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On the cover:
Ready to Dance?
Register for the 2015
Grattan Grand Prix!
 See Page 6 for Details.

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
*President,
Western Michigan Region*

Hearty congratulations are in order for the performances of WMR members at the 2015 Porsche Parade held in French Lick, IN at the end of June. Concours standouts include Rick Riley's 1st in class '85 964 Prototype; Terry Schieble's People's Choice winner and 2nd in class '67 911S; and Michael & Sharon Minster's 7th in class '06 911. In the Autocross, Doug Tepper and Colin Carpenter were 1st in their classes in their '93 968 and '86 911 Carreras, respectively, while Ed Scott was 5th in his '86 911, Carl Erickson 6th in his '15 C4S, and Mike Minster 7th in his '06 911. Phil Bolander and Ed Scott were 2nd in their respective classes in the Tech Quiz and Wolfgang Hofmann's outstanding work on the Über won 2nd in class in the Newsletter competition. Gimmick Rally placers included, Michael & Sharon Minster (16th), Terry & Dorilee Schieble (30th), and Greg & Karlene Currie (36th). TSD Rally placers include Wendy & Bernard Proeschl (9th), Michael & Sharon Minster (13th - Unequipped Plus - once again!), Joe & Erik Lindblom (13th Unequipped), Paul & Elizabeth Helm

(17th), Mark & Elisha Zavada (18th), Greg & Karleen Currie (28th), and Carl Erickson & Mary O'Neill (30th).

Well done to all! There are great events on the calendar for August and September beginning with our club Corral at the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum hosted by Amber Door & Jerry Arens on 8/1. Ben Zeeuw hosts the German Auto Service Open House hosted on 8/15 and Tim Thatcher hosts the Euro Autowerks Open House on 8/29 for those with tech interests.

Those with hot shoes should consider track activities, including DEs at Gingerman on 8/7 & 8/8 and our own Grattan Grand Prix on 9/12 & 13 organized by Ted Blacklidge and his committee. I'd like to remind everyone that the track events are also great social events, as there is lots of time to socialize with friends between runs and plenty of opportunities to help out. Autocross opportunities abound with IROC-II at US-131 Motorsport Park in Martin on 8/23 hosted by Duane Weed and Michael Betz and IROC-III at the Tire Rack in South Bend, IN on 8/30.

Check the wmr.pca.org website for a possible club gathering during the Metro Cruise on 8/21 & 22, as our usual gracious hosts, Delta Porsche, have their parking lot closed for renovations. — *Mike*

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E-mail: benz@germanautoltd.com with any questions

IROC II AUTOCROSS EVENT

HOST: WMR PCA CLUB · DUANE WEED, MICHAEL BETZ

IROC or Inter-Regional Race of Champions is a pompous name for a very fun event. It's the longest running inter-regional PCA event; a series of autocrosses run with our friends from Motor-Stadt and Michiana regions.



Registration begins at 9:00, drivers' meeting (rules and instructions) at 10:30 am, and timed individual track runs immediately follow at 11:00. Lunch on your own at nearby establishments after the first set of runs. Autocross resumes following lunch. You can usually expect at least 6 timed runs for the day. Snell helmets with a 2005 or 2010 sticker, type M or SA are required (loaner helmets available at the track) and you'll be asked to sign an insurance waiver. Come on out and learn how your car handles on a closed course in a safe environment at moderate speeds. All skill levels are welcome, from novice to expert. Don't forget IROC III is coming up too!

Admission: Cost for the day is \$30 per driver

Where: US-131 Motorsports Park, 1249 12th St, Martin, MI 49070

When: Sunday, August 23, 2015 · 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

EURO AUTOWERKS OPEN HOUSE

HOST: TIM THATCHER



We are looking forward to seeing each of you at our Open House. All of us here, are working hard to make this event a very special occasion, which will include the tech session, door prizes, a great lunch and more. Suggestions for the Tech Session topic are welcome and may be sent to admin@euroautowerks.com. See you there!

Where:

Euro Autowerks, 9240 Belding Road, Rockford, MI
Phone: (616) 874-7932

When: Saturday, August 29, 2015, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

HOST: TED BLACKLIDGE · PHOTO: JEFF SIMONIS, WATERMARK PHOTOGRAPHY

The mission and purpose of this Driver's Education event is to provide a structured and controlled teaching and learning environment. The DE is designed so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Even if you're not driving at this exceptional event, it's a great chance to see Porsches driven as nature intended. Come see your friends and join us for the track-side banquet on Saturday night.



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Where: Grattan Raceway · 7201 Lessiter Rd. NE,
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When: Saturday 09/12/2015 and Sunday 09/13/2015,
from 8:00 AM to 5 PM, both days

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

A PARADE CONCOURS EXPERIENCE SHORT STORY BY DORILEE & TERRY

The car was disassembled in late January and 38 pieces were driven to Chicago to be re-chromed. Terry and Dorilee worked on the car at home in their “spare time” cleaning every nook and cranny. 600 q-tips were used in the tight spots and hours were spent on each part of the car, engine, trunk and interior. The chrome was returned in late May and the reassembly began. It was a real Mom and Pop operation! Terry contributed most of the hours but Dorilee was definitely a partner in the operation. Two weeks before the Parade in French Lick Indiana, the car was “done” and ready for the trailer. That is when Dorilee swept, vacuumed, mopped and dried the ceiling, walls and floor of the trailer. No dust or dirt was going to drop onto the car in transport!

When they checked into the Parade headquarters, they found out that the new Concours location would be the resort parking ramp because the golf course was flooded with 24 inches of water. Terry parked the motor home and trailer in the trailer parking lot, unloaded the car, started it up and drove to the parking ramp. All the cleaning supplies came out and the work started again. Porsche Club friends came by to check it out and help point out dirty areas. Whew! It was fantastic having their new vision of the car. Several stayed to help clean too.

Thanks to Arie and Colan Carpenter, Greg Currie and others for spending time with q-tips and rags in their hands. Cleaning stopped about 10 p.m. Sunday and the car was covered. Then it rained in the night.

Concours day began early by drying the car and cleaning again. It is surprising how much dust floats around and lands on the shiny paint in an hour's time. The Judging took place at 9:15 a.m. They began with a walk-around for one minute, looking at the exterior and overall appearance of the car. There was a judge for the interior, engine, trunk and exterior. A 5th judge held the timer. They had 5 minutes for their inspection and they wrote down the flaws found. Dorilee watched the engine inspection and was shocked at where his hand went.



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Rick Riley said the engine guy would have 8 foot arms and that is really what it looked like. His arm disappeared inside the engine all the way to his shoulder to reach the back wall to check for dirt. The time went quickly but holding your breath for 5 minutes is very difficult!

Sandy Scott asked Dorilee if it was worth it and would she do it again? Dorilee said, it was worth it this time but again? “Hell, No!” The scores were posted by mid afternoon and the Schiebles earned second place out of seven in their class. What a great result for their first (and only!) try at a Parade Concours.

Story continues on the next page.

CONT'D · THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

A PARADE CONCOURS EXPERIENCE SHORT STORY BY DORILEE & TERRY

The concours banquet took place Tuesday evening and many WMR members were there. The Schiebles walked up to accept their trophy and enjoyed the moment of recognition. The time was late and Terry was ready to leave, even though the award presentations were not finished. Karlene Curry would not allow them to leave because there was a very slim chance of another award. While Terry did not believe that would happen, he agreed to stay until the end. The final award was the most prestigious of the evening! All registrants had the opportunity to vote for their favorite car at the concours and it was announced that The Schiebles got most of the votes! They received the People's Choice Award!



It's obvious. A parking structure makes for a rain-free, yet poor backdrop.

Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank Dorilee & Terry Schieble for sharing their story with us. This is the type of content that makes our newsletter enjoyable. You can look forward to "The Dennis Gage Interview" in one of the next Über Alles. — Wolfgang

What a thrill! The adrenaline rush was huge! Dorilee says it was a chance of a lifetime and really thrilling to have it end this way.



Now that's better. — Photo by Ben Woehler (Dennis Gage's My Classic Car)



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2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	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
	09-19	Sept. Dinner Drive	Dinner Drive through Ada	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	10-04	Teen Street Survival	Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids	WMR PCA / BMW CCA
	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

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
	See Pg.5	Driver Education Event	Gingerman Raceway, South Haven	SEM PCA
SEP	09-12 through 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blackledge
	09-26	IROC Series I · Reboot	Spartan Speedway, Mason, MI	Motor-Stadt Region

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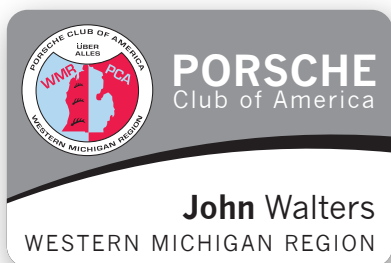


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DIAGNOSIS FLOW CHART AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR BOXSTER TOPS · PART 2 OF 3

The following is a general and basic diagnosis plan for Boxsters and must be adjusted according to the specific year of production. This plan will diagnose most malfunctions but other problems may exist that require professional diagnosing. An understanding of our previous article (July 2015) is required to proceed. Look for the final Part 3 in the next Über Alles. — *Tim*

BEGIN HERE AND CONFIRM MALFUNCTION
 Carefully try to operate the top paying close attention to what occurs



**NO ELECTRICAL
 FUNCTION**

or the windows drop and there is no further action



**CHECK FUSE
 B6—D3**

and replace if bad.
 If the fuses okay,
 proceed to next step



PERFORM PIN TEST

at relay marked 14-15 on
 relay box to identify the
 malfunction and
 proceed to the next step

(See “Troubleshooting”
 steps)



REPAIR FAULT



PARTIAL FAIL

attempts to open but binds or opens unevenly



CHECK

- Push rods
- Cables
- Transmission
- Top frame
- Bolts on Transmission

**REPAIR
 FAULT**



CHECK

If the top opens partway
 and stops and the items
 listed above check-out okay,
 proceed to the next step

PERFORM PIN TEST

at relay

(See “Troubleshooting”
 steps)



CHECK

If the bolts are loose on
 the transmission arms,
 resynchronize the
 transmissions.
 If the bolts are not loose,
 proceed to the next step

RECHECK CABLES

If they are broken, replace
 them and re-sync the
 transmissions. If the cables
 are not broken, proceed to
 the next step

**RECHECK
 BALL SOCKETS**

and replace if broken, adjust
 them to the proper length

TROUBLESHOOTING (PIN TEST)

Connect the positive lead of the voltmeter to terminal 4 (green wire) and the negative lead to terminal 1 (black wire). Use an auxiliary lead to jumper terminal 2 and terminal 3, switch on the ignition and press “Close” button. The display should equal the battery voltage.

WMR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2015

Delta Porsche/Subaru, Grand Rapids, July 6, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mike Karluk at 6:59pm. Members present were: Mike Karluk, Amber Door, Jerry Arens, Brenda Hildon-Kaempff, Wolfgang Hofmann, Marshall Walters, Rick Riley, Colin Carpenter, Phillip and Christine Austin, Rex Tsui and Joyce Lo, Doug Tepper and Don Sazama.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 279
Affiliate Members: 191
Total Members: 470
New Members: 4
Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 9
Renewals: 13

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Latest issue at print - may be a little later than usual due to a delay at the Printer. The Über Alles has been posted to the web and Amber will send out email blasts for those events coming soon. WMR PCA/Wolfgang Hofmann placed 2nd in the National Newsletter Contest for our class. The trophy was presented to Wolfgang tonight.

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

Social Media Report: 13 new "Likes" between May 4 and today. We've reached the 200 benchmark and stand at 208 likes.

Insurance Report: No insurance needs in July. Insurance will be needed for Euro Autowerks and IROC. Meeting was adjourned 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempff

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BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

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Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

1 year Trevor Greene, (2014)
5 years Doug Smith, Lane & Sharon VerSchure, (2010)
10 years Amber Door & Jerry Arens, (2005)
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IN REVIEW: 2015 PARADE ORPHANS

BY LEN & BONNIE GAWRON

Good Friends and a brace of Porsches. What could possibly be better on a Michigan summer afternoon? We set out with the wind in our hair and not a care in the world. We counted cattle, horses, goats and even a suit of armor along the beautiful rolling farmland. Upon our arrival at Pereddies we were met with clear parking and quiet streets. The perfect respite for our mechanical steeds. The event menu included all of Pereddies most popular offerings complete with wine pairings.

Conversation and laughter soon filled the special dining room decorated with signed photos from Ferrari, Porsche, BMW and other notable works. It is always good to gather with friends of a shared interest. On leaving we found quite a crowd had gathered with many snapping a photo of our colorful design interests. Another great event and our thanks to all that were able to join us this year. Cheers! We'll look forward to the 2016 Parade Orphans Dinner Drive. — Len & Bonnie Gawron

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