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Upcoming Events:

Pool Party (one more try)! **German Auto Open House & Car Show** 28th Street Metro Cruise **IROC III**

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IROC III - Michiana Region - Saturday, August 25, 2018 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.



Oct. 03 - 05: UP North Drive

Marquette, MI

Oct. 07: Teen Street Survival

5/3 Ball Park

Oct. 20: Fall Color Tour

Traverse City, MI

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Frank & Raeni Conner's 1985 911

Photo By: Frank Conner

Fallasburg Park, Lowell, MI

Preview of the spectacular Cover Bridge Tour



PLETHORA OF PORSCHE ACTIVITIES

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike KarlukPresident,
Western Michigan Region

Twenty-two WMR members sojourned in early July to this year's Porsche Parade held at the beautiful, but warm and topographically challenging Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. Rick Riley's Schutz speedster graced the entry of the resort and three other members done us particularly proud: Greg and Karlene Curry took second place in the Concours d'Elegance with their immaculate 2014 Cayman S and first year editor Lina Spross' "Uber" took third place in

the Class 3 PCA Newsletter competition. Outstanding and well done! Given all the cleaning, buffing and typing involved, I hope gift certificates for manicures came with the trophies.

There is a plethora of Porsche-related activities in August. Our friends at the German Auto Service in downtown Grand

Rapids are hosting their annual open house on Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., while Chris and Craig Ackerman's annual pool party/bacchanalia begins at 4 p.m. that evening. The St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Porsche extravaganza from Friday, August 17 through Sunday the 19th for those interested. The Grand Rapids Metro Cruise will begin on Friday evening, August 24 and we anticipate another great gathering hosted by our friends at Porsche Grand Rapids. On Saturday, August 25, the



Greg & Karlene Currie proudly display their Parade Concours d'Elegance trophy for their beautiful 2014 Cayman S

Michiana region will be hosting IROC III at the Tire Rack facility in South Bend, IN from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and closer to home, Wolfgang Hoffman is sponsoring a dinner at the lovely Alpenrose Restaurant in beautiful downtown Holland, MI at 5 p.m. for those who would like to finish an afternoon of shopping with a great meal with friends. For those with more high-octane interests, registration is now open for the WMR annual DE track weekend, the Grattan Grand Prix, on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. For those not interested in wantonly increasing their carbon footprint, parade laps will run on the Grattan course from noon until 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, with the \$20 donation going to support Family Promise of Grand Rapid. Please consult our fantastic and authoritative website at <a href="https://www.nc.going-no.com/wmi.pca.going-no.com/wmi.

Since writing last month, Porsche's 919 Evo prototype piloted by works driver Timo Bernhard shattered Stefan Bellof's thirty-four-year-old lap record of the Nürburgring Nordshleife of 6:11.13 by an astounding 51.58 seconds with a time of 5:19.55. The Evo hit a top speed of 230 mph on the finishing straight despite the aero package maximized for downforce. Check out the in-car footage on You Tube. Borrowing from aerodynamic data gleaned from the 919 prototype, Volkswagen fashioned the 671 bhp all-electric, four-wheel drive I.D. R which piloted by two-time LeMans and four-time Pike's Peak International Hill Climb champion, Romain Dumas, set an all-time record on Pike's Peak on June 24 with a time of 7:57.148. This was 15 seconds faster than the previous record set in 2013 by Sebastian Loeb, which obliterated the previous record by 92 seconds. Maybe the all-electric 600-hp Porsche Taycan, the production version of the Mission E (which was also on display at Parade) due out in a year or so, will blow a lot of people away as well as provoke even more debate than PDK vs. manual.

See you soon! -Mike

ACCESS THE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE. 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



POOL PARTY!

Rescheduled from July 21

HOST: CHRIS&CRAIG ACKERMAN, GABI&TED BLACKLIDGE

Yikes! Another rain delay! Mother nature is not looking kindly on fun Porsche events this year. Ted & Gabi and Craig & Chris have rescheduled the ever popular Pool Party to August 11.

Chris & Craig Ackerman's pool, patio and firepit are open for FUN & GAMES! You bring the FUN (BYOB) and we'll supply the GAMES (and prizes)! Enjoy the afternoon with a dip in the salt water swimming pool. Bring your bathing suit and towels.

Your 'ENTRY FEE" for the afternoon of fun is a package of brown lunch bags that will be donated to the Kids Food Basket organization. They send out thousands of bags weekly.

Dinner is served at 6:00pm. Brats, chicken breasts and pulled pork provided. Please bring a dish to pass for casual dining.

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



RSPV BY: August 8 to Craig Ackerman pcaackerman@aol.com, (616) 866-1905

WHEN: Saturday, August 11, Open House, 4:00pm 6:00pm Dinner is Served!

WHERE: Chris&Craig Ackerman's Pool

10085 Edgerton NE, Rockford, 49341

ALPENGLÜHEN WITH FRIENDS

HOST: WOLFGANG HOFMANN

Wolfgang "The Hoff" Hofmann, invites you to join your fellow Porsche enthusiasts at the Alpenrose Restaurant located in wonderful Downtown Holland. If you've never been, the Alpenrose's ambiance and culinary delights do much to virtually transport you to the foothills of the Alps. Think, dinner in Salzburg or Garmisch. We might lack the majestic mountains as a backdrop for a true "Alpenglühen", but there's a good chance we can stop by Holland Beach after dinner, for a spectacular peninsula sunset.

Depending on turnout we'll be able to either:

Eat à la carte (up to 18 guests), choose from our the Grand Buffet (18+ guests, \$30 per head) or even have a special event-menu prepared.

All that's left to do is letting "The Hoff" know if you plan to attend. Please RSVP early so the appropriate dinner planning can occur. There's no special Porsche-only parking available, but the City of Holland has some of the best public parking spaces/lots around.



RSPV BY: August 5 to Wolfgang Hofmann E-Mail: wolfhofmann@mac.com or

Phone: (616) 666-9196

WHEN: Saturday, August 25, at 6:00pm

WHERE: Alpenrose Restaurant

4 East 8th Street, Holland, MI 49423

PORSCHES AND BBQ

HOST: CHARLES "CB" & KELLY BURSK

CB and Kelly Bursk would like to invite you to our Porsches and BBQ dinner Friday, September 14 at 6:30pm. We will be serving pulled pork and chicken. We ask you to please bring a dish to pass and the beverage of your choice.

Looking forward to seeing you and having some kickin' BBQ together!



RSPV BY: August 30 to CB and Kelly Bursk
E-Mail: CBursk@bigdutchmanusa.com or

Phone: (616) 368-9000

WHEN: Friday, September 14, at 6:30pm

WHERE: The Pit Meister's Home

2786 Lincoln Rd Allegan MI 49010

COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

HOST: FRANK & RAENI CONNER

There are three covered bridges in Kent County. Okay, two since White's Bridge burnt and they won't replace it until 2019, but hey, never let details get in the way. The others are Fallasburg and Ada. We leave from a location near I-96 and the East Beltline, weave our way to Fallasburg park and go over/through the bridge. From there we drive on White's Bridge road to recognize the fallen bridge as we head east and take scenic country roads down through Saranac. On the last leg we head into Ada where we will drive by the third covered bridge. In Ada, we will have dinner off the menu in a private room at Zeytin Turkish Restaurant's new location. Zeytin restaurant describes itself as "Michigan's only Turkish restaurant". Here is their webpage - http://www.zeytinturkishrestaurant.com/.







Frank & Raeni's 1985 911 gracing the Fallasburg Covered Bridge

RSPV BY: September 17 to Frank & Raeni Conner

E-Mail: connerfr@gmail.com

WHEN: September 22, 2018

3:00pm Meet / 5:00pm Dinner

MEET: East Beltline near I-96

(more details to come in the September Über

Alles and our website: http://wmi.pca.org/)

DINNER: Zeytin Turkish Restaurant

400 Ada Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301

IN REVIEW: WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

PHOTOS BY: RICK RILEY

As I always say, I would rather be lucky than good any old day and our rain date for the Gilmore drive couldn't have been more perfect. 80 degrees, low humidity and sunshine!

20ish Western Michigan members lined their Porsches up on the "old Street" at the entrance to the Museum in front of the Lincoln, Franklin, and Ford Model model A buildings. Any other attendees had to pass through our display to get to the rest of the museum grounds. We had Porsches on both sides of the street. There were lots of compliments and questions from the other NON-Porsche people.

Speaking of attendees, there were 436 cars at the Museum that night. Largest gathering I have see on a Wednesday night this year.

To top things off I met Scott Marshall in his silver 944 and he plans to join WMR "as soon as he gets home" Welcome

BY: RICK RILEY

Perfect weather, 20 Porsches and a new member. That's what I call a great evening!

If you haven't attended a Gilmore Museum Cruise in on a Wednesday night you are missing a wonderful experience. They are every Wednesday night, weather permitting, at 5:00pm until 8:00.

Hope to see you at the next Western Michigan Porsche Club event.

Until then, I'll see you down the road.

~Rick





PeaPod basking in the Sun at the Wednesday Night Cruise-In

2018 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
AUG	08-04	Red Barn Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-04	IROC II (rescheduled from 07-28)	Spartan Speedway Mason, MI	Motor-Stadt Region
	08-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	08-11	Pool Party! (rescheduled from 07-28)	Rockford, MI	Craig & Chris Ackerman & Ted & Gabi Blacklidge
	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	Alpenglühen with Friends	Alpenrose Restaurant Holland, MI	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
	09-14	Porsches and BBQ	Allegan, MI	Charles & Kelly Bursk
	09-22	Covered Bridge Tour	Ada, MI	Frank & Raeni Conner
ОСТ	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
	10-03 to 10-05	UP Michigan Drive	Marquette, MI	Peter Stott
	10-20	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City, MI	Bill Brown
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

28th Street Metro Cruise

HOST: PORSCHE GRAND RAPIDS

The 28th Street Metro Cruise Gathering will be on Friday, August 24 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Porsche Grand Rapids. We will once again have food, drinks and the best view of 28th Street at Porsche Grand Rapids.







2018 GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

Lloyd LaHuis Memorial Grand Prix of Grattan Driver's Education, September 8 & 9, 2018

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? Join us on Saturday or Sunday (or both days!) for the Noon Hour Charity Laps. For a donation of \$20 per vehicle, experience the track at controlled speeds with family and friends. All proceeds from the Charity Laps will go to Family Promise of Grand Rapids. The mission of Family Promise of Grand Rapids is to end homelessness, one family at a time, by engaging faith-based and community organizations to provide emergency shelter and basic needs to families with children who are homeless and to provide additional programs to assist them in finding housing and sustaining their independence. Charity Laps will begin promplty at 12:00pm. Be at the gate by 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 (optional): Available at <u>hagerty.com</u>, <u>locktonmotorsports.com</u> or <u>trackinsurance.com</u>

Registration: Open July 1 at ClubRegistration.net.

Cost: \$320 for 2 days; \$180 for 1 day

After August 25 \$350 for 2 days; \$210 for 1 day.

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

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

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amdoor242@aol.com or (616) 340-0971

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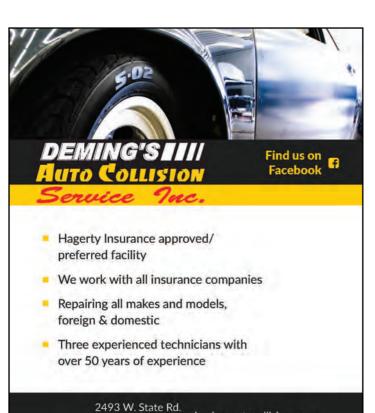
When: September 8 & 9, 2018 **Where**: Grattan Raceway

7201 Lessiter Rd NE Belding, MI 48809

For more information, go to:

http://wmi.pca.org/events/grand-prix-of-grattan/

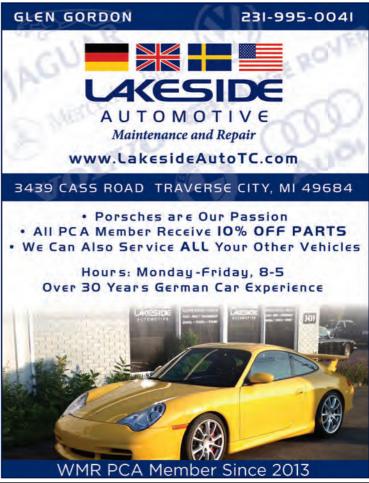




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VGT turbos have been around for some time, but mainly used on heavy duty diesel applications.

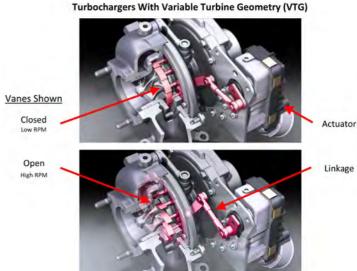
Porsche first introduced us to them in 2007 on the 997 Turbo and is one of the few manufacturers that still use them on their cars today. Most manufacturers have gone away from the VGT to twin scroll turbos. VGT turbos are expensive to manufacture because of the highly specialized materials used to cope with the high EGT (Exhaust Gas Temperature) and the extra components.

The biggest attraction for using a VGT is the almost constant boost (no turbo lag) as it delivers the most appropriate amount of boost at all RPMs. It replaces the need for two turbos, one small (low RPM) and one large (high RPM) as the control vanes in it act as a small turbo when closed (flat) allowing fast spool up. As the RPMs increase the vanes open up and it becomes/acts like a large turbo, supplying more boost at the higher RPMS.

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The 997.1 still uses many controlling factors for boost, just as explained last month, such as inner coolers, recirculation valves, sensors, etc.

Though this is a brief explanation of the 997.1, it gives you a pretty good idea of the benefits of the unit.



Thankfully the weather lately has been perfect for cruising with the top or windows down and I've seen many Porsche's on the road. Enjoy the weather and the rides, and above all be safe.

- Tim



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BY: MICHAEL BETZ

IN REVIEW: IROC

PHOTOS: AMBER DOOR

July 1 was a great day for the first event in the 44th season of the IROC autocross series, the longest-running competitive event in PCA history. Eighteen drivers competed in two run groups. Doug "Target" Tepper took home the Fastest Time of Day trophy for Porsches, with a blistering fast 53.989 time. Less than twenty seconds behind Tepper, Marshall Walters took home the ladies' FTD trophy. Josh and Dave Heinrich brought their exquisitely-prepared Ford Mustang and dad Dave took home the FTD trophy in the 'Other' class with a 51.556. They literally melted their special racing tires. It was a great day and everyone agreed we should do it again next year.

The second event (IROC II) hosted by Motor-Stadt Region was rescheduled to August 4 and the final event in the three race series - IROC III - is Saturday, August 25, hosted by Michiana Region at the terrific autocross track at the Tire Rack in South Bend, Indiana.



the track in her 2014 Cayman



Doug "Target" Tepper vying for FTD in his 2012 Cayman R

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Glückwünsche! - Anniversaries

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5 years (2013) Michael & Parri Gignac, Jack & Kathleen Hartman, Susan & Jack Hessler

15 years (2003) Bill Schmidt



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