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## Upcoming EVENTS

### NOVEMBER EVENTS?

Nothing happening so far.

Any short term drive or meet at a dinner location would be appreciated.

Please share your ideas.

See contacts on P. 13

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Porsches are not the only attraction at some events. A modified Ford can steal some looks at the Red Barn Spectacular.  
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# SUMMER KEEPS ON ROLLING

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Jim Chiavaras**  
**President, Western Michigan Region**

The driving season continues, and I feel like it is going way too fast. We continue to have many enjoyable events and looking forward we have more in the near future. What a welcome change from last year.

Past events include the Gilmore drive in July 21 thanks to Rick Riley for hosting. On July 24 we were able to enjoy the pool party at the Ackermans, thanks to Craig and Chris Ackerman and Ted and Gabi Blackledge for hosting a wonderful day which had a brief interruption due to a few downpours which ended quickly and we were then able to resume our good times.

The IROC event was held at the Kentwood Community Church for the 2nd year and had a great turnout. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who worked to make the event a success.

The Red Barns Spectacular Porsche Corral & Hospitality Tent hosted by Amber Door and Jerry Arens was held on August 7 and I am told had a great turnout, thank you Amber and Jerry.

There are still many upcoming events to enjoy before summer comes to an end including a dinner drive to Brew Works on Sept 4, hosted by Paul Krapp. The DE event at Grattan Raceway on Sept 11 and Sept 12, the shop open house on Sept 18 hosted by Caleb Kiebert and the fall color tour Sept 25 in Traverse City hosted by Bill Brown.

See you all soon,

*Jim*

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The drive starts at High Rollway Road Side Park on M82 Newaygo, MI 49337.

We will meet at 1:30PM for sign-up and drivers meeting.

The drive starts promptly at 2:30PM arriving at Brew Works approximately 5:00PM.

Please RSVP to Paul Krapp (231) 245-3756 or [pkrapp59@hotmail.com](mailto:pkrapp59@hotmail.com) by Sept. 3rd, thanks.



Private patio dining will be available if weather permits.

A private room is an option in the event of less desirable weather.

## Directions:

Starting location:

*High Rollway road Side Park on M82 Newaygo, Mi. 49337.*

End destination:

*Brew Works 5909 S Warner Ave, Fremont, MI 49412*

<https://www.thecommonsoffremont.com/>

Phone: (231) 335-5105

Menu: <https://www.thecommonsoffremont.com/menus>



NOTE: I had to divide the route into two parts because I exceeded the number of way points that Google allows.

Part 1:

<https://goo.gl/maps/hVz1K4oooU2b7k828>

Part 2:

<https://goo.gl/maps/yuUwRLpK8pxjWgi66>

# IN REVIEW - IROC XLVII

BY MICHAEL BETZ, WMR AUTOCROSS CHAIR

Saturday, July 31 was one of the most perfect days of a wonderful summer. The temperature was in the mid-70s. There was a light breeze. The sun shone brightly. And 48 drivers had a wonderful time at our 47th annual IROC autocross.

2021 found us returning to our gracious hosts (and WMR members) Trish & Gary Chapman at Kentwood Community Church. We used their expansive parking lot for the first time in 2020. Based on comments from our awesome IROC team and competitors, we expanded the course to make it even more fun. Returning drivers agreed it was twice the fun! It was longer, more open and had fewer impossible corners.

That fun factor was made possible in part by teaming with the Furrin' Group. They have been autocrossing in West Michigan as long as WMR. Curtis Rosenstengel and Peter Jacobs worked with Colin Carpenter and Doug Tepper to create the new layout. It's probably a coincidence that Jacobs was the second fastest car around the course in his four-cylinder Mazda Miata. Probably a coincidence. The course was set up Friday night, tested, tweaked, and tested again. IROC chair Michael Betz camped out in his "SECURITY" van overnight to prevent any shenanigans. He also won the STD trophy the next morning - "Slowest Time of Day".

The event ran smoothly, thanks to our great IROC team (see list below). Some members have been helping with IROC going back to the 1970s. Craig Paull may be one of them. In addition to being our Safety Chair, he worked all day in the sun as our starter. Amber Door did her usual amazing job running a smooth registration operation. And thanks to the many WMR members who - while not competing - worked corners or otherwise helped all day. Teamwork is the reason this is the longest-running inter-regional competition in PCA history!

The "Fastest Time of Day" trophies went to Marshall W. in her Cayman and Darren D. in his GT3 RS. The "FTD-Other" trophy went to Kyle B. in his Mazda Miata.

Trophies were presented in all the Porsche classes. "Other" cars competed based on displacement, so the four-cylinder cars ran against other four-cylinder cars, and so on. We also created an "Other Other" category to accommodate James J's Tesla Model 3P.

Everyone who competed was a winner! Here are the people who took home trophies. >>>

<i>FTDPL - Marshall W.</i>	<i>48.030 - Porsche Cayman</i>
<i>FTDPM - Darren D.</i>	<i>31.288 - Porsche GT3 RS</i>
<i>FTDO - Kyle B.</i>	<i>30.011 - Mazda Miata</i>
<i>S01-1st - Ken H.</i>	<i>32.313 - Porsche 914-4</i>
<i>S02-1st - Jim D.</i>	<i>34.139 - Porsche Cayman</i>
<i>S03-1st - Gene H.</i>	<i>32.729 - Porsche 911</i>
<i>S03-2nd - Eric T.</i>	<i>34.273 - Porsche 911</i>
<i>S03-3rd - Wolfgang B.</i>	<i>35.148 - Porsche Boxster S</i>
<i>S04-1st - Chuck O.</i>	<i>35.891 - Porsche Boxster GTS</i>
<i>S05-1st - Tim V.</i>	<i>32.330 - Porsche 718 GTS</i>
<i>CYL4-1st - Peter J.</i>	<i>30.221 - Mazda Miata</i>
<i>CYL4-2nd - Andrew S.</i>	<i>31.363 - Mazda Miata</i>
<i>CYL4-3rd - Aaron R.</i>	<i>31.553 - Honda Del Sol</i>
<i>CYL6-1st - Chris B.</i>	<i>30.717 - BMW M2</i>
<i>CYL6-2nd - Tim M.</i>	<i>31.565 - Ford Taurus</i>
<i>CYL6-3rd - Matthew H.</i>	<i>31.993 - BMW 330i</i>
<i>CYL8-1st - Andrew B.</i>	<i>32.127 - Chevy Corvette</i>
<i>CYL8-2nd - Anthony B.</i>	<i>32.554 - Ford Mustang</i>
<i>OTH-1st - James J.</i>	<i>32.955 - Tesla Model 3</i>

Not everyone is available to help every year, but this is the core group who make IROC happen:

*WMR IROC Team:*

<i>Jerry Arens</i>	<i>Jared Baillargeon</i>
<i>Ted Blacklidge</i>	<i>Wolfgang Bubeck</i>
<i>CB Bursk</i>	<i>Colin Carpenter</i>
<i>Jim Chiavaris</i>	<i>Frank Connor</i>
<i>Amber Door</i>	<i>Peter Jacobs (Furrin' Group)</i>
<i>Craig Paull</i>	<i>Rick Riley</i>
<i>Ty Roelands</i>	<i>Curtis Rosenstengel (Furrin' Group)</i>
<i>Terry Schieble</i>	<i>Doug Tepper</i>
<i>John Walters</i>	<i>Marshall Walters</i>

We bid a fond farewell to Terry Schieble who is leaving us for North Carolina (great roads!) and will always fondly remember Don Sazama who left us too soon.

Thank you all and we hope to see you in 2022 for IROC 48!



# WMR IROC

# Snap SHOTS

Photos:  
Wolfgang B.  
& Amber D.



*Historian Chuck O. proves his skills.*



*Michael Betz enforces the rules*



*Quite a few "other" cars were faster than Porsches*



# 2021 EVENT CALENDAR

WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>Any</b>	All	Everything	WMR	You
Let us know if you have any plans or ideas. We can add events short term and send out blasts. See contact info below for our SOCIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR or on page 13 all other members which keep the engine running.				
<b>SEP</b>	09-04	Dinner Drive	Brew Works	P. Krapp
	09-11 to 09-12	Drivers Education	Grattan Raceway	WMR PCA, Ted Blacklidge
	09-13	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	09-18	Caleb's Gathering	Caleb's Shop / Open House	C. Kiebert
	09-25	Fall Color Tour	Traverse City	B. Brown
<b>OCT</b>	10-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA
	10-09	October Fest	Gilmore Car Museum	Non PCA event
	10-16	Boardwalk Reunion	NJ	
<b>NOV</b>	11-01	Planning Meeting 2022 Events	TBD	WMR PCA
<b>DEC</b>	12-06	Monthly Board Meeting	Online (Zoom)	WMR PCA



## We're looking for event hosts for 2021

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



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BY: DICK RANVILLE AND CHUCK OLENYK

*The Grattan Raceway founder E. J. Faasen story continues with another segment from a Masters Degree thesis written by Dick Ranville, a Detroit area SCCA member and Waterford Hills race track "flagger" a few years back. I've added a few more local memories and newspaper articles to update his story.*

E. J. Faasen had said more than once the layout of the road course involved a jeep, a few drinks and a desire to make maximum use of the property. Some people remember the road course as a gravel track that left one end of the drag strip and rejoined at the other end. He told me that he took a big vodka and orange juice, got in the jeep, turned right off the end of the drag strip and made a turn wherever there was a tree too big to run over with the jeep. Other stories indicate it was a couple of people and a few beers. Memories seem equally hazy on exactly when it was paved. However the layout was achieved, it is very different from tracks built in recent years. This track is long as road racing tracks go today, twisting up and down hills in what appears a random fashion and features a "ski jump" where some cars leave the ground altogether. There is little of the steel Armco barrier that completely surrounds "modern" tracks. Grattan is a track that rewards brave, imaginative drivers and powerful cars. The inclusion of the former drag strip gives Grattan one of the longest straight-aways of active tracks. At a recent SCCA event one of the faster cars was clocked at nearly one hundred ninety miles per hour on the straight-away. That flat, smooth straight-away ends, however, with a sharp right hand turn onto asphalt followed by another sharp right hand turn followed by a sharp left hand "negative camber" turn. That is, the track goes sharply downhill just as it turns and the outside of the turn is also the downhill side. Drivers must fight to keep the car from sliding off the track and down the grassy hillside into one of the ponds. Subsequent corners go up and down hill and there is almost no straight track until the car comes back to the front straight-away. Whether the design is serendipitous or crafty, it is a layout that calls for skill, courage and offers drivers many options in strategy for managing their race. Grattan offers more speed than either Gingerman or Waterford and that alone would make it a favorite with most drivers.



**CONTRACT SIGNED FOR RACES**—Richard B. Kreps, right, of Grand Rapids, Sports Car Club of America official, completed final formalities Thursday with the signing of the contract for the SCCA-sanctioned fall regional races to be held at Grattan Raceway on Sept. 25-26. Signing for the raceway was operator E. J. Faasen. The races will be run on the newly paved, two-mile long road racing circuit.

### *Sports Car Regional Races Set at Grattan*

As it has with other racing venues and personalities, the SCCA has had a long but occasionally tempestuous relationship with Grattan Raceway and E. J. Faasen. A newspaper story dated in 1970 discusses an SCCA national race that was closed to spectators after a dispute over who would pay for insurance against claims by injured spectators. Faasen said it would cost about \$4,400, money he could not afford to pay. Another early newspaper clipping recounts a dispute over money in which the SCCA official involved is quoted as saying that Western Division members worked on the facilities with the understanding that they were paying in advance some of the cost of using the facility in the future. Charges and countercharges flew, but eventually, the SCCA came back to Grattan. On another occasion a prominent SCCA member gassed up his car and started to drive away. When he was stopped by one of the sons, he asserted that the SCCA didn't pay for gasoline, that gasoline was always part of the package. When told about that, E.J. parked a large construction truck across the track, locked it and told the SCCA officials when they were willing to pay for gasoline they could hold a racing event. The SCCA started paying for gasoline. E.J. Faasen has exercised his right of eminent domain for the benefit of others on occasion. A number of years ago, a vintage racer died at

Grattan. His car simply went off the end of the straightaway without any sign of an attempt to slow or stop. The driver, a man in his sixties, had been only recently been

cleared after heart surgery to return to racing. He was dead when the corner workers reached the car and it was later determined he had suffered a heart attack. The man's family was with him - his son, driving in the same race, saw him go off the track. When the local press arrived with a camera truck E.J. blocked the entrance to the track until the family was ready to leave. The car had been



*The 289 Cobra of Dan Gerber taken by a 14 year old C. Olenyk at the first road race held at Grattan Raceway in September 1965*

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## A LOOK BACK

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moved and there was nothing to see by the time the press was admitted. Dignified reports appeared later in the newspapers.

Grattan Raceway was always his passion, and is still a family business. Son Kurt lives on the grounds, upstairs from the registration building at the entrance to the property and son Sam lives just down Lessiter road. Sam schedules events. Kurt runs the food service. Grattan is famous among Midwestern road racing people for the Saturday night "pig roasts", where the food is plentiful and a keg of beer is always on tap. Commentary on Grattan on the Western Michigan SCCA website enthuses "At every SCCA race there is a dinner provided free to all workers, competitors and crew. It is one of the best in CenDiv (the central division of the SCCA). No half cooked brats or warm beer. It usually consists of chicken, beef, and pork, sauerkraut with sausage, meatballs, fresh rolls, baked potatoes, potato salad, macaroni salad, Cole slaw, corn, beer, pop and wine coolers. If you leave hungry, it's your own fault. AND IT'S FREE!!!!" Actually, it is priced into

BY DICK RANVILLE AND CHUCK OLENYK

the weekend. Daughter Terri runs the food concession during events where breakfast and lunch is available for moderate prices. Sons Max and Donald have worked at the track part time during events and Mary still helps with the business affairs and everyone helps with maintenance as needed. Grand children help in the concessions when visiting during an event. E.J. often cut the grass on the property during the week and the Western Michigan website says the property is sometimes mistaken for a golf course. E.J. passed away on July 10, 2017. "Up until this past year when his physical abilities diminished so greatly, he would get on his lawnmower and stay all day on it," son Sam Faasen said. "We would sometimes have to kick him off it because he would get in the way."



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(A severe understaffing problem in area restaurants has made a group dinner impossible for us to organize).



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Bryan & Carol Lewis  
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Mary Black  
Jim Doane  
Thomas Grias  
Camden Kaczmarczyk & Matt McArdle  
Thaddeus Phelps  
Craig Searer  
Brian Swets

### Willkommen! — New Members & Transfers

Please extend a warm "Willkommen"  
to our new members and transfers.

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Tim Knapper, Richland, '08 Boxster S  
Jordan Thorpe, Mattawan, '14 Cayenne  
Robin Wilkes, Ada, '14 911  
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# IN REVIEW: RED BARN'S PORSCHE CORRAL

BY: AMBER DOOR

After the summer washout of 2020 the Red Barn Spectacular returned to the Gilmore on the first Saturday in August!



The PCA Car Corral and welcome tent again offered a home base with chairs, shade, and hydration for the current, new and prospective PCA members that came to see the nearly 1000 vehicles on display at the event.

The weather was nearly picture perfect for an outdoor car show, particularly when there is a hospitality tent to gather with shade in the middle of the event. While our numbers were down in the corral from prior years, we were able to host 24 Porsches and their owners/passengers in the corral. For Joseph Sturdy, a college student who joined WMR in the summer of 2020, it was his first PCA event. If you get a chance to meet him, ask about his daily driver 944!



This year the Porsche car corral was the only single marque corral at the event. We were able to provide information which included Panorama and Über Alles copies to prospective new members. We also welcomed to the Club, new members David & Stephanie Adams and their 3 PCA Juniors, Tim & Joni Knapper and Jeff Gray & Jacquie Stamos-Gray. Keep an eye out for them in their beautiful Boxsters at future events.



We hope you can join us next year on August 6th for some fun, fellowship and of course Porsches. You will not be disappointed!

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