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Annual Appetizer Party
December 14, 2019
West Olive, MI

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Need for Speed at Grattan Raceway
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Taken at Grattan Raceway
during the HPDE Event

FALL IS UPON US

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras

President, Western Michigan Region

Greetings to All,

As summer slips away from us, we will hopefully have several more weeks of good driving weather left in the season. September was filled with great events starting with the Grattan HPDE on September 7 and 8. CB and Kelly Bursk held another barbecue at their home on September 21. The September dinner drive to Porto Bello restaurant in Grand Haven on September 28 was hosted by Randy and Lin Portoluri.

Looking forward to October we have the fall color tour in Traverse City on October 12 which is sure to be a great time.

On November 4 we will have our annual planning meeting for 2020 events.

I read an interesting article in the Porsche E-brake news, it appears that owners of Boxsters and Caymans who opt for something new will usually opt for another selection in the Porsche line. However, for those who choose to go elsewhere they are more frequently buying a Jeep Wrangler. While I have a Cayman S and a 2005 Jeep Wrangler, they serve completely different purposes, but the Wrangler is definitely a rough ride with what the article states has an ox-cart suspension. While I think both vehicles are fun, I will still lean heavily toward the Cayman, if not only for speed and style, for fuel efficiency- Cayman S 28-30 MPG vs. Wrangler 14-15 MPG.

All the best,

-Jim

ANNUAL WMR PCA PLANNING MEETING

HOST: WMR PCA

WMR PCA is holding the annual planning meeting to set the 2020 calendar of events at a new venue this year, Linear Restaurant, in downtown Grand Rapids on Monday, November 4 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Join us for dinner whether or not you have an event you'd like to host in 2020. Everyone is welcome to attend!

WHEN: Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: [Linear Restaurant](#)

1001 Monroe NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RSVP By November 1: Jim Chiavaras

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Linear Restaurant is a modern American restaurant offering a river front dining experience. They serve evolving and rotating dishes with seasonal and local farm available ingredients. Their menu features items made from scratch with fresh, sustainable ingredients; thoughtfully composed and amplifying a passion for life.

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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 2019

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



COLOR TOUR AND POKER LAUFEN

HOSTED BY: GARY CASTILE , JAY DANKOVICH & BILL BROWN

Gary, Jay and Bill welcome you to the Traverse City area to enjoy our spectacular fall scenery, the wine harvest and Up North Hospitality. While we can't fully exclude the occurrence of snow as encountered last year, we can ensure you a day of fun, vines, cars and many scenic miles in your Porsche.

To introduce some variation to the color tour theme, we will be adding a "Poker Laufen/Run" to the days activities. Our stops will include:

- A Leelanau County Winery
- A private tour of a spectacular car collection
- "Playing of the hands" and dinner at the [Little Traverse Inn](#)

RSVP: By Saturday, October 05, 2019 to any one of us
gundster@yahoo.com or call Bill @ 616-617-7788
gacastile@gmail.com or call Gary @ 248-375-1189
jmd2833@yahoo.com or call Jay @ 248-625-9405

MEET UP: West Side Church parking lot
4975 E Traverse Hwy (M72)
This is 5.7 miles West of Tom's West Bay

WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 2019
12:30 / 12:45 pm (Meet Up/Depart)
5:00 pm (Dinner)

DINNER: [Little Traverse Inn](#)
149 E Harbor Hwy
Maple City, MI



NOVEMBER DINNER DRIVE

HOSTED BY: RANDY & LIN PORTOLURI

Come and join us for dinner at the lake shore. Lets enjoy a fairly new water front dining experience with friends.

RSVP: rportoluri66@charter.net
By Monday, November 11, 2019

WHERE: Snug Harbor
311 S Harbor Grand Haven, MI 49417

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2019
6:00 pm



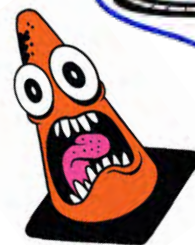
IROC III RESCHEDULED!

BY: MICHAEL BETZ

Join us for the final event of the 45th season of this iconic inter-regional race of champions. Next up is WMR's event, which will be held at US 131 Motorsports Park in Martin, MI. No experience required, but a Snell-approved (2010 or later) helmet is. And by the way, if you've got some friends who don't have a Porsche but are interested in participating, they're invited too. Due to immovable obstacles on our original date, we have rescheduled - see >>>

WHEN: Sunday, October 27, 2019
Start: 9:00 am

WHERE: US 131 Motorsports Park
1249 12th Street
Martin, MI 49070



IN REVIEW: PORSCHEs & BBQ

BY: CB BURSK

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR



The September weather gave us another beautiful evening. We had 14 Porsches in the yard and about 32 people to enjoy a beautiful evening on the farm. It was great to see some new members attend their first event. Hopefully they enjoyed their first

experience with our club as much as Kelly and I enjoyed our first event. We are already planning next year and hope to increase the attendees even more for next year! On behalf of the whole Bursk family thanks to everyone that attended and helped make it a great evening.



IN REVIEW: SEPTEMBER DINNER DRIVE

BY: RANDY PORTOLURI

PHOTOS BY: AMBER DOOR & RANDY PORTOLURI



Unbelievably, the weather was perfect. The Porsche gods were smiling. A break between storms. The drive passed by beautiful country and sites with a lot of history. We had 12 Porsches and 23 people present at the Porto Bello in our own private room. The food "cibo era eccezionale". The fellowship always great.

The staff savvy.

Thanks to everyone who attended.



Thumbs Up from Rex for the great weather, with Host Randy



Grattan HPDE SnapSHOTS

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Life insurance for going fast!



Grid girls supporting the vice president!?



Chief instructor Jeff Kolk explains the do's and don'ts with a fresh approach based on his experience



A well known car with a Grattan history



Jeff Kolk and Bob Stander debate the perfect line



Pizza & Beer gathering.... well deserved

2019 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
OCT	10-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	10-12	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City, MI	Gary Castile , Jay Dankovich & Bill Brown
NOV	11-04	2020 Planning & Board Meeting	Linear Restaurant Grand Rapids, MI	WMR PCA
	11-16	November Dinner Drive	Snug Harbor Grand Haven, MI	Randy & Lin Portoluri
DEC	12-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Porsche Grand Rapids	WMR PCA
	12-14	Annual Appetizer Party	West Olive, MI	Mike Karluk & Barb Doss

IN REVIEW: 2019 GRATTAN HPDE

BY: TED BLACKLIDGE

Yet another year, and another successful High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE) event at Grattan Raceway. Our favorite track enticed about 60 people for the weekend. We ordered up perfect weather to make this year's event even more enjoyable. It is always fun to see the assortment of vehicles on the track - Porsche, Corvette, Mustang, Mazda, Acura, BMW and VW to name a few.

Our new Chief Driving Instructor (CDI), Jeff Kolk, worked with eight students on track driving techniques, with safety as their first priority. The Sunday morning all-driver track walk is always popular. We thank past CDI, Terry Schieble for initiating the walk as part of the educational process. We are grateful for his efforts for the past few years.

The Grattan HPDE is not just about driving, it is also about giving back to the community. During the weekend event, the generosity of WMR and the participants shined through with a total of \$1,235 collected for our charity, Family Promise of Grand Rapids. The mission of Family Promise of Grand Rapids is to end homelessness, one family at a time.



A letter of appreciation was sent to the club by Family Promise. A copy of the letter can be found on the [WMR PCA website](#).

A special Thank You to Porsche Grand Rapids and Todd Kerkstra, Sales Manager, as sponsors of the 2019 HPDE shirts.



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Track Instructors:

Wolfgang Bubeck, Jason Chamness, Greg Currie, John Kaczmarzk, Lynn Kase, Jason Kolk, Greg Konig, Rick Riley, Jeff Simonis, Bob Stander and Doug Tepper

Other Important Duties: Jerry Arens, Gabi Blacklidge, Miluzka Bubeck, Karlene Currie

Over 550 members make up the WMR-PCA region.

Let's see more of you at the September 2020 Grattan High Performance Driver's Education Event.

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THE 1930'S SHELL GAS STATION AT THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM

BY TOM KAYSER, MUSEUM DIRECTOR (RETIRED), WMR PCA MEMBER

CHAPTER 1: THE EARLY YEARS

In 1994 I was hired as the third paid executive director of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The museum began as the personal get-away for its founder, Donald S. Gilmore who at the time was the President of the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was a haven for Mr. Gilmore to restore and exercise the antique automobiles he purchased for his new-found hobby, collecting significant automobiles and carriages from years past. He would invite his friends out to drive and ride in these old treasures and was known to have a drink afterwards with these friends.

After his collection had grown significantly, his wife Genevieve encouraged Donald to open the museum to the public on Sunday afternoons. The collection became a museum in 1965. Shortly after I arrived in Kalamazoo in 1978 to become the executive Director of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Mr. Gilmore passed away.

In 1994 I was asked to become the Executive Director of the Car Museum. By that time, the museum was floundering. Staff moral was low and local car clubs had pretty much deserted the museum. The Granddaddy of car shows presented annually by the Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club (KAARC) the "Red Barns Spectacular" was now referred to as the Red Barns Unspectacular!

One day, Dick Saddler a member of the KAARC came into the office asking if I had ever thought of building an early rural type gas station on the spiraling 90 acres of museum property. I said I had, but there was no money and at that time and we were just trying to keep the place afloat. Furthermore, even though I was very knowledgeable of museum funding sources I knew of no grant possibilities "out there" which would fit such a project.

CHAPTER 2: REALIZING THE DREAM

Several years went by and every year Mr. Saddler would stop by with the same question and the answer would be the same: "there IS no money!"

Then one day, I got a call from an old acquaintance at the Michigan Council for the Arts and Public Affairs. The gas station could now be a possibility!

In the past the council had only funded "programming" projects. This grant program funded what we in the museum world would call a "bricks & mortar project" at the tune of \$50,000. Now all I had to do to get the funds would be to write a successful proposal and if successful, match whatever the award might be. The grant application was successful and we were awarded \$45,000. Now I had to find a match.

I put the word out to our small amount of friends and members and the membership of the Classic Car Club of

America and heard nothing. Then one Sunday evening I had a call from Bob Turnquist, a member of the Classic Car Club of America and owner of a fine classic car restoration shop in New Jersey. He said that if we would name the gas station after he and his wife "Sunny" they would match the grant. I said yes.

Now we had \$90,000 enough to move ahead! I had been working on an architectural idea for the museum to increase our revenue. I called Bill Hammel, a local architect, to visualize as to what the gas station might look like. For the past few months support seemed to be increasing for the structure and off and on some member of the KAARC would drop off a photo of an old derelict gas station. One was of particular interest to me. It had an interesting roof line and other features that was much more interesting than the drawings I was first shown. Mr. Hammel proceeded with not only drawings of the station, but site plans as well.

Enter Dick Walters who was the distributor for the Shell Oil Company in Michigan. He called and said he had heard of the gas station project and wanted to see any plans I had at the time. I appeared at his headquarters in Marshall, Michigan just southeast of Hickory Corners. He liked the whole idea and asked how I intended to Brand the station and I replied I had not even thought that far ahead just yet. He asked if I would consider making it a Shell station. He said he would donate all of the various Shell items from his personal collection and get his dealers to donate funds to supplement his own financial donation. The gas station was now a 1930's SHELL GAS STATION!



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Picture No. 2

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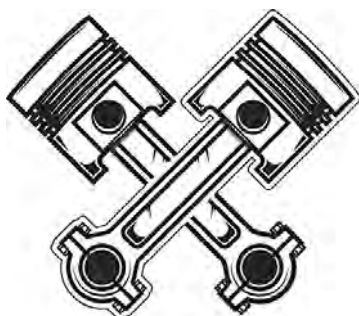
Please note the oil filter in Picture #1. There is a casting line on these filters, but this particular filter has a casting line that slightly swings upward. This slight upward swing provided the perfect opportunity for oil to leak out. One cause of this damaged casting line, is over torqueing at oil service; note the torque spec marked on the end of the cap in Picture #2.

I felt this was a timely article since it's that time of year that us D.I.Y. members start thinking of and working on the to do list of projects we have. Hopefully this chart will help in your endeavors.

Enjoy what's left of the fall driving weather and we'll see you at Winterfest. Did I really say Winterfest? It's hard to believe how fast time seems to pass.

Drive safely.

Tim



VOLUME

1 Quart	=	0.946	Liters
	=	32.01	Fluid Ounces
	=	0.250	Gallons
1 Gallon	=	3.785	Liters

TORQUE

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	=	12.00	Inch Pounds
	=	13.83	Kgcm
	=	0.138	Kgm

DISTANCE / LENGTH

1 Inch	=	0.025	Meters
	=	2.540	Centimeters
	=	25.40	Millimeters
	=	0.083	Feet
10mm	=	1.00	Centimeter
1 km	=	0.621	Miles
1 Mile	=	1609	Meters

PRESSURE

1 PSI	=	0.069	Bar
	=	6895	Pascal
	=	0.070	kg/cm
	=	6.895	Kpa
	=	0.068	Atmospheres
	=	68.95	Millibar
1 Bar	=	14.50	PSI
	=	1000	Millibar

FORCE

1 Pound (lbf)	=	4.448	Newtons
	=	16	ozf
1 Newton	=	0.225	lbf

TEMPERATURE

0° C	=	32°	F
100° C	=	212°	F
0° F	=	-17.778°	C
100° F	=	37.778	C

VACUUM

1 Atmosphere	=	1013	Millibar
	=	1.013	Bar
	=	101325	Pascal
	=	101.33	Kpa
	=	760	Torr

WEIGHT / MASS

1 Pound	=	0.454	Kilograms
	=	454	Grams
	=	16.00	Ounces
100 Grams	=	3.527	Ounces
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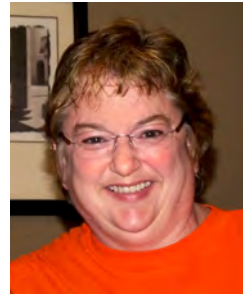
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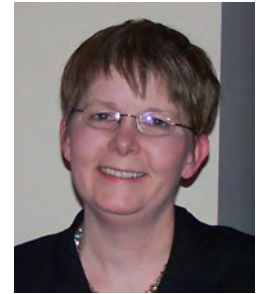
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...AND THE TROPHY GOES TO...

Bryan and Carol Lewis recently went out East to meet up with their son and daughter-in-law and their "new" 911. During their visit, Bryan and Carol went to the Zone 1 Concour at held at Shawnee On Delaware, Pennsylvania hosted by Northern New Jersey PCA.



Bryan and Carol's Ruby Red Metallic 2009 911 took 2nd place in the SC05 class in spite of driving it 727 miles to get there! Bryan and Carol represented the Western Michigan Region well. His son Ben also won 3rd place, so it was a good showing overall for the entire team Lewis!



Congrats Bryan and Carol!

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Rear: 255/55 R18
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LETTER FROM THE ÜBER ALLES EDITORS

The title says EDITORS...so what does that mean? Starting with the October issue of the Über Alles, Wolfgang Bubeck and I will be co-editing the Newsletter to better serve the WMR PCA Members. I was originally planning to step down because I was no longer able to devote as much time as I would like to maintain the quality and also provide the monthly Newsletter in a timely manner. Then Wolfgang stepped up and volunteered to take over.

As always, work gets in the way of fun! Wolfgang, like me, would not be able to consistently devote enough time each month to the Newsletter, so we decided to be co-editors to maintain quality and timeliness. We will continue to use the email address: uberwmr@gmail.com. When you send a message to that address, you will be reaching both of us.

Wolfgang and his wife Miluzka are long standing members of PCA and the Western Michigan Region. He and his wife have hosted the ever popular Daylight Savings Brunch for the past several years. Additionally, Wolfgang volunteers as an instructor for the annual Grattan High Performance Driver's Education event.



Wolfgang & Miluzka

Wolfgang in his Boxster S holding off Greg Currie during the 2019 Grattan HPDE

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Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their WMR PCA Anniversaries and extend a warm "Willkommen" to our new members and transfers.

Glückwünsche! — Anniversaries

1 year (2018)

Mark Allen, James Black, Lou Deleguardia, Jonathan Devirian, Kendall Fox, Jerry Heiman, William Melvin

5 years (2014)

Doug Hoek, Emil & Judy Przeklasa, Ron & Suzanne Windemuller

15 years (1999)

Jonelle & John Kettman, James & Kimberly Stubbart

Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

Brooks Lucas, Cadillac '03 911 Turbo

Dan Miller, Dougl's '10 911 S

Jeffrey Rohdy, Traverse City '99 Boxster

Joey Ruitter, Ada '14 911

Thomas Smith, Ada '17 911 GT

Michale Young, Elk Rapids '05 911

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Michele Deleguardia, Fremont

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