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September Dinner Drive through Ada
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Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

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August in Review.
Did you know we're celebrating our club's 55th anniversary?

Photos by
Amber Door and Mike Murphy

STREET SURVIVAL

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

“Oh the days dwindle down to a precious few...” So goes a line from “September Song,” written in 1938 and recorded by many, including Bing Crosby, Maurice Chevalier, Frank Sinatra, and even Lou Reed. Though the bulk of the Porsche driving season is behind us, we still have some great driving events coming up in September

and October. I'd like to appeal to all of you to consider volunteering for the Tire Rack Street Survival program WMR-PCA will be co-hosting with the Michiana BMW CCA on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 5/3rd Ballpark in Comstock Park, MI.

The Street Survival program goes beyond traditional driver's education curriculum to give teens and young adults hands-on instruction “to control their cars in unpredictable situations based on its handling limits.” We need volunteers to act as instructors and support personnel. Many hands lighten the load, so please join us. Back to September, the monthly Board meeting is unusually late because of the Labor Day holiday and will be on Monday, September 14.

WMR's Grand Prix of Grattan Driver Education event is being held on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. Please join for the wonderful opportunity to share all or part of a day with your friends even if you only choose simply to spectate. Those interested in driving can register at ClubRegistration.net. Aside from the aural sensation of Porsches at full song, there's the intoxicating bouquet of hot oil, rubber, and brakes in the paddock to delight the senses. A dinner in the paddock on Saturday evening rates three Michelin stars for camaraderie.

The configuration of Grattan is such that one has to cross the track to enter the paddock and the gate is open only at the top of each hour for 5 minutes or so, so time your arrival appropriately. Dan and Ren Phillips are hosting a dinner drive to the River House Ada restaurant on Saturday, September 19, and, just to be confusing, IROC-I has been reschedule to September 26 at Spartan Raceway. The Gilmore Car Museum's Red Barns Spectacular lived up to its name on August 1.

There was a great WMR turn out and if you've never been, try to do so next year. If you've got a little time to kill on the computer, go to youtube.com and check out “evo gt3 rs” and “chris harris gt3 rs” for great reviews and of the new GT3 RS. — *Mike*

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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 two-mile course is a complex assortment of almost every conceivable corner imaginable with changing elevation. Novices will begin the day on Saturday with Driver's School before starting the track activity with their assigned instructor.

On Sunday we will drive all day.

During lunch, on both days, we will have low speed touring around the track. Cost will be a \$20 donation which will go 100% to our WMR charity.

Our car club has been conducting driver education events for well over 30 years. Our motto was, is and will be to have fun, but safety, always comes first.

Don't hesitate to send your questions to Ted Blacklidge at: Sgrafex@chartermi.net or Amber Door at: amdoor242@aol.com



When: Saturday 09/12/2015 and Sunday 09/13/2015, from 8:00 AM to 5 PM, both days

Where: Grattan Raceway · 7201 Lessiter Rd. NE, Belding, MI 48809 · Phone: (616) 691-7221

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SEPTEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: REN & DAN PHILLIPS

Ready for a romp through the woods to celebrate the last bits of summer? Join us on Saturday, September 19th for a dinner drive through Ada, MI, followed by drinks & dessert at Dan & Ren's new home.

Meet at the park & ride located at the East Beltline and I-96 (across from Gravity brewing) at 3:45 pm, for a 4:15 departure time. We'll take a spirited tour through the woods between Ada and Lowell, lasting about 45 minutes to an hour, ending at the Riverhouse Ada.

Formerly Chloe Élan, Riverhouse Ada boasts an eclectic, fresh, local menu in a relaxed, riverside location with a laid back atmosphere. We'll be in the private dining room downstairs, and we're trying to get them to cordon off parking for our club too.

After dinner, feel free to stop by our new mid-century modern home for dessert, located at 2421 Breton Rd SE. Please RSVP to Dan Phillips at dphil66@hotmail.com or (616) 281-2459 no later than Wednesday, September 16th.



Photo courtesy of RiverHouse Ada | Restaurant · <http://riverhouseada.com>

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015, please arrive at 3:45 pm for a 4:15 departure time.

Where: Meet at the park & ride located at the East Beltline and I-96 (across from Gravity brewing)

AROUND THE ZONE

BY MICHAEL SORIANO, ZONE 4 REPRESENTATIVE



Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative,
Porsche Club of America

It has been a very busy summer for us here in Zone 4, and all of our regions' social calendars are at full speed. OVR's Top Gun Challenge returned to Putnam Park Road Course this year. During the weekend, they ran 4 Sprint races and an Enduro race. They also held a 3-day advanced HPDE

in conjunction with the club race. The next weekend I attended ARPCA's premiere event, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, which is one of only two vintage races that occur on public streets in the world, the other being in Monaco. It is a multi-day event that began with a kick-off party for visitors from out of town. In addition to the vintage races, there is an international car show, catered meals, and some great prizes. The highlight of the weekend, however, was the fact that after a great deal of hard work and determination, the organizers were able to reach an agreement with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to be able to display Janis Joplin's 356, which has only left the museum a few times.



Left: Janis Joplin's 356 at PVGP; Right: P20 photo courtesy of Gary Chisolm

The following weekend, I attended P20. For the 4th year in a row, the event was held in Granville, Ohio, just east of Columbus. With the cooperation from the City of Granville, Broadway Street, the city's main thoroughfare, was transformed into the perfect setting for the nearly 350 Porsches that lined the street. Graham Rahal's viper green 918 arrived at the dealership 2 days before the event, and he allowed it to be the focal point on Marilyn's Row, giving everyone attending P20 the chance to view his car even before he was able to.

On Sunday, I attended the 2nd Annual Zone 4 Car Corral at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. The Concours d'Elegance of America is widely regarded as one of the country's best concours events featuring a world class exhibition of classic, rare, and exotic automobiles. Once again, the Porsche Car Corral was the largest and most well attended corral at this event. [...] I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4; such as:

- On September 4, please join Michiana Region for Porsches to Warsaw, car show & street party
- Allegheny Region is hosting a DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course September 11-13
- September 12 is Southeast Michigan Region's Ladies Only Drive
- Maumee Valley Region's Golf Scramble and Dinner is September 12
- September 12-13 is Western Michigan Region's Grand Prix of Grattan DE
- Rally Sport Region's Track Day at Waterford Hills is September 15
- September 18-20 is Mid-Ohio Region's Club Race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- Join Central Indiana Region Sept. 19 for Don and Candy Shuck's "Tour of the Senses"
- Ohio Valley Region's Autocross is September 19 at the Forest Fair Mall
- September 20 is Northern Ohio Region's Autocross at Lakeland Community College
- Motor-Stadt Region is hosting an IROC Autocross on September 26 at Spartan Speedway

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com
Thanks, Michael



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOSTS: DONALD SAZAMA AND WMRPCA

Please mark your calendars: Sunday October 4, 2015.

Our club is sponsoring a *Tire Rack Street Survival* teen driving clinic at 5/3 Ballpark in Comstock Park.

We need help with securing equipment, course workers, in-car coaches, marketing, etc. Our co-host for the event is BMWCCA Michiana Chapter. This is a first for our club and we want to make it a memorable day and a great learning experience for the teen drivers who attend (and their parents).

If you are not familiar with Street Survival, please go to www.StreetSurvival.org for information.

Please contact me if you want to help.

dsazama@pioneersteel.us

When: Sunday 10/04/2015, from 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Where: Fifth Third Ballpark, 4500 West River Drive, Comstock Park, MI 49321



The primary emphasis of the *Tire Rack Street Survival* is a “hands-on” driving experience in real-world situations! We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them. The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers.

As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. They will understand why they should always wear their own seatbelts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seatbelts, too.

It’s about more than driving - it’s about LIVING!



**SUNDAY 10.04.2015
FROM 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

VOLUNTEER

THE DENNIS GAGE INTERVIEW

A PARADE CONCOURS EXPERIENCE SHORT STORY BY DORILEE & TERRY



"My Classic Car" host Dennis Gage (left) and Terry Schieble (right) filming the Schieble's 1967 911 S - 2015 Porsche Parade People's Choice Winner. — June 2015

The day of the Concours was hectic! The judging finished about 9:30 a.m. and then Terry spent the morning visiting with all the spectators. Lots of people wanted to talk to him about the car and its history. They were relaxing by the car when Greg Currie mentioned that the host of My Classic Car, Dennis Gage, had ridden past in his golf car with his videographer, Ben. Terry had ordered some heat shield fabric from one of the advertisers on the show and wanted to tell Dennis about it. Dorilee ran down to Dennis and asked if he would come back to the 911S to talk with Terry. Dennis took a minute and walked back with her. Terry showed him where it was installed and Dennis said he would be sure to let the company know that the sponsorship worked. Greg Currie mentioned that he was looking at the only 911S at the Parade which made Dennis pause and really look at the car. Dennis took Terry's cell number and said he would be in contact for further conversation.

When the Concours was over, the car was put back in the trailer and strapped down. Terry Dorilee and Lee Grunewald (Central Wisconsin PCA) were walking to dinner. Terry's phone rang and while he stopped to answer, Lee and Dorilee walked on ahead to the restaurant. Terry came walking up to them and said it was Dennis Gage calling him, asking for an interview for his show. Dorilee and Lee asked what he said! Terry told him no thanks because the car was already put away and he was headed to dinner. Dorilee said "What??"

Call him back! Tell him you will do it!" Lee agreed that it was a great opportunity. Terry called Dennis back and said he had rethought it and realized it would be fun to have the interview with him. Dennis said he would call him in an hour to set it up. When Lee, Dorilee and Terry finished their German meal, Terry said, "Well, let's head back to the campground." Dorilee asked what had happened with the interview. Terry said that Dennis had not called back so it was not going to happen. Dorilee said "Then give me your phone! I'll call him myself!" Lee was all for it so Dorilee made the call. Dennis was ready and said he would come to the trailer in 10 minutes. The interview took place on the lawn of the resort in front of the casino dome. Dennis prepped Terry with the type of questions he would ask while Ben hooked up the microphone on Terry's shirt. Dorilee and Lee stood in the background watching and listening. The interview took about 15 minutes and all went well. Terry asked if they wanted to come back to the motor home for a beer. Dennis looked at Ben and said "Sure, we like motor home brews!" They spent about 30 minutes with the Schiebels and everyone had a great time together. Ben took a photo of their car in front of the dome and emailed it to Dorilee. Since she had his email address, she let him know later in the week that they won the People's Choice Award, too. The French Lick parade will be the subject of one episode sometime in 2016 and 5 car owners will be featured and interviewed by Dennis.



2015 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
SEP	09-14	Monthly Board Meeting	Delta Imports, Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	09-12 through 09-13	Grand Prix of Grattan DE	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blackledge
	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
	09-26	IROC Series I · Reboot	Spartan Speedway, Mason, MI	Motor-Stadt Region
	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
	10-10	Annual Fall Color Tour	Brown's Home, 88 E McKinley RD, Traverse City, MI	Natalie & Bill Brown
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



ANNUAL FALL COLOR TOUR



HOSTS: NATALIE & BILL BROWN

Natalie and Bill Brown are honored to host a lighthouse to lighthouse fall color tour in the Traverse City area on October 10. We will meet at the Brown's home at 12:45 pm. There will be a leisurely drive along the scenic shorelines of Old Mission peninsula curving past the Old Mission lighthouse.

Followed by a less leisurely drive through the bountiful Leelanau Peninsula countryside and ending at the Grand Traverse lighthouse. On the return to Traverse City we will route through the towns of Northport and Leland where we highly recommend some self exploration.

Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm at the Brown's home and while it will be a BYOB event, a tasting of a few of Blackstar Wineries products (those containing the Brown's grapes) will be available.

Dinner will be \$40 per person.* Please RSVP to Bill at gmondster@yahoo.com no later than Friday, October 2.

*(Bill Brown, 88 E McKinley RD, Traverse City, MI 49686)

When: Saturday, 10/10/2015, at 12:45 pm

Where: 88 E McKinley RD (just off M-37 N) Traverse City, MI 49686



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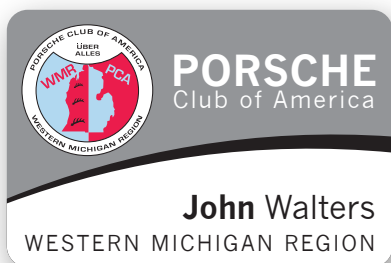


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BOXSTER TOPS · PART 3 OF 3 TROUBLESHOOTING ON THE RELAY CARRIER

Equipped with the TechSpalte articles from July and August, we can now set our sights on the last installment. This is a general diagnostic example and may not be accurate for all model years.

Notes: Terminal designation on the relay carrier is from the bottom side of the control relay.

With the control relay pulled off:

1. Connect the voltmeter to terminal 22 (ground) and terminal 23 (positive 30) on the carrier plate. The display should equal the battery voltage.
2. Connect the voltmeter to terminal 22 (ground) and terminal 26. Switch ignition on. The display should equal the battery voltage.
3. Connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 15 with the parking brake engaged. The display should equal battery voltage.
4. Connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 16 (“close convertible top” button). Press the “close” button and the display should equal battery voltage.
5. Connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 17 (“open convertible top” button). Press “open” button and the display should equal the battery voltage.
6. With the convertible top locked, connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 14 (cowl panel frame micro-switch). The display should equal the battery voltage.

7. With the convertible top locked, connect the voltmeter to terminal 23(+) and terminal 29 (“B” Pillar micro-switch.) The display should equal the battery voltage.
8. With the convertible top unlocked, connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 13 (micro-switch closed, convertible top compartment lid (CTCL) open). The display should equal the battery voltage.
9. With the convertible top unlocked, connect the voltmeter to terminal 23 (+) and terminal 19 (cowl panel frame micro-switch). The display should equal the battery voltage.

With the control relay pushed on:

Open the convertible top compartment lid and disconnect the electrical connection/plug on the convertible top drive motor and proceed with step 10.

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

FAIR WARNING! IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS

As mentioned above, these procedures are general in nature and may have to be made more specific for your vehicle. In addition, intermittent and many other problems require more extensive diagnosis which may require professional tools, equipment and experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wolfgang and Clyde for their part in making these tech articles possible. They both contribute greatly in the process of bringing my hand written notes to you in an attractive and understandable column. — Tim

WMR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2015

Delta Porsche/Subaru, Grand Rapids, August 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order by John Walters at 7:11pm.
Members present were: John and Marshall Walters, Amber Door, Brenda Hildon-Kaempff, Wolfgang Hofmann, Rick Riley, Joyce Lo, Ted Blacklidge, Craig Paull and Adam Ford.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership Report:

Primary Members: 277
Affiliate Members: 195
Total Members: 472
New Members: 4
Transfers In: 1
Transfers Out: 0
Non renewals: 7
Renewals: 21

Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Über Alles Editor's Report: Due to a technical glitch, the year is appearing as 2014 instead of 2015 on upcoming events. *Editors Note:* Brenda is very kind. I goofed. Created an ad for publication in other region's publications for the Grattan DE.

Webmaster's Report: Website was dark during a migration performed by National. Up and running now.

Social Media Report: 8 new likes with 217 in total. Will do a weekly post for the upcoming IROC. Please share items/photos on your page as well.

Insurance Report: Insurance is set for Grattan. Will need insurance for the upcoming dinner drive hosted by Dan and Ren, and Street Survival.

Meeting was adjourned 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Hildon-Kaempff

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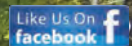
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