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Vineyard Tour & Fall Color Drive November Annual Planning Meeting November Dinner Drive

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In Memoriam: William J. (Bill) Moses - aka The Champagne Challenger

Western Michigan lost a dear friend and very early and long-time member of our region early in September. Bill was an amazingly engaging individual who will long be remembered for his voice (which would easily substitute for a bullhorn calling out "Drivers Meeting") and infectious laugh. He and first wife Marilyn, who he lost some years back, were staunch supporters and you could count on him showing up during the racing season with his

red Speedster. Bill would always say the car wasn't fast - he just drove it fast. Even after life handed him a very difficult setback - he was paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair (a very special one) - Bill



persevered and remained cheerful and positive, still willing to talk about Champagne Challenges. If you want to know more about those, ask some of the other long-time members. Bill, you will be greatly missed by those who knew you. For a collection of older pictures of Bill, go to http://wmi.pca.org/pictures/bill-moses/. If anyone has pictures to add, please send to the Webmeister (pca.wmr.webmeister@gmail.com).

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A magical atmosphere for a convivial gathering for Porsches and BBQ Photo By: Amber Door

Taken at CB & Kelly's Barn Allegan, MI

On the cover:

IT'S NOT THE CARS, IT'S THE PEOPLE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Karluk President. Western Michigan Region

The PCA slogan, "It's not the cars, it's the people" was validated once again at the 2018 Grand Prix of Grattan on September 8 and 9 where lunchtime parade laps netted \$2,055 in donations for Family Promise of Grand Rapids, an organization dedicated to "Ending Homelessness...One Family at a time" and the most recent charity the West Michigan Region supports. Thank you and well done! On the track, drivers enjoyed

Family Promise of Grand Rapids ending homelessness...one family at a time

lapping Grattan's technically challenging course at some serious speeds with only two oil spills and a bent gas filler door marring the proceedings.

As expected, Terry Schieble announced at the beginning of the Grattan weekend that he was stepping down as the Chief Driving Instructor at the conclusion of the weekend. Thank you,

Terry, for your wisdom, skill as a teacher, and years of dedication to the task that has taught me and countless others lessons in speed and safety. Fortuitously, I had the pleasure of spending fifty minutes in the passenger seat of my Cayman being chauffeured around Grattan during Sunday's parade laps by Jeff Kolk, a long-time WMR member who has agreed to become our new Chief Driving Instructor. Several members recounted stories of Jeff lighting up Grattan thirty or so years ago and his current lap times in his Golf R indicate he hasn't forgotten his way around. We had a great discussion on the relative merits of several different lines and I'm confident he will be another great asset to our High Performance Driver's Education program.

Thanks to Chris and Craig Ackerman for hosting their re-scheduled pool party on Saturday, August 11. CB and Kelly Bursk hosted a barbeque in their barn in Allegan on Friday, September 14. Light streaming through the gaps in the siding on the west face of the barn created a magical atmosphere for a convivial gathering of Porsche enthusiasts. Barb and I certainly hope they'll host us again next year in their unique setting. Scheduling conflicts kept us from enjoying Frank and Raeni Conner's Covered Bridge Tour and dinner at Zeytin's Turkish restaurant on Saturday, September 17. Peter Stott is hosting another of his annual favorite U.P. Michigan Drives on October 3 through 5 and Bill Brown is attempting to gather examples of all 70 years of Porsche production for a vineyard and color tour in Suttons Bay on Saturday, October 20th. We're holding our annual planning meeting once again at Bistro Bella Vita in downtown Grand Rapids on Monday, November 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. so join us for dinner whether or not you have an event you'd like to host in 2019. Lin and Randi Portoluri will be hosting another dinner at Peppino's in Allendale once again on Saturday, November 17. Please check out our http://wmi.pca.org/website for details about these exciting events.

Sadly, WMR lost a beloved alumnus when William J. "Bill" Moses passed on September 7, 2018 at the age of 82. Please see the website for a link to his obituary.

Enjoy driving in the crisp autumn weather before old man Winter sets in!

-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



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MFD Classic Motor

tour of this unique property which includes vineyards, wine making facilities, a distillery, tasting rooms, a luxury Inn, an equestrian facility as well as a farm-to-table café. 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:

- 8:30 11:00: Cars And Coffee At MFD Classic Motors 1701 Park Drive, Traverse City, MI
- 11:00 12:30: Lunch on your own however we suggest the Hearth and Vine Café at Black Star Farms.
- 12:30 4:00: 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/

Hope to see you on in Traverse City!

~Bill

RSPV BY: October 10 to Bill Brown E-Mail: gmundster@yahoo.com or

Phone: (616) 617-7788

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, at 8:30am

WHERE: MFD Classic Motors

1701 Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTS: RANDY & LIN PORTOLURI

On Saturday November 17 we will again sponsor a dinner at Peppino's Pizzeria and Sports Grille in Allendale. Because of its success last year, we will again go with the Banquet Buffet. This year's entrée will be Sicilian pork with sides of fettuccine Alfredo and breadsticks. A caeser salad will be included. Cost is \$18 per person.

WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2018 @ 5:30pm

WHERE: Peppino's Sports Grille 5065 Lake Michigan Dr. Allendale, MI 49401

RSVP By November 15: Randy and Lin Portoluri at rportoluri66@charter.net or 616-842-9266



IN REVIEW: PORSCHES AND BBQ

BY: CHARLES "CB" & KELLY BURSK



Barbeque at the Barn

We would like to thank everyone who made it out to the BBQ. The weather and the food was awesome! We had a great time and hope to see more cars here next

year!



PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR

IN REVIEW: COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

BY: FRANK & RAENI CONNER



Thank you Jim (Owner, Red Hot (Photo by Lina Spross)

Leaving from the Red Hot Inn on the East Beltline, twenty-six Porsches of all variety, color, age, and cooling type ventured out on the autumnal equinox to explore the covered bridges in Kent County. Our only real obstacle, a last-minute road Inn) for accommodating the Club! construction that blocked our first intersection, was traversed

with grace and efficiency. From that point forward, it was obvious this drive was meant to be as the Nordic god of fair weather Freyr, must have conspired with Meili, the god of travel, to provide us with beautiful sunshine, clear skies, and minimal hindrances.

We drove about 60 miles, traversing mostly country roads lined with trees, farm land, and just enough curves to keep our high-performance automobiles as content as those riding in the cabin. Our first bridge was the Fallasburg Covered Bridge over the Flat River near Lowell. We



Exiting the Fallasburg Bridge (Photo by Laurie Impellizzeri)

crossed this structure erected in 1871 and documented on camera each of us as we exited on the eastern side. Our second experience with a bridge was far less experiential. Whites Bridge was destroyed by fire in 2013. With an original bridge constructed in 1840, a replacement near

Smyrna, is slated to be built next year to once again link the two sides of the Flat River. We did however travel White's Bridge Road, just south of the original bridge, paying homage to the lost wooden beauty. We ended our journey in Ada, where our third bridge could be seen to our left as we crossed the Thornapple River. This bridge, originally constructed in 1867, was only a short walk from our dinner location, Zeytin Restaurant.



Porsches at Zeytin, Ada, MI (Photo by Amber Door)

At the restaurant, the meal was almost as good as the drive (sorry, no meal can equal the driving experience of a Porsche). The 49 members, ranging from the very young to classics, enjoyed dining on Lamb Kafte, Shish Kebob, Iskender, Gyros, and so many other culinary adventures. Zeytin describes

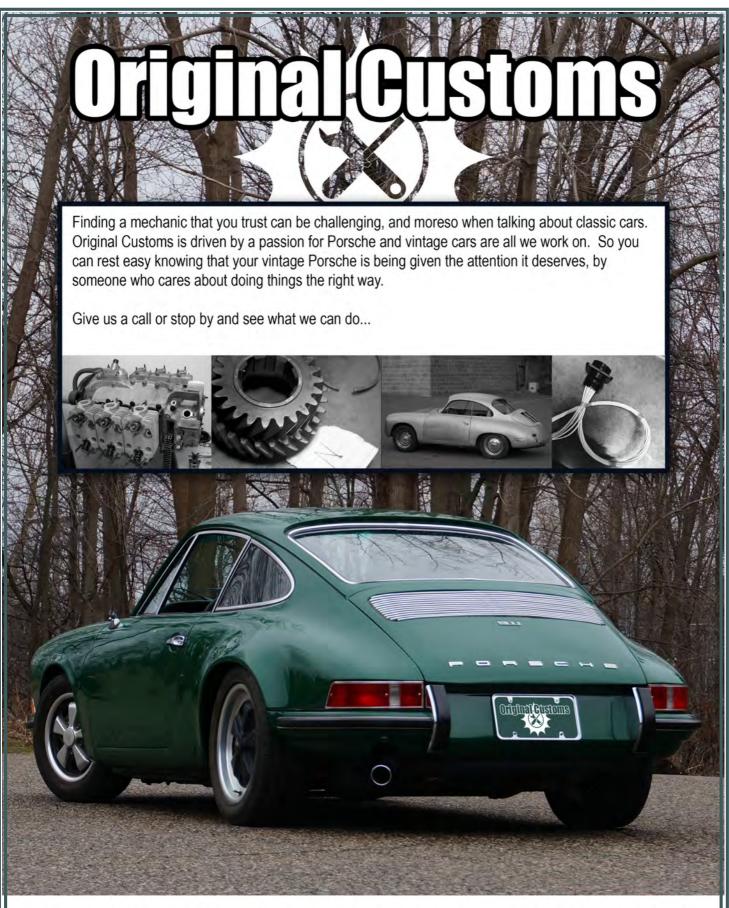
itself as "Michigan's only Turkish restaurant" and the meals were outstanding on all accounts. Many members had

never been there before. but most reported they will be coming back. Overall, the mishaps were few, the driving was spirited, the food was excellent, and as always, the camaraderie and social interaction was the highlight of the day.



Lovely setting for a Culinary Adventure (Photo by Amber Door)





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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
ОСТ	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
NOV	11-05	Annual Planning & Board Meeting	Bistro Bella Vita Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA Club
	11-17	November Dinner Drive	Peppino's Sports Grille Allendale, MI 49401'	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

AROUND THE ZONE

BY: LORI SCHUTZ

As our summer winds down, the driving events just keep on keepin' on. Several of our members participated in the Club Race at Road America, hosted by the PCA Chicago Region over Labor Day, some had picnics and tours. I was in Indy at my nephews wedding - No I didn't pick the date!

I traveled south to join the Michiana Region President, Murray Bartel and his wife Penny, for the Friday Drive to Warsaw event on September 7th. We had over a dozen cars, despite the misty weather, and enjoyed local musicians and a wonderful dinner.

MIchana registration with Don Dosmann, Lori Schutz, Murray Bartel, Brad Fishburn, and seated is Pat Heller and Beverly Dosmann.

Several folks drove over from Ft Wayne area Central Indiana Region to join in the festivities.

On the following evening, September 8th, I was back in Michigan. The Southeast Michigan Region celebrated their 60th Anniversary as a region at the



Door and her team. There was a wonderful display of several Porsches out front, let alone the parking lot full of nearly every Porsche on the road. President Marc Molzon welcomed the crowd of over 150 with kind words for the members and

sponsors. Vice President Gretus Hoogestraat

welcomed me to the podium to say a few words after our guest speaker -Kim Wolfkill, Editor of Road & Track Magazine.



Eastern Buckeye Poker Run (Photo by Kelly Bernstein)

The following weekend I stopped in at the Mid Ohio Region DE at - where else - Mid Ohio (see photo above). I was on my way to Eastern Buckeye Region's Poker Run on Saturday followed by a dinner at a Classic Diner. Over 25 Porsches participated in the spectacular drive through the small towns and country



Lori Schutz with Grid Marshal

Gretus Hoogestraat with Lori Schutz

roads of eastern Ohio. Cheryl Krum did a fabulous job planning the route, keeping the group together for the complete tour, and incredible door prizes at the dinner. I love when these events draw members from neighboring regions - great to see Northern Ohio members at both of these events.

My next stop was Rennsport, more next month on that fun on the left coast with several from Zone 4 and across PCA.







IN REVIEW: 2018 GRAND PRIX OF GRATTAN

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

BY: TED BLACKLIDGE

We sure do talk about the weather a lot! Why? Because (a) in Michigan it can change at a moment's notice; and, (b) we prefer to drive our "nice" cars in nice weather.

The WMR PCA Drivers Education weekend event at Grattan was a bit windy, but with pleasant temperatures. No rain, no sleet, no snow made for 77 happy drivers and volunteers. Volunteers: Craig Ackerman, Jerry Arens, Michael Betz, Colin Carpenter, Karlene Currie, Amber Door, Craig Paull, Rick Riley, Terry Schieble, Eric & Lina Spross, Tyan Roelands, Don Sazama, and my wife, Gabi Blacklidge. Many of our volunteers have served for many years. Terry Schieble has stepped down from the position of Chief Driving Instructor (CDI). We very much appreciate his efforts to ensure that students are safe and sound at the end of their Grattan weekend. His dedication and expertise enhanced the event for 12 years. He will be missed, however, we have been fortunate enough to find another volunteer CDI for next year. I've said it before, but the organization committee of the Grattan DE is a welloiled machine and, for that, I am very grateful.

The following was printed in the ÜBER a few years ago, but it is expressed so nicely and we hear a version of its sentiment every year.

"I just wanted to share how I felt after the driving school at Grattan the past weekend. After having done several schools with various clubs, I have never had a better time or felt so welcome at your event. It didn't feel like a Porsche event but more of a gathering for driving enthusiasts. The pizza and beer on Saturday was a wonderful idea and it provided some much needed time to unwind and discuss the day. It truly felt as though the most important thing to your club is that everyone has a safe but wonderful time. I look forward to joining you again. You set the bar high." Carl Zmijewski, Michiana BMW CCA.

The 2018 Drivers Education event featured Family Promise of Grand Rapids as its designated charity. Generous food and charity lap donations amounted to over \$2,000. Thank you so much for your community support.

of Grand Rapids

"[Family Promise of Grand Rapids] wants to thank you and the West Michigan Region Porsche Club for raising over Family Promise \$2,000 to support our families and kids! The impact you are making through this gift is amazing, as there are so many ess...one family at a time families in our community who are experiencing a housing

crisis right now! Because of the Porsche Club, we are able to provide more families with their basic needs, shelter and help finding a home! We could not do this important work of ending family homelessness without you; thank you again for helping our community!"

- Megan Steenwyk, Development Specialist, Family Promise of Grand Rapids

Join us next year in September as a student or experienced driver. Good weather certainly helps, but the drivers make it a great even!



A beautiful sunset to end a spectacular track day



A gathering of Driving enthusiasts (Photo by Paul Krapp)

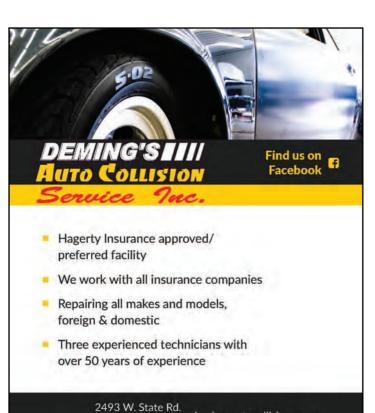
Thank you Terry Schieble (left) for keeping students safe and making them a better driver! (Photo by Amber Door)



On you mark, get set...waiting is the hardest part! (Photo by Amber Door)



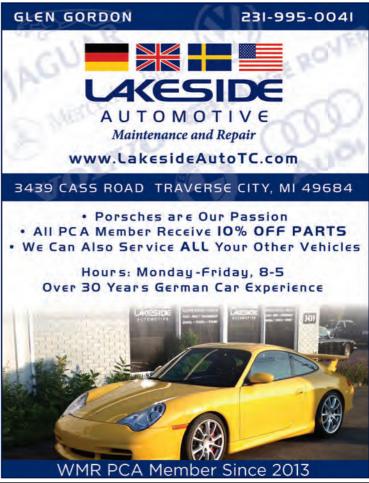
Our Fearless Leader, Ted Blacklidge (Photo by Paul Krapp)



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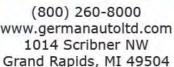
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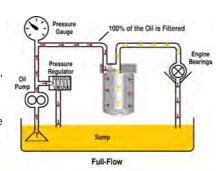


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(Cartridge filters used by most European manufacturers. ie: Mini Cooper, BMW, Porsche, VW and Audi.)

The new cartridge style filters are considered a "high flow filter", meaning it has less



restriction with more flow. That being said, we have seen an alarming amount of these filters which have collapsed and broken apart at the oil change interval.







Bad Condition



Worse Condition



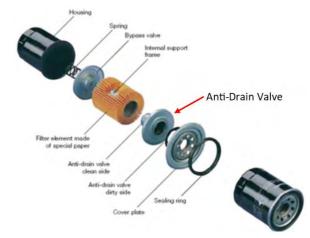
There are a couple of big contributing factors that create this problem, fortunately you can avoid them.

- Cheap or incorrect filters. With oil change intervals in the 10,000 mile range, you MUST use a long life filter.
 This is the most common reason for filter failure.
- 2. Extending oil change intervals to between 10 15,000 miles. Going 10 15,000 miles between oil changes, even with long life filters and extended wear oil can result in engine damage. It's not uncommon at such intervals for the filter bi-pass to open which equals dirty oil right to your main bearings. At such intervals, filters can break apart, resulting in blocked oil passages and engine damage.

The best defense is to have a great offense.

- 1. Change you oil before 10,000 miles
- 2. If you perform your own oil service, purchase the proper high-quality filter.
- 3. If you take your car to a shop for oil changes, make sure they use the proper high-quality filter.

On another note, I am frequently asked if the Mahle spinon filters have the proper anti-drain back valve, so to help clarify this matter, I have attached the accompanying picture showing the filters construction.



Oil is the life blood of your engine and it never pays to cut corners when it comes to timely changes and high-quality components.

Being so close to winter storage time, we will be placing our "Winter Storage" articles on both our Facebook page and website at www.euroautowerks.com.

We hope you have a great time enjoying your ride this fall and look forward to seeing each of you at Winterfest.



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ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

HOST: WMR PCA

WMR PCA is holding the annual planning meeting to set the 2019 calendar of events once again at Bistro Bella Vita in downtown Grand Rapids on Monday, November 5 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Join us for dinner whether or not you have an event you'd like to host in 2019. Everyone is welcome to attend!

WHEN: Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: Bistro Bella Vita

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