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- Porsche Grand Rapids Sportscar Together
- Euro Autowerks Tech Session
- Leelanau Peninsula PCA Rally
- Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In

Tech Spalte:

- Radiator and Condenser Care

In Review:

- Sporting Clays

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IROC I - Western Michigan Region - Sunday, July 1, 2018

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.

We welcome you and encourage you to try autocrossing! It's a cheap fun and an educational experience. Go to <http://wmi.pca.org/events/iroc-series/> for more information or contact Michael Betz at mmbetz@image-stream.com.



IROC II - Motor-Stadt Region - Saturday, July 28, 2018

Spartan Speedway (Mason, Michigan)

The track is ten minutes south of Lansing, or one mile north of the US-127 and Mason interchange on Cedar Street. Motor-Stadt does a great job of converting

an oval track into a fun autocross course by creative use of the crossover pavement. Track fee is \$30.00.

July 21, 2018: Pool Party!
Hosted by Craig & Chris Ackerman and
Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
Rockford, MI

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On the cover:
A Porsche for All Seasons
Photo By: Amber Door
Taken at Blendon Pines Sporting Clays Event

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk
President,
Western Michigan Region

Members of the Western Michigan Region of the PCA have been generous contributors to many charities over the years. Members of the Board voted during the May Board Meeting to support Family Promise of Grand Rapids in addition to Feeding America West Michigan and The Kids' Food Basket. Funds collected for parade laps during our Driver's Education weekend in September at Grattan Raceway will go to Family Promise whose goal since 1997 has been "helping homeless families with children build a strong foundation for their family by providing safe emergency shelter, assisting families in finding a place to call home and helping families keep that home!" Check out their website at www.FamilyPromiseGr.org.



Terry Schieble, ace Chief Driving Instructor, won the prestigious Judges' Choice Silver Ladle in the 2018 Chili Cookoff at the home of gracious hosts, Gabi and Ted Blacklidge on April 21. Terry topped a field of eight contestants and shared the spotlight with Amber Door, who added to her resume of PCA awards by winning the equally prestigious People's Choice Ladle. The awards were presented by co-host and previous Chili Cookoff winner, Chris Ackerman. Despite friendly weather, few of the thirty-two members who attended drove their Porsches, prompting a neighbor to threaten to sue Ted for failing to deliver on his promise of a parade of Porsches. We live in litigious times.

The weather was threatening for the May 19 Sporting Clays outing hosted by Jerry Arens and Amber Door at the Blendon Pines Gun Club, but the rain let up moments before the event dominated by sharp shooting Carmine Bosco, who topped ten competitors. There were no female contestants this year to dethrone last year's defending female champion, Emily Quellet.

Club events are coming fast and furious as the calendar, if not the weather, is heralding the advent of summer. Porsche AG decided to throw a party celebrating 70 years of producing the world's most successful sports cars. Our friends at Porsche Grand Rapids will be hosting an open house on Saturday, June 9 from 9-11 a.m. (get it?). Tim Thatcher will be hosting another great tech session at Euro Autowerks on Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. just down Belding Road from beautiful downtown Grattan. Making it three weekends in a row, Ted Vogt is hosting a drive through the scenic Leelanau peninsula on Saturday, June 23 commencing in Traverse City at high noon. Capping the month's formal activities is the Wednesday, June 27 Cruise-In at the Gilmore Car Museum at 5 p.m. brought to you by Wirth, Clark & Riley, LLC. For those interested in some fun, safe automotive competition, we'll be hosting the IROC I autocross event on Sunday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at US-131 Motorsport Park in Martin, MI. Try it; you'll like it!

See you soon!

-Mike

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[HTTP://WMI.PCA.ORG/ABOUT-US/MINUTES/MINUTES-ARCHIVE/](http://wmi.pca.org/about-us/minutes/minutes-archive/)



We're looking for event hosts for 2018

Simply stop by our Monthly Board Meeting, or contact our WMR PCA 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



SPORTSCAR TOGETHER, 70 YEARS OF PORSCHE

HOST: PORSCHE GRAND RAPIDS

To celebrate Porsche's 70th birthday, Porsche Grand Rapids is hosting / participating in the first international Sportscar Together Day. Our event is being held on Saturday, June 9th from 9AM-11AM at Porsche Grand Rapids. We will be celebrating with Porsche Cars, Coffee & Cake! Come celebrate the brand with sports car drivers, enthusiasts and fans worldwide. We hope you can join us and spread the word to members about this exciting event! For more information on this exciting event, click [here](#).



WHEN: Saturday, June 9, beginning at 9:00am

WHERE: Porsche Grand Rapids
6025 28th St SE, Grand Rapids

EURO AUTOWERKS TECH SESSION

HOST: TIM THATCHER, EURO AUTOWERKS

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to attend our WMR-PCA Open House, on June 16th. We'll begin the day at 10:00 AM with coffee and donuts and then at 10:30 we'll begin our tech session, followed by a great lunch. I've been working on what I believe will be a very interesting tech session that I'm sure you will enjoy, so please mark your calendar and come on out. Looking forward to seeing you! -Tim



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WHERE: Clinch Park
161 E. Grandview Parkway
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WHEN: June 23, 2018
12:00 meet / 12:30 start

RSVP REQUIRED BY: June 15, 2018
To Ted Vogt
(616) 340.7360
Theodore.Vogt@yahoo.com

GILMORE CAR MUSEUM CRUISE-IN

HOSTS: ROB CLARK, RICK RILEY, KURT WIRTH



Well, it's that time again, time to fire up the Porsche and spend the afternoon at the Gilmore Car Museum. Kurt Wirth, Rob Clark and myself would like invite all ya all to take the scenic drive through the Yankee Springs area to the Museum. There is a lot to see inside, so take the afternoon off and check out all the new exhibits. The AJ Foyt Exhibit will be a must see.

If you can't arrange the time off, join us for the "Cruise-In" at 5:00pm. The Blue Moon Dinner will have sandwiches, period correct pop and ice cream treats. Outside on the grill will be hot dogs and hamburgs and craft BEER will be available. You will see anything on 4 wheels at the Cruise-In, from steam cars to Rat Rods and Porsches of course. So mark your calendar for Wednesday June 27th and join us all at the Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 1:00 pm Start
WHERE: Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners MI 49060



IN REVIEW: SPORTING CLAYS

BY: AMBER DOOR

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

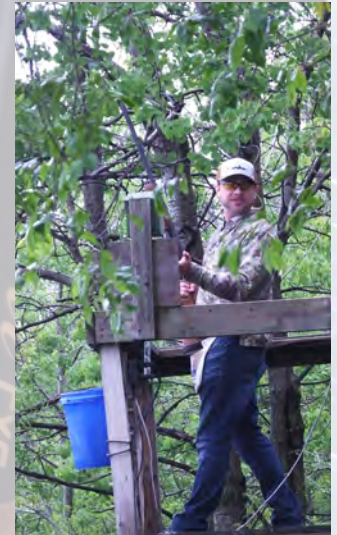


For 2018 it looked as if the weather was not going to cooperate with us for an outdoor event, but this was a rain or shine event. The skies looked kindly on us as the skies dried up as we set out into the woods to kill a few of the pesky orange clays that menace society. We are happy to report that our 10 shooters, with 3 spectators watching, managed to take 204 from the skies and will not bother you at your next outdoor event.

Our top shooters of the day were Carmine Bosco and Caleb Kiebert, a new transfer member from Boise, Idaho. Next time you see them at an event be sure to congratulate them both!



Top Shooter Carmine Bosco



Top Shooter Cale Kiebert



Rain or Shine, Porsches will come out and play too!



The End...



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2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUN	06-01 to 06-03	Belle Isle Grand Prix	Detroit, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	06-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	06-09	Sportscar Together	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids
	06-16	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford, MI	Tim Thatcher & Euro Autowerks
	06-23	PCA Rally on the Leelanau Peninsula	Traverse City, MI	Ted Vogt
	06-27	Gilmore Car Museum Cruise-In	Hickory Corners, MI	Rick Riley, Kurt Wirth & Rob Clark
JUL	07-01	IROC I	US-131 Motorsports Park Martin, MI	WMR PCA Club
	07-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	07-07	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	07-08 to 07-14	2018 Porsche Parade	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, Missouri	Porsche Club of America, National Event
	07-21	Pool Party!	Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman & Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
	07-28	IROC II	Spartan Speedway Mason, MI	Motor-Stadt Region
AUG	08-04	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-11	Open House & Car Show	German Auto Service Grand Rapids, MI	German Auto Service
	08-24 to 08-25	28 th Street Metro Cruise	Grand Rapids, MI	Non-WMR PCA Event
	08-25	IROC III	Tire Rack South Bend, MI	Michiana Region
	08-25	TBD	TBD	Wolfgang Hofmann
SEP	09-10	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	09-08 to 09-09	Grand Prix of Grattan High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI	Ted Blacklidge
OCT	10-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-07	Teen Street Survival	Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, MI	WMR PCA Club
	10-20	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City, MI	Bill Brown



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ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-01	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club

PORSCHE SPORT DRIVING SCHOOL

BY ROBERT YOUNGER



I recently had the opportunity to attend the Porsche Sport Driving School at the Barber Motor Speedway in Birmingham, Alabama. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE! If you ever

want to drive a Porsche on a track, play on black ice or run an autocross track all in one day in not one but 3 or 4 different models, this school is for you. The drivers who run the event are all professional drivers with years of experience in all different conditions and driving situations and their instructions while you're driving in every part of the driving experience are clear concise and you as a driver process it at the precise time.

When you arrive, you have a full breakfast waiting with everything from quiche Lorraine to plain bagels. The 16 participants in my class were from anywhere from CA to FL and NY to UT and everywhere in between. Few actually owned a Porsche but most had not however their driving experience was all over the board. Precisely at 8:00am all 16 of us enter a classroom for introductions and some lessons on the physics of both driving and the car. Very informative for everyone both experienced and inexperienced with driving a Porsche. From that point on, you are in a car.

Once at the track, the 16 are broken up into smaller groups for instruction. There were 3 different sections - one on understeer and oversteer using a 911 Carrera GTS on the slip pad, one on the autocross using a 718

Boxster S and finally a brake exercise using a different 911 Carrera. Once finished with these 3 exercises, you head to the track. On the particular day I attended, the first car we drove was the 911 Carrera S for around 8-10 laps - first to gather information about the track and 2nd to put some of the previous exercises into the actual driving experience. When we pulled into the pit after driving the 911, we went to the 911 Turbo S Series with 500+ hp! This was definitely an OMG EXPERIENCE. This car was amazing and the way it held the track and the speed down the stretches gave you the feeling at least 1 G.

After a full lunch, you're back on the track using some manual shift 911's and the 911 GTS's. Lastly was the 718 Cayman S with more weight and very different handling around some of the corners of the track. What a great way to finish up the day.

This was an AWESOME experience and I would recommend this to any and every one - WHAT AN ADRENELIN RUSH! You might think "this sounds fun but why go to Birmingham when I can have a similar experience at Grattan." The Barber Motor Speedway is 2.38 miles and has a lot of elevation. I was on the same speedway that Indy cars had just finished racing on that Monday and it was basically spotless - everywhere. The classes fill up quickly and may be filled for this year BUT you just might want to check out the website included below and add the PSDS to your bucket list.

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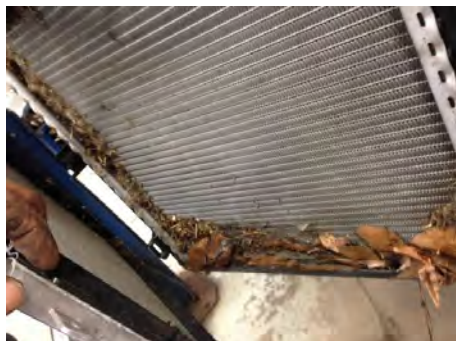
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RADIATOR AND CONDENSER CARE

Due to the number of cars that I have seen this season with extremely clogged radiator cores, I felt I should remind you to clean these important components.

Keep in mind that the internal combustion engine is a heat pump, with approximately 1/3 of the energy generated used to produce your car's forward motion, 1/3 of the energy produced is removed as heat by the exhaust system, and the remaining 1/3 has to be removed by the cooling system.

There are many components to a cooling system and they vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, failure in any of these components can compromise the system's ability to cool the engine.

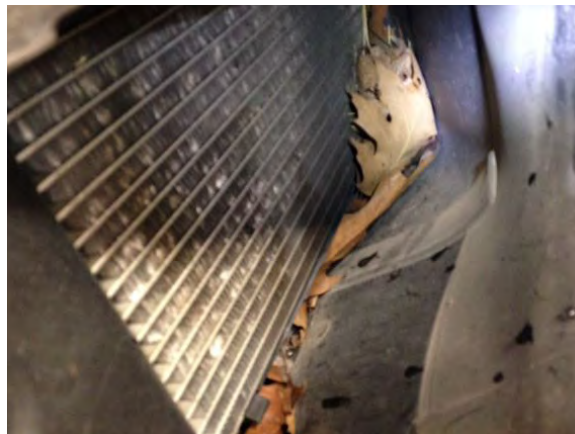


Debris collected between the radiator and condenser

Just as with the radiators, condensers can become extremely plugged as well. Most condensers sit just in front of the radiator and are subjected to all kinds of road debris

entering them and the areas around them. Make sure your condenser and radiator are free of leaves and other debris that may be clogging the fins. If you see your temp gauge go higher than normal with the A/C on, this could indicate a clogged condenser and/or radiator. Even if it looks clean, very often we find that there are fine fuzzy like materials stuck between the condenser and radiator. This material prevents normal air flow through both units causing higher than normal engine temps and poor A/C output.

Cleaning the areas between the radiator and condenser is done by removing the front bumper and separating the two units from each other. This allows you to thoroughly clean every area around the two pieces. Pay particular attention to debris collecting in the lower corners of either the radiator or condenser. Allowing debris to gather and set in these corner areas will over time cause leaks.



Debris in corners

It is important that debris be removed and the radiator and condenser be cleaned every 60,000 miles. Don't let this stuff and neglecting simple maintenance be the downfall of enjoying the ride in your beautiful Porsche.



Hope to see you all at our upcoming Tech Session!

- Tim



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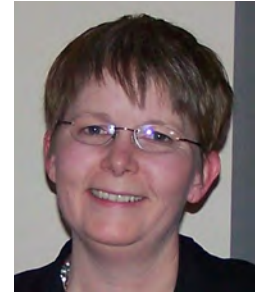
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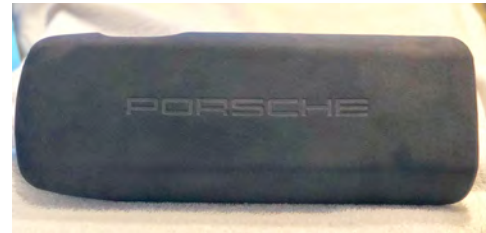
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