIKE KARLUK

The WMR Appetizer Party has a Summer Edition. This year, at the Lake Michigan shoreline in West Olive, MI. Barb and Mike invite you to their home when there is no danger of snow to celebrate your WMR friendships old and new. There will be no special theme this year, but chocolate will be provided, as usual.

Please join us for a great evening of food, friends, and festivities. As is tradition for the December Appetizer party, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Mike will be grilling bratwurst, hot dogs, and any other hunk of meat you feel like bringing.

An RSVP would be appreciated, but not necessary.

When: Saturday, July 25, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

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

Overnight accommodations can be found nearby at:

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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.

35TH RED BARN SPECTACULAR

HOST: AMBER DOOR & JERRY ARENS



Admission: 20.00 for show cars (includes admission for car and 2 people) 12.00/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 1st, 2015 · 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Gates open at 7:00 am

Western Michigan Region Porsche Club will again be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts (and 1000 vehicles) for the 35th annual Red Barn Spectacular. It is West Michigan's "Grand Daddy" of antique, classic and special interest car show. In addition to cars the event has special displays of antique boats and campers. The event includes a swap meet, food booths, judge's Concours and people's choice Concours. The WMR Porsche Club will have a Porsche only car corral and welcome/membership tent located on the north end of the racetrack (located on the west side of the museum grounds). You may also enter your 1990 and older Porsche in the People's choice category.

Feel the need to Detail? – Enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1990 and older vehicles)! You must register separately for this portion of the event. Pack a lunch or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner. Porsches should enter through the west entrance. All others will be directed to the east entrance. Questions? Call Amber Door at 616-340-0971, or E-Mail: Amdoor242@aol.com

IN REVIEW: MAY DINNER DRIVE

BY MARSHALL WALTERS · PHOTO BY AMBER DOOR

On Saturday, May 16th, our group of 29 (15 examples of German engineering) left a parking lot in Wayland for a slightly spirited drive through Allegan, Barry, and Kalamazoo counties. While the weathermen had threatened rain all week, any inclement weather held off until we had all satiated ourselves (yes, we did get wet on the drive home).

The recent rains insured the trees were green, rather than empty branches. And we encountered little traffic. There were a few close calls with low flying birds (geese and ducks) along with a turtle crossing the road.

Luckily the cars and wildlife were spared. As we neared the Gilmore Car Museum, we were joined by the last 4 members of our dinner group.

The Dock did a great job, ensuring we all had beverages, followed by fish, burgers, and other sandwiches – all top notch. John and I would like to thank all who joined us.



Convoy Rules and Etiquette are always top of mind on Dinner Drives.

JUNE EVENTS

IN REVIEW

Photos by Amber Door
John Walters · Wolfgang H.
Dennis Gage's Video Guy



June started in a Barn — with our first-ever "Concert Drive" and listening to Bob Milne live! Our Thanks to Jim & Ardis Schaaf for organizing the event.



Meanwhile at the Parade in French Lick, IN — Colin Carpenter (center) won first place in the Autocross P8 group, while Doug Tepper (right) won in P4.



At the Parade's Concours d'Elegance — Terry Schieble became the latest People's Choice Winner for his beautiful restoration of a 1967 911 S.



Then, the Gilmore's Cruise-In bewitched us: Hubcap, hubcap chrome and all, who's the fairest of them all.



We finished the month with a Parade Orphan Dinner Drive, hosted by Len & Bonnie Gawron, which featured an Italian feast at Pereddies in Holland, MI.

2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUL	07-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-11	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-PCA Event Michael Betz
	07-25	July Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk
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 th 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
OCT	10-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	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	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	12-12	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike & Barbara Karluk



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MOTORSPORT EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-23	IROC Series II	US 131 Motorsports Park	Duane Weed, Michael Betz
	08-30	IROC Series III	The Tire Rack, South Bend, IN 7101 Vorden Parkway	Michiana Region PCA
	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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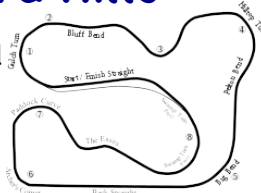
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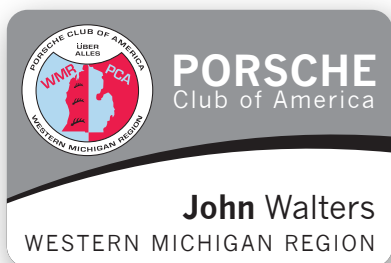


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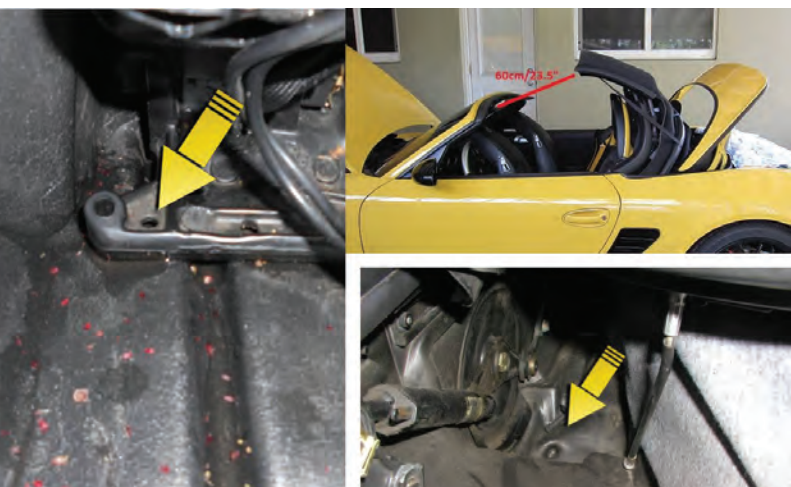
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Failures, inspection of water drains, overview of system components and conditions that must be met for the top to operate.

Items that commonly fail:

- Micro switch at roof
- Transmission lock
- Ball socket on push rods
- Cables that drive the transmissions



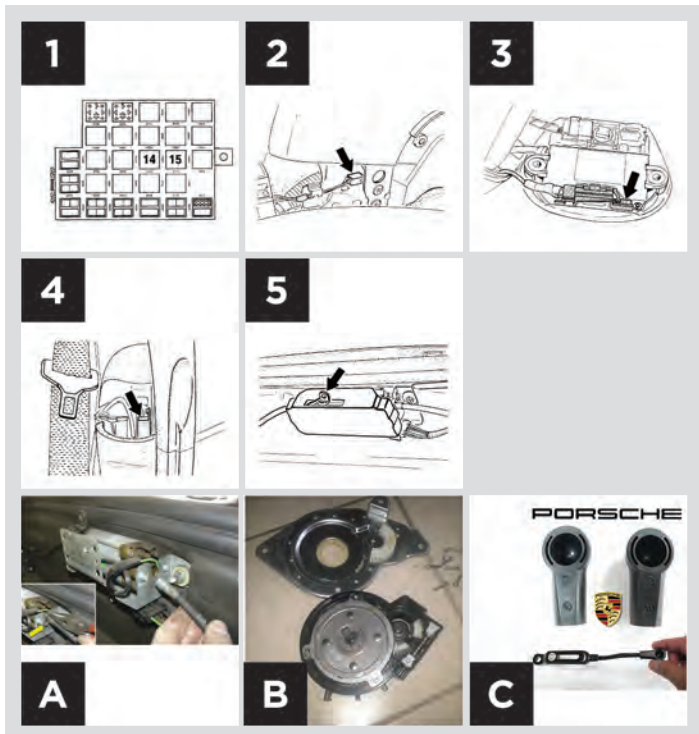
Placing the top in the service position to inspect the water drains (left and right side, yellow arrows) Open the top to only the point where the rear cover is completely open as shown in the above picture. Unhook the cable ball sockets and cloth cover clips at rear. Pull rear bottom of the window upward.

Having completed these steps you can now access the rear drain area or with the removal of the covers, go into the engine bay. Drains are located on each side near the transmission and must be kept free of debris to prevent water damage in the car.

We recommend that they are cleaned annually.

Roof Components:

1. Relay - Located at the fuse box, positions 14 & 15 (Picture 1)
2. Micro Switches - Located in roof and transmissions
3. Micro Switches - Misc. locations: parking brake, lock/unlock, B-Pillar and compartment lid (Pictures 2, 3, 4 and 5)
4. Cables - One to each motor and transmission (Picture A)
5. Transmissions - One on each side (Picture B)
6. Motor - Located in the engine compartment
7. Push Rods - Ball Sockets attach one on each side (Picture C)



Conditions that must be met for roof to operate:

- No speedometer signal over 5 km/h
- Electric motor plugged in.
- Terminal 15 is connected
- Fuse B6 (Row B Number 6) + Fuse D3 are Okay
- Parking brake is engaged

Next month we will cover diagnostic procedures and repair procedures.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Porsche Club Open House on August 29th for a day of fun, food and friendship. If you are participating in the Grand Prix of Grattan, stop in, put your car on the rack and have it inspected. — *Tim*

WMR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2015

Delta Porsche/Subaru, Grand Rapids, June 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 7:03pm.

Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempf, Wolfgang Hofmann, John and Marshall Walters, Arnie Axelrod, Colin Carpenter, Phillip and Christine Austin, Scott Hice, Mark Looman, Doug Tepper, and Dennis Holefca.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 289
Affiliate Members: 193
Total Members: 482
New Members: 6
Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 1 (to Maumee Valley)
Non renewals: -/-
Renewals: 24

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Minutes: May Minutes were approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: In print today – should be in mailboxes by the weekend. Firming up the advertising copy for Herb Welz's bakery.

Webmaster's Report: Website is up-to-date.

Social Media Report: No report – Joyce is traveling.

Insurance Report: Insurance has been requested for the Concert Drive to the Barn Theatre in Sydney MI. Insurance is needed for the Parade Orphan's Dinner Drive.

Meeting was adjourned 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempf

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BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

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Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

- 1 year Bruce Robinson, Jim Dailey, Charlie Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Gordon Kirsch Jr., (2014)
5 years Frank Berris, Jeffrey Bowen, (2010)
10 years Craig Nedeau & Lori Holmes, (2005)
15 years Vincente & Antonio Gracias, Richard & Caroline Yaste, (2000)
25 years Michael & Connie Betz, (1990)

Willkommen! — New Members

- Jared Baillargeion, Big Rapids, '87 944
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BY MARSHALL WALTERS, ENTHUSIAST CHAIR

Through the end of May, 107 members have attended at
least 1 event or contributed an article (or pictures) to the
Über Alles (in 2014, we had a total of 184 members who
attended at least 1 event!).

14 members have earned at least 75 enthusiast points so
far this year. There are plenty of upcoming events, so if
you haven't already attended an event, or are hoping to
be on the 100+ points list, you can still do it!



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