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## IN REVIEW: RED BARN SPECTACULAR

BY AMBER DOOR

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The 2018 Michigan summer has been a warm one and the 2018 Red Barn Spectacular and Porsche Car Corral event continued that trend. With sunny skies and the summer heat – both good things for an all-day outdoor car event – 30 Porsches gathered at the Gilmore Car Red Barn Spectacular.

The PCA Car Corral and welcome tent offered a home base with chairs, shade and hydration for the 60+ PCA members that came to see the nearly 800 vehicles on display at the event.

Again, this year our corral was the largest single marque corral at the event hosting Porsches from the last 52 years. The corral Hospitality tent provided information to a number of prospective new members and a new member joined PCA at the event.

We hope that you can join us next year on August 3, 2019 for some fun, fellowship and of course Porsches. You will not be disappointed!



*Gilmore Car Museum  
Welcome and  
Car "Filling Station"*



*WMR PCA Welcome Tent and People Filling Station*

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Porsches as far as the eye can see

Photo By: Amber Door

Taken at the Gilmore Car Museum

Red Barn Spectacular WMR Porsche Car Corral

Hickory Corners, MI

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# THANKFULNESS AND COMMITMENT

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mike Karluk**  
President,  
Western Michigan Region

I recently was discussing Timo Bernhard's Nürburgring Nordshleife record time in the Porsche 919 Evo with Claudio Kaempf, WMR's own 2018 PCA Club Racing GT 4 national champion. Claudio said: "He had to have total commitment and confidence in that car to run that fast, because one mistake..." Dickie Meaden quoted Bernhard in the September MotorSport: "Never in my whole life have I experienced anything like that. The speed



*Timo Bernhard and Team*

was so intense I could feel my brain struggling to process things through some sections of the lap. Everything was happening so fast...Nothing in my career has felt anything like this. Nothing. I'm glad it's this way. I wanted it to be something beyond what I know, but this...I'll never feel anything like this again." Meaden went on: "His words fade to a reflective pause and for a few seconds the silence speaks more eloquently than any words either of us could muster. Looking back, I genuinely think this was the moment when what he'd done began to sink in. The significance of the lap, the commitment he'd shown, the intensity and absurdity of the speed."

I suspect many of us who've participated in HPDE track weekends can relate to some extent to both the thrill and fear of speed as we explore the capabilities of our cars and our driving skills. Certainly nothing in my lifetime matches the experience of driving my Porsche on race tracks. Being cautious by nature, the only way that I can relate to the concept of commitment at the track while driving a street car is to recognize the commitment of the club members who organize, stage, and make these and all our other club events happen. Ted Blacklidge has been organizing the Grattan weekend and Terry Schieble has been the Chief Driving Instructor (CDI) at least since I joined the club in 2009. Doug Tepper was the CDI for over twenty years before turning the reins over to Terry. Amber Door has been meeting Registrar, Colin Carpenter and Craig Paull have managed the pit lane and timing to determine run groups, Craig Ackerman and now Eric Spross head up the technical inspection detail, and Michael Betz has long manned the PA system to keep things moving. Craig Paull is responsible for up-to-the minute information about club events being available 24/7 on the WMR website and Lina Spross assembles her award-winning Über Alles that chronicles our events. There are too many other people involved in Grattan and all our club activities to mention by name here, but all have committed talents, time, energy and passion to our club experience.

This will likely be Terry's last year as Chief Driving Instructor and Doug has expressed a willingness to resume the role on an interim basis while a new CDI is sought and oriented. Brenda Hildon-Kaempf soon will be retiring as Secretary after driving from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids for Board meetings for too many years to think about. The Board and I would love to speak with anyone who aspires to a more active role on the Board or various club activities, particularly the CDI. The lovely thing about committing to the club is that there are no contracts or established term requirements. Now is the time to consider stepping forward if you're considering a deeper, more rewarding involvement with our great club.

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](mailto:lynniemarie@charter.net) · Phone: (616) 710-0122



# PORSCHE 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](mailto: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

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**WHEN:** September 22, 2018

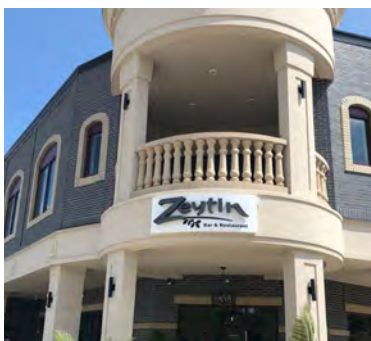
3:00pm Meet / 5:00pm Dinner

**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



**Zeytin**  
Turkish Restaurant

# UP MICHIGAN DRIVE

HOST: PETER STOTT

Let's go for a Porsche drive in the UP! Departure on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 2 night stay in scenic Marquette with local day trips on Thursday and a return home trip on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Suggested itinerary:

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Early departure from Traverse City with a meet-up/stop at St. Ignace. Scenic drive to Marquette, MI via Grand Marais with lunch stop in Munising. Check-in at the historic Landmark Inn (group rate of \$169/night is available for up to 15 reserved rooms). Group dinner at a local restaurant
- October 4<sup>th</sup>: Tour the area...options include: Drive to scenic Copper Harbor, tour/hike/kayak Pictured Rocks National Park, drive to scenic Porcupine Mountain State Park or simply stroll around lovely Marquette. Appetizers in the Penthouse and then out for dinner at local restaurant.
- Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>: Head home!

Are you interested to participate? If so, please contact Pete Stott to arrange a room at the Landmark Inn and, subject to availability, we will reserve a room



in your name at the Landmark Inn @ \$169/night. Fifteen (15) rooms with king size beds have been reserved and you will be billed individually. Rooms are limited so please sign up early if you are interested. Contact: Pete Stott at [petestott10@gmail.com](mailto:petestott10@gmail.com) or (630) 842-8504.

Below are some useful links:

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

See you UP North!

<http://copperharbor.org/>

~Pete

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

# 70 YEARS OF PORSCHE CARS, VINEYARD TOUR AND FALL COLOR DRIVE

HOST: BILL BROWN

Join me in the morning at MFD Classic Motors for Cars and Coffee showcasing a spectacular 70 years of Porsche display and a presentation on the iconic brand from a Marque Expert. Afterward we will meet at Black Star



MFD Classic Motor



Farms in Suttons Bay where we will tour the vineyard and sample their fine potables.

From there we will commence our color tour in Leelanau County and end up at Red Ginger in Traverse City where we will have a drivers

debrief and some fabulous Red Ginger appetizers and libations.

Here is the planned schedule:

- 8:00 - 11:00: Cars And Coffee At MFD Classic Motors  
1701 Park Drive, Traverse City, MI
- 11:00 - 12:30: Lunch on your own
- 12:30 - 3:30: Black Star Farms vineyard tour followed by Color Tour in Leelanau County  
10844 E. Revold Rd., Suttons Bay, MI
- 4:00 - 6:00: Reception At Red Ginger In Traverse City  
237 E Front St, Traverse City, MI  
<http://www.eatatginger.com/>



**RSPV BY:** October 10 to Bill Brown

E-Mail: [gmondster@yahoo.com](mailto:gmondster@yahoo.com) or

Phone: (616) 617-7788

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 20, at 8:00am

**WHERE:** MFD Classic Motors

1701 Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

Hope to see you on in Traverse City!

~Bill

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# 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

## WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>SEP</b>	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 Blackledge
	09-14	Porsches and BBQ	Allegan, MI	Charles & Kelly Bursk
	09-22	Covered Bridge Tour	Ada, MI	Frank & Raeni Conner
<b>OCT</b>	10-01	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club
	10-03 to 10-05	UP Michigan Drive	Marquette, MI	Peter Stott
	10-20	Vineyard Tour - Fall Color Drive	Traverse City, MI	Bill Brown
<b>NOV</b>	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	TBD	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Lin Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	12-01	December Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss
	12-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA Club

## IN REVIEW: ALPENGLÜHEN WITH FRIENDS

BY WOLFGANG HOFMANN

On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August we gathered at the Alpenrose restaurant in Holland, MI.

27 Porsche friends enjoyed the culinary delights inspired by the old world, accented by a most excellent "Apfelstrudel" dessert (a special request by the host). We were seated in the "Kitzbühel" room, a spacious yet cozy affair, reminiscent of your traditional alpine farmhouse. Spread across 4-5 tables, we partook in what is billed as the "Grand Buffet" which treated us to a light start with fruit, cheese, crackers, soup, and salad, before giving way to hearty fare of beef, chicken, and salmon for the main course.

Naturally "Spätzle" cannot be absent when you have a feast like this.

The Alpenrose staff handled it all beautifully.



*Enjoying the Apfelstrudel and table talk*



*A Specially Delectable Apfelstrudel*

Conversations quickly erupted at each table, and I dare say everyone enjoyed the relaxed setting and fun Saturday evening. Four of our guests came from 50+ miles away to join the fun. We toasted to one members' birthday and gave away a 1:18 scale Flying Lizard 2007 ALMS, GT2 Winner diecast model. - All in all, just what you expect: a great time, had by all.

Thanks to all who participated and my apologies to those we couldn't accommodate this time around.





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# 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



## HPDE EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

**Vehicles:** All cars **must** be inspected by a mechanic with a completed pre-event Inspection Sheet, available on the WMR website ([Tech Inspection Sheet](#)) or contacts below.

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

**Track Insurance (optional):** Available at [hagerty.com](http://hagerty.com), [locktonmotorsports.com](http://locktonmotorsports.com) or [trackinsurance.com](http://trackinsurance.com)

**Registration:** Open July 1 at [ClubRegistration.net](http://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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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 promptly at 12:00pm. Be at the gate by 12:00pm.



For more PCA National and Inter-Regional events, visit:  
<https://www.pca.org/events>



**When:** September 8 & 9, 2018

**Where:** Grattan Raceway  
7201 Lessiter Rd NE  
Belding, MI 48809

For more information, go to:  
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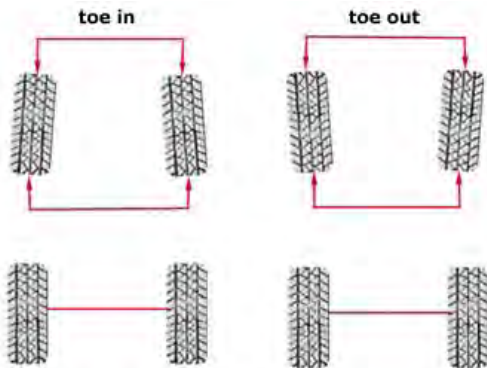


Contributed by WMR PCA member  
 Tim Thatcher, ASE-Certified Master Technician  
 and Owner, Euro Autowerks

## TIRE ALIGNMENT

Just in time for Grattan, this article attempts to give you an overview of the factors that make up tire alignment. Keeping your tires aligned properly will save you money and provide you with a car that handles like it should, on the road or on the track.

**TOE** is the difference in distance between the front of the opposing tires as compared to the rear of them.

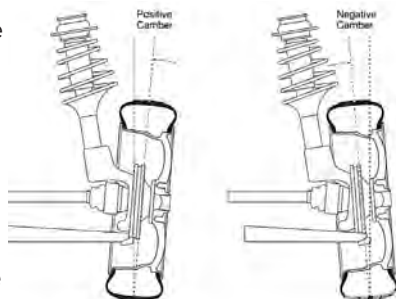


Toe Alignment

Incorrect toe will result in the tires wearing in at a feathering angle across the surface. Toe is often set at 0 (zero) or with just a slight bit of toe in (tires closer at front), which helps the higher speed stability of the vehicle.

If tires are in a toe out condition, (see picture above) it can cause an unstable feel in the steering of the vehicle.

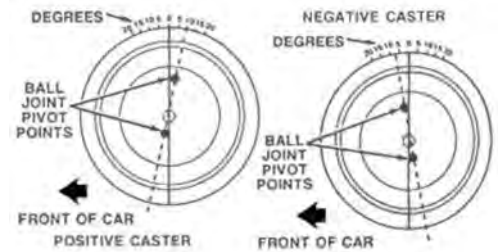
**CAMBER** is the angle of the tire as viewed from the front of the vehicle.



Camber

If the top of the tire is leaning in, that means it has negative camber. If the top leans out, that would result in positive camber. Too much negative camber will wear the inside edge of the tire, too much positive camber wears the outside edge. Appropriate camber settings will help balance treadwear with cornering performance.

**CASTER** is the angle of the tire as it turns or pivots around the suspension pick-up points or for example the upper and lower ball joints as viewed from the side of the car.

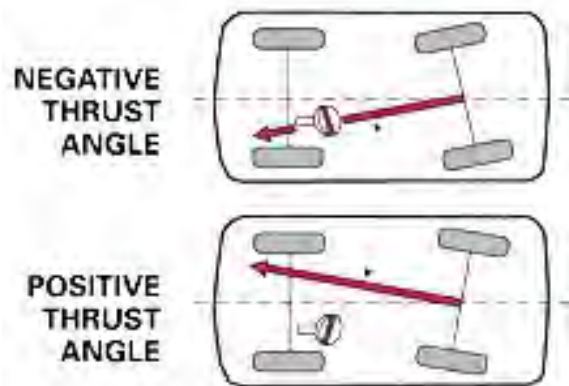


Caster

When the top of the tire leans to the rear of the car, this is referred to as negative caster. If the top leans to the front of the car, it's referred to as positive caster.

Caster affects high speed turning or stability and helps the steering wheel return to center after a turn. If caster is off from one side of the vehicle to the other side, it will make the car pull to one side or the other.

**THRUST ANGLE** is the direction the rear wheels are pointed in relation to the front tires.



Thrust Angle

If the thrust angle is not correct, the car will "dog track", that is the rear of the vehicle follows to one side or the other of center.

Well maintained suspension parts are critical to the performance and safety of your vehicle, yet they are some of the most overlooked parts. Having your tires aligned regularly and maintaining the suspension system will provide you with a safe and enjoyable driving experience.

We hope you are enjoying this great driving season and see you at Grattan!

- Tim



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## IN REVIEW: PORSCHE GRAND RAPIDS METRO CRUISE

BY LINA SPROSS

PHOTOS BY MIKE MURPHY

Thank you Porsche Grand Rapids for hosting another great Metro Cruise event! Porsches, Yesterdogs, great conversations and unique conversation pieces - what more can you ask for on a slightly drizzly evening!



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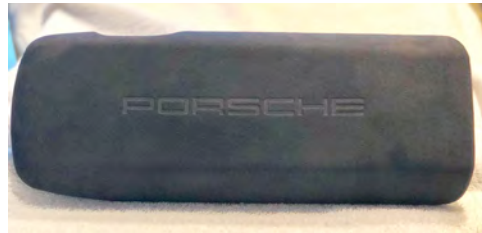
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