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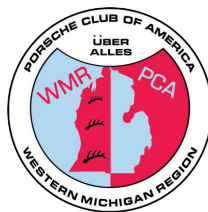
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WHEN: Friday, August 25th from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

WHERE: Porsche Grand Rapids

6025 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI



A YEAR AGO AUGUST...



August 2016 was my first official issue of the Über Alles as the newly minted editor...can you believe it's been a year already!

I wanted to thank the members for their contributions, especially Tim Thatcher and Crew for their excellent and always informative Technical Articles.

As I head into the second year as editor, I am committed to providing the newsletter to you within the first two weeks of the month and with relevant

content. As such, I wanted to reach out to you for suggestions on content and any changes you'd like to see in the future. This is YOUR newsletter and I want to ensure sure it meets your needs and expectations!

Please send suggestions/comments on the content to uberwmr@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your continued support.

- Lina

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Über Alles

Porsche Club of America, Western Michigan Region

On the cover:

Summer in Northern Michigan

Photo by Wolfgang Bubeck

SUMMER EVENTS GALORE!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

The WMR PCA summer schedule is in full swing. Reliable sources [not leakers!] informed me that the non-PCA Deutsche Marques event at the Gilmore Car Museum might as well have been, as seventy Porsches were present, the majority of whom had PCA affiliation. Rick Riley's July 19th Cruise-In back to the Gilmore on a perfect evening drew another sixteen WMR Porsches. Chris and Craig Ackerman and Gabi and Ted Blacklidge's pool party at the Ackermans' home was a great affair enjoyed by around thirty members. The highlight was the

presentation of certificates from PCA National honoring Chuck and Lynne Olenyk and Paul and Marci Thieme for forty years of PCA membership. Jim Schaaf was Master of Games, winning the golf pitching and the corn bag toss competitions and the charity raffle brought in \$200 for the Kids' Food Basket.



*Lynn & Chuck Olenyk (left) and Paul & Marci Thieme
40 years of PCA Membership*

Scott Kraai's August 12th Dinner drive to the Lakes 23 Restaurant and Pub in Freemont should be an enjoyable way to finish the day after visiting Ben Zeeuw's non-PCA German Auto House open house earlier that morning. As with the Deutsche Marques event, Ben's event usually draws a sizeable crowd of WMR members. We'd love to see you either as competitors or course marshals at the WMR's IROC-III autocross meeting at the US-131 Motorsport Park in Martin on Sunday, August 20th. This event has grown in size and excitement under the stewardship of Michael Betz and would be a great opportunity even for the complete novice to engage in safe and fun competition. Our annual high performance driver education Grand Prix of Grattan at Grattan Raceway in scenic (you guessed it) Grattan follows closely on Saturday and Sunday September 9th and 10th. Registration is now open at ClubRegistration.net. There will be a dinner drive in September, though the details are not yet finalized and Don Sazama will be organizing our third Tire Rack Street Survival Course at 5/3 Park on Sunday, October 8.

Miscellaneous data: The one millionth 911 rolled off the assembly line recently. The May issue of Automobile named the Cayman 718 an All Star: "Every automaker looking to build a small, lightweight, mid-engine sports car can stop now. The 718 wins." Andrew Frankel wrote of the new GT3 in the August MotorSport: "Don't be fooled by the old-fashioned ignition key: one quick twist takes you into the realm of the finest supercars...I've rarely wanted to steal a car more than this GT3."

Safe and enjoyable motoring to you all!

-Mike

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[HTTP://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES](http://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES)



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



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



UPPER PENINSULA DRIVE

HOST: PETE STOTT

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Many of us had a great time last year. Let's go for another Porsche drive in the UP! Departure on Tuesday Sept 27th, a 2 night stay in scenic Marquette with local day trips on Sept 28th and a return home trip on Thursday Sept 29th.

Suggested itinerary:

* **Sept 27th:** Pack a picnic lunch & early departure from Traverse City with a meet-up/stop near Harbor Springs. Scenic drive to Marquette MI and check-in at the historic Landmark Inn (group rate of \$169/nite is available for up to (20) reserved rooms). Group dinner at a local restaurant TBA.

* **Sept 28th:** Tour the area...options include

- Drive to scenic Copper Harbor, tour/hike/kayack Pictured Rocks National Park, drive to scenic Porcupine Mountain State Park or simply stroll around lovely Marquette.
- Group dinner at TBA

* **Sept 29th:** Head home!

Are you interested to participate? If so, please RSVP no later than August 15th and we will reserve a room in your name at the Landmark Inn @ \$169/nite. (20) rooms w/ king size beds have been reserved and you will be billed individually. Rooms are limited so please sign up early if you are interested.

Below are some useful links:

<http://www.thelandmarkinn.com/>

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<https://www.nps.gov/piro/index.htm>

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?type=SPRK&id=426> (check this site out...you can

rent a yurt or rustic cabin if you'd like to do this as a trip extension!)

RSVP BY AUGUST 15:

Pete Stott petestott10@gmail.com or (630) 842-8504



IN REVIEW: WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

BY: RICK RILEY

Photo: Courtesy of Rick Riley

July 19 weather was perfect for the Gilmore Car Museum Wednesday Night Cruise-In. We had approximately 15+ beautiful Porsches come and go during the evening. Some first timers and some NOT so first timers.



The Hosts' Porsches parked in the perfect spot for dessert

The Gilmore Grill was cook'n and the home made pie and ice cream treats were perfect at the Blue Moon dinner.

I talked to most everyone but some folks I never caught up with. If I missed you I apologize. Come see us next year!

If you couldn't attend the Cruise-In, they are held at the Museum every Wed evening, weather permitting, until summer's end.

At any given Cruise-In there could be as many as 300 cars of all descriptions, makes and models.

All the PCA/WMR members in attendance had a very nice evening.

IN REVIEW: POOL & PATIO, FUN & GAMES PICNIC

BY: TED & GABI BLACKLIDGE

Photo: Courtesy of Lynn Olenyk

It was a dark and stormy day. No, this is not the start of a murder mystery! In fact, it was the morning of the pool party. In spite of un-perfect weather, we enjoyed great food, beverages and games around the beautifully landscaped pool and patio of Craig and Chris Ackerman. Craig worked wonders on the grill and guests provided appetizers, side dishes and dessert. No one left hungry... or thirsty, for that matter.

Entertainment included lawn games. Little did we know that we had our very own Ben Hogan, aka Jim Schaaf, who mastered the Birdy Ball Championship. The coordinated team of Greg and Lee Koning drilled in to win the Corn Hole game.

Our WMR members, generous as always, took time from the food and fun to support one of our 2017 charities. \$200 will be donated to the Kids Food Basket.

Our event was so popular, it even attracted former WMR members, E.J. (Jim) and Helene Cznaropys and grandson, Finnian, from Florida! They felt quite comfortable in the hot and humid weather of the day...which ended in bright sunshine and lots of smiles!



Pie anyone? Our Hostess, Chris, always with a smile!

IN REVIEW: STICKMANN BÄECKEREI EVENT

BY: HERB WELZ

Photos: Courtesy of Amber Door



Our Host and Owner Herb Welz

Weather played along with the event, like every year before. I would like to say thanks to all who stopped on by! Christof and Waltraut always have fun coming back to the USA. My

thanks to the both for showing my staff the "How To" of the old world baking.

Christof has been here now 5x and Waltraut 3x. Hopefully if all goes well my new ideas regarding expansion shall be finished before the next Porsche get together! I hope!

Needless to say, "thank you" my Porsche friends for stopping by again at Stickmann Bäckerei!





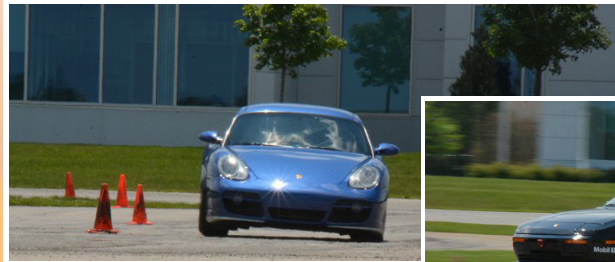
Miss Draves, the youngest member of WMR PCA, "driving" a classy Porsche @DeutscheMarques

Month of July Events SnapSHOTS

Photos by
Michael Betz, Amber Door, Darren Draves, Jeff Margus,
Mike Murphy, Chuck&Lynn Olenyk, Rick Riley



The WMR PCA "Founders" @DeutscheMarques



Lightning Fast!
Michael Betz (left) & Kirk Briggs at the
Michiana Region IROC II



Psychedelic 356s @DeutschMarques



Pool Party anyone?
Lovely, picturesque backyard of the Ackerman's



Jim Schaaf (left), golf pitching and the corn bag
toss Ringer being presented with his "trophy" by
co-host Ted Blackledge



Porsche Grand Rapids Award Winners

Pete Hamlett
presents
awards to:

Darren Draves,
Ted Blackledge,
Bob Stander,
Craig Paull



Rick Riley,
Kathy Hartman,
Jack Hartman
(not pictured
John & Marshall
Walters)

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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
	09-27 to 09-29	Porsche UP Drive	Marquette, MI	Pete Stott
OCT	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	The Dock at Bayview Richland, MI	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

DEUTSCHE MARQUES: AND THE WINNERS ARE...

As noted by our illustrious President, Mike Karluk, Deutsche Marques was well attended by PCA Members, including our own Western Michigan Region. Our WMR Members walked away with many awards! See Photos on Page 7.

PORSCHE OF GRAND RAPIDS AWARD WINNERS:

Category	Winner	Porsche
Best of 2010s	Darren Draves, Hickory Corners, MI	2000 GT3 RS
Best of the 2000s	Ted Blacklidge, Rockford, MI	2007 911
Best of the 1980s	Bob Stander, Holland, MI	1986 911 Carrera
Best of the 1970s	Craig Paull, Grand Rapids, MI	1970 914-6
Best Classic (1969 & earlier)	Rick Riley, Grand Rapids, MI	1962 356B
Best Survivor	John & Marshall Walters, Shelbyville, MI	1988 Carrera
Cleanest Concours Car	Kathy Hartman, Portage, MI	1965 356 C
Judge's Special Award	Jack Hartman, Portage, MI	1991 911 Carrera S in Riviera Blue



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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



Join us for an exciting weekend at Grattan Raceway, one of the finest road courses in America, located just 20 minutes Northeast of Grand Rapids for our annual High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) event. Learn how to maximize your driving performance on the two-mile course through the challenges of twists, turns, hills and valleys.

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? During lunchtime 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 Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank.



The Organization exists to ensure safe food is available to the hungry in our community. They distribute

reclaimed food to pantries, shelters, after-school programs, and other anti-hunger agencies in 40 Michigan counties. For more information go to <https://www.feedwm.org/>.

Be at the gate at 12:00pm.

Lunch will be available on both days.

HPDE EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

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

Vehicles: All cars must 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)

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

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DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

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Event Registrar: Amber Door

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- Ted and Gabriele Blacklidge

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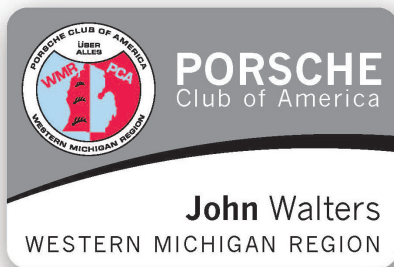


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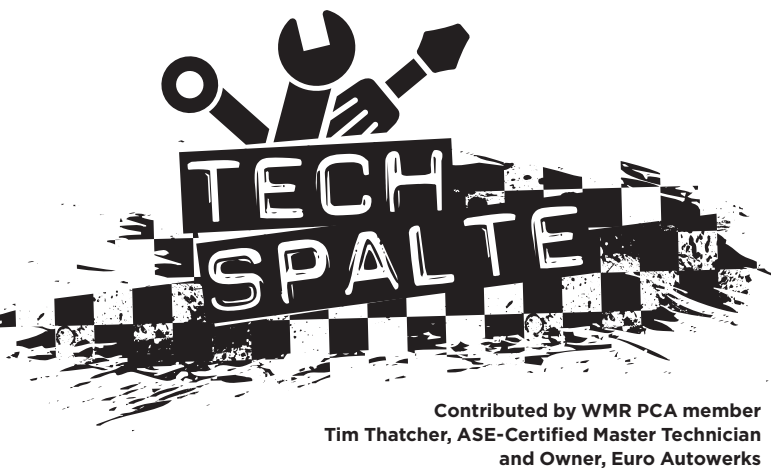
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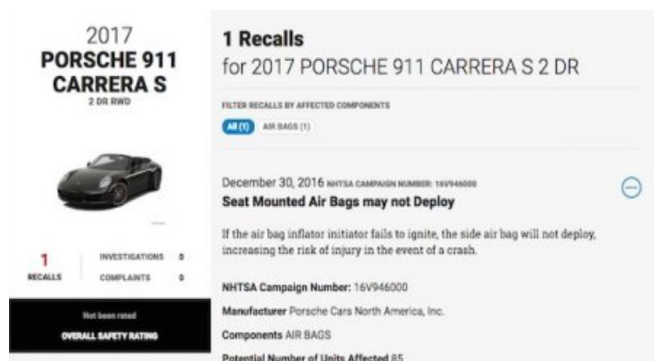
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RECALLS AND TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETINS (TSB) UNDERSTANDING THEM BOTH AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU

Safety recalls are a manufacturer's way of acknowledging its product has a flaw and if not corrected, this flaw could possibly jeopardize the safety of you and/or the passengers in your vehicle. When a recall is issued, the manufacturer notifies the vehicle owner and the manufacturer's service departments of the recall. There is no charge to the owner/customer for repairs performed due to the recall. A glaring example of this process is the recent Takata airbag recall which has affected 34 million vehicles.

If you are driving or thinking about purchasing a used car, it's wise to know how to find out if the vehicle has had any recalls that you may or may not be aware of.

Porsche has its own website to help you with keeping track of recalls, just go to: <https://recall.porsche.com/prod/pag/vinrecalllookup.nsf/VIN?ReadForm> and enter the required information and get a report for your vehicle.



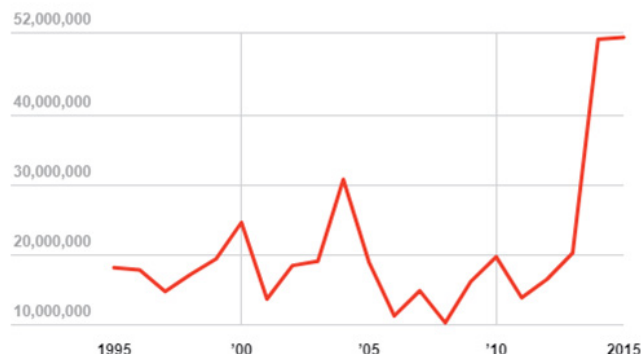
There are numerous other sites that a consumer may use as well, such as National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Edmunds and others.

With the rapid rise in the number of recalls, you may want to check your own vehicles. If one was issued on your vehicle, it may be wise to contact the dealer to see if it was ever performed.

While reviewing the graph below, you'll notice that other than 2004, recalls numbered less than 20 million per year through 2012. Beginning in 2013 recalls began to greatly increase until in 2014 we saw them grow to more than 50 million and more than 51 million in 2015.

Vehicle recalls in the U.S.

Last year saw a record 51.26 million vehicle recalls, beating the previous mark set the year before.



Source: [NHTSA](#)

FORTUNE

So why the sudden rise in these numbers? Is it that manufactures are shortcutting their quality? Is it because cars have so many advanced features? Is it because manufacturers rush new models to the public before faults are worked out? Is it because the "watchdog" organizations are blowing the whistle making manufacturers more accountable to issues and accelerating their recall response time? Is it all the above? You be the judge.

Keep in mind that just because a vehicle has been or is being recalled, it is not a guarantee that the issue will occur, but that it affects a certain percentage of those vehicles. It is also not an indication that a particular vehicle is a bad one to own.

Next month we'll discuss Technical Service Bulletins and how they affect you and your vehicle. Until then enjoy our summer season and "drive it like you're renting it".

-Tim



Trivia Question from July Tech Spalte:
What is this object?

Hint: Approximately 13.5" dia.

The answer is: It's a piston ring from a 1914 Single Cylinder, valveless Franklin engine. Engines of this type were

used in and around Michigan oil wells to run generators and such. <http://www.gasenginemagazine.com/farm-shows/riverbend-steam-and-gas-show-april-1996>



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IROC III - 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

2005, 2010 or 2015 sticker, type M or SA are required 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.

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