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Hope to see you at the Parade!



Über Alles

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

On the cover: Tech Session @ Euro Autowerks Photo by Amber Door

DIVERSE SUMMER VENUES

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk President, Western Michigan Region

I wasn't able to catch the final count of members who attended Tim Thatcher's tech session and open house on June 10th, but there were approximately forty Porsches in attendance on that fine late spring morning. Thanks again to Tim and the crew of Euro Autowerks for an informative tech session, great lunch of grilled bratwurst, and excellent tee shirts and goodies. Tim's presentation on diagnostic equipment and the evolution of technical manuals was enlightening and prompted some reminiscing. I was aware that one cannot simply disconnect and replace the battery of a late model Porsche without resetting various computer systems on board, but wasn't aware that increasing numbers of late model cars have two batteries, one for the ignition system and a second smaller one for the computers. Tim pulled out a timing light and dwell meter at one point, which took me back to the early 70's when I replaced the points, condenser, distributor

cap, and spark plugs on my father's '68 Chevelle more frequently than was strictly necessary. I no longer have the time, knowledge, equipment, inclination, or courage to attempt anything more daring that making sure the tires on my Cayman are properly inflated. As the POTUS might tweet: "Sad." As to where courage fits in, ask me sometime about my attempt at replacing the Chevelle's stock carburetor with a Holley 500-cfm two-barrel.

Barb and my annual pilgrimage to Mackinac Island precluded our joining Greg and Karlene Currie's Up North Dinner Drive, but I'm sure it was its usual perennial success. Great WMR happenings in July begin with the Wednesday evening Cruise-In to the Gilmore Car Museum hosted by Rick Riley, Rob Clark, and Kurt Wirth on July 19th. Chris and Craig Ackerman and Ted and Gabi Blacklidge's open house and pool party at the Ackermans' home on Saturday, July 22nd promises to be a good time as well as having a raffle in support of one of WMR's charities, the Kids' Food Basket. Herb Welz will provide good German eats at his Stickmann Bäeckerei Old World Bakery and Bistro on Saturday, July 29th. As mentioned in my letter last month, WMR has a large corral at the Gilmore Car Museum's Red Barn Spectacular on Saturday, August 5th. (Better to arrive earlier than later for that one.)

Press Note: "Car & Driver," July 2017: "The true genius of Porsche's new GT3...is that even a master will never fully exploit it. That's the trait that defines the GT3, not just among Porsches but among the best drivers' cars."

Spirited and safe motoring!

-Mike

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We're looking for event hosts for 2017

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMRPCA Social Events Coordinator, Lynne Olenyk, with your event ideas. Lynne will help you work through the details and make your event a success. E-Mail: lynniemarie@charter.net · Phone: (616) 710-0122





WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

HOSTS: ROB CLARK, RICK RILEY, KURT WIRTH

Have you been to the Gilmore Car Museum? It is one of the coolest car museums around and it is right in our own backyards in Hickory Corners Michigan!

If you have not been, here is your chance. Rob Clark, Rick Riley and Kurt Wirth will be hosting a gathering on Wednesday, July 19th from 1:00pm on. Additionally every Wednesday evening during the summer the museum sponsors a "Cruse-In". They start at 5:00 and it is free of charge. The event is open to all comers. You will see all kinds of cars, trucks, motorcycles and anything else on four wheels. On a good evening they may have as many as 300 cars.

There is food and beer! In addition to the normal burgers and hot dogs, the Blue Moon Diner will be serving Sandwiches, home made pie (warmed W ice cream on top) floats, malts and ice cream treats.



The exhibits are only open until 5:00pm, so if you plan to tour the exhibits take the afternoon off as there is a lot to see!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon and evening in Automobile heaven.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 1:00 pm Start

WHERE: Gilmore Car Museum

6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners MI 49060

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Dinner is served at 6:00pm. Burgers, brats and breasts provided. Please bring a dish to pass for casual dining. Water and pop provided.

WHEN: Saturday, July 22, 2017, Open House 3:00 to?

WHERE: 10085 Edgerton NE, Rockford, 49341

RSVP BY JULY 19:

Craig Ackerman pcaackerman@aol.com, (616) 866-1905

Note: to lessen congestion, on street parking is suggested.

STICKMANN BÄEKEREI EVENT

HOST: HERB WELZ

WMR PCA member and Stickmann Bäeckerei Old World Bakery and Bistro Owner Herb Welz has put together a casual event for our enjoyment.

There will be authentic German breads, baked good, and sausage. In addition to the mouth watering sweet and savory items there will be local wine from the Glass Creek Winery in Hastings and on tap beer from New Holland Brewery.

We are invited to join Herb on Saturday, July 29 at 3 PM. Porsche Only parking is available in front of the Bakery on the grass, as well as in front of the buildings to the east of the bakery (to the right as you face the entrance). There is limited parking behind the bakery.

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 2017, Starting at 3:00

WHERE: Stickmann Bäeckerei Old World Bakery & Bistro 11332 W. M-179 HWY Middleville, MI 49333



RED BARN SPECTACULAR

PORSCHE CAR CORRAL AND MEMBERSHIP TENT

HOSTS: JERRY ARENS AND AMBER DOOR

Western Michigan Region Porsche Club will again be joining over 500 other car enthusiasts (and 1000 vehicles) for the 37th 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 with a Welcome/Membership tent located on the north end of the racetrack (located on the west side of the museum grounds).



Porsche's should enter through the west entrance. All others will be directed to the east entrance for general admission parking.

Gates open at 7:00am. You <u>must</u> arrive by 11am to park in the Car Corral.

You may also enter your 1992 and older Porsche in the People's choice category. Feel the need to Detail? – Enter in the Judges Choice category (open for 1992 and older vehicles)! You must register separately for this portion of the event.

Museum entry fees:

- \$20.00 for show cars/Corral cars (includes admission for car and 2 people), extra persons \$5.00 - \$18.00 if pre-registered.
- \$12.00/person for general admission
- Free for children under 11

Pack a lunch or purchase food at the Blue Moon Diner.

Questions?

Amber Door 616-340-0971 or email Amdoor242@aol.com

DETAILS:

Saturday August 5, 2017 8:00am - 4:00pm Gilmore Car Museum 6865 Hickory Road Hickory Corners, MI 49060



AUGUST DINNER DRIVE

HOST: SCOTT KRAAI



Host Scott Kraai has planned a wonderful dinner drive to the Lakes 23 Restaurant and Pub in Fremont, MI (former home of Ramshorn County Club). We will meet at the parking lot of the Tractor Supply store in Cedar

Springs, MI (NE corner of White Creek Ave and 17 Mile Road). This is right off the Cedar Springs US 131 exit.

Plan on being there between 4:00-4:30, we will leave promptly at 4:45. Our drive will take a little over an hour, and will go through Northern Kent County and then into Newaygo County. We have some great roads picked out that were just made for Porsche's.

WHEN: Saturday, August 12, 2017 @ 4:00pm

MUSTER LOCATION: Tractor Supply In Cedar Springs, MI (NE corner of White Creek Ave and 17 Mile Road)

DESTINATION: Lakes 23 Restaurant and Pub 1100 Ramshorn Dr. Fremont, MI. 49412

RSVP BY AUGUST 6:

Scott Kraai at 616-240-0648 or skraai11@charter.net







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Learning from the Master Technician, Tim Thatcher





Lining Up for the Up North Dinner Drive

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2017 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)	
JUL	07-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club	
	07-08	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event	
	07-09 to 07-15	2017 Porsche Parade	Spokane, WA	Porsche Club of America, National Event, Ron Gordon	
	07-19	Wednesday Night Cruise-In	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Rob Clark, Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth	
	07-21 to 07-23	Porsches 2 Ohio	Grandville, OH	Mid-Ohio Region-Porsche Club of America (MORPCA)	
	07-22	Pool & Patio, Fun & Games Picnic	The Ackerman's Abode, Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman, Ted & Gabi Blacklidge	
	07-23	IROC II - Michiana Region	Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, (South Bend, Indiana)	Michiana Region	
	07-29	Stickmann Bäeckerei Event	Middleville, MI	Herb Welz	
AUG	08-05	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door	
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club	
	08-12	German Auto Service Open House	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event Ben Zeeuw	
	08-12	August Dinner Drive	Fremont, MI	Scott Kraai	
	08-20	IROC III - WMR PCA Autocross	US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI	Michael Betz	
SEP	09-09 to 09-10	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge	
	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club	
	TBD	September Lunch Drive	TBD	TBD	
ОСТ	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club	
	10-08	Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) Training	Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, MI	Don Sazama & WMR PCA/BMW CCA	
For for information on TRSS, go to http://wmi.pca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/TSSS_singlepage_Flyer_2017.pdf					
	10-21	Fall Color Tour	TBD	John & Marshall Walters	
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club	
	11-11	November Dinner Drive	Main Street Pub, Allendale, MI	Randy and Lin Portoluri	
DEC	12-02	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss	
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club	







2017 GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

Lloyd LaHuis Memorial Grand Prix of Grattan Driver's Education, September 9 & 10, 2017

HOST: WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION PORSCHE CLUB



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Instructors are available for a limited number of students, track and classroom instruction included. Register early to reserve a spot. Experienced drivers are welcome in performance cars. Registered drivers may share a car if they have different skill levels, as they will be assigned different run groups. Single day registration also available. Experienced only on Sunday.

Can't commit to a weekend? Join us on Saturday or Sunday for the Noon Hour Charity Laps. For a donation of \$20 per vehicle, experience the track at controlled speeds with family and friends. Be at the gate at 12:00pm.

HPDE EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

Helmets: Mandatory Snell SA 2010 or newer. M helmets ok.

Vehicles: All cars <u>must</u> be inspected by a mechanic with a completed pre-event Inspection Sheet, available on the WMR website or contacts below.

Track Insurance: Available at locktonmotorsports.com or trackinsurance.com (optional)

Registration: Open July 1 at ClubRegistration.net.

Cost: \$310 for 2 days; \$170 for 1 day

After Aug 25 \$340 for 2 days; \$200 for 1 day.

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

Event Chair: Ted Blacklidge

sgrafex@chartermi.net or (616) 635-7997 or

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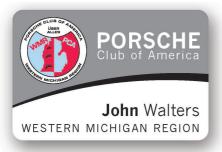


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POWER PROBES

A Continuation of our June 10th Tech Session...

Before I begin, I'd like to thank all of you who attended our Open House, so many great people and Porsches. The turnout exceeded our expectations as we had to get more brats for our world famous chef Red.

Special thanks to Red Masters for manning the grill and all those who helped make this event possible; from cleaning the shop, to hanging the banners and then cleaning up when it was over. We hope everyone enjoyed the day, we sincerely appreciated having you join us.

Now back to the tech session with a brief follow-up.

As many of you saw, a test light can be destructive in my hands and with the number of computers in our cars today, airbag systems and such can be damaged very easily. This is why we are trying to encourage you to replace the test light in your tool box, with a Power Probe.



I purchased the Power Probe 3 kit, pictured here from Snap-On for about \$250.00, but if you do some shopping around, you may be able to pick it up for a few dollars less. Once you have your kit, take a few minutes to watch the video on the CD that comes with it, to become familiar with its

operation. After watching the video, start using the probe in the simplest form. Simply hook the black/negative wire to the negative side of the battery and the red/positive wire to the positive side of the battery, and begin testing. First touch the power probe to the negative side and then to the power side just to get a feel for how it responds. The next step would be to try it on your fuses.

Remember, practice makes perfect and once you get used to the Power Probe, you will find it very useful for everything from testing a fuse or bulb, to checking a circuit. The more you use the probe, the more uses you'll find for it.



Tim Thatcher (R) and Fitz Languedoc demonstrate how to use a Power Probe during the Euro Autowerks Tech Session

-Photo courtesy of Wolfgang Bubeck

Well that's about all I have to say about the Power Probe. For those of you who were at the open house, we are still looking for the correct answer to our Trivia Question so we've included it here. Those of you who were unable to attend are welcome to participate as well. Send your answer to us at admin@euroautowerks.com.

Enjoy this great weather and drive it like you're renting it.

-Tim

Trivia Question: What is this object? Answer must be specific. Hint: Approximately 13.5" dia.



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IROC II - Michiana Region - Sunday, July 23, 2017 - The Tire Rack (South Bend, IN) The track is located at the Tire Rack facility in South Bend, IN. The track has a large oval and center circle. All levels of experience welcome (novices included). Track fee is \$30.00.



IROC IIII - Western Michigan Region - Sunday, August 20, 2017 - US 131 Motorsports Park, 1249 12th St., Martin, MI 49070

8:30 am - 3:00 pm. 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. Cost for the day is \$30 per driver. You can usually expect at least 6 timed runs for the day. Snell helmets with a

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BY L. SPROSS, ÜBER ALLES EDITOR

Trivia Contest!

June Answer: The Porsche 911 prototype was first unveiled at the Frankfurt IAA Motor Show in 1963 as the 901, and renamed the 911 for its market launch in 1964. For



901 Prototype

more information, go to http://www.motortrend.com/ news/12q2-1964-porsche-901-prototype-drive/

July Question: The Porsche 914 was a joint development venture between Porsche and Volkswagen that went very awry. Born out of confusion, what was the European and US Marketing plans for the 914? Email your responses to uberwmr@gmail.com

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