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PORSCHE PARADE

PCA National
June 18 - 24, 2023

WOMEN'S DRIVE

Raeni Conner
Saturday, July 1, 2023

DINNER DRIVE

Dan & Ren Phillips
July 22, 2023

POOL PARTY & BBQ

Lou Deleguardia
July 29, 2023

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*Congratulations to
Craig & Barb Paull from
the WMR PCA team*

WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

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Dan Matthies, Lake Leelenau, '94 911 C4

Dennis & Karen Wiand, Traverse City, '23 718 Cayman GTS

Steven Capriglione, Belmont, '98 Boxster

Max Schrager, Kalamazoo, '03 911 Turbo

Bradley Cole, Mattawan, '16 GT3 RS

Michael Spezia, Suttons Bay, '22 718 Cayman S

Joe & Steff Goldsberry, Portage, '09 911 Carrera S Cab

Heidi & Gary Vallier, Paw Paw, '17 Cayenne GTS

Transfer In:

Jordan Palmer & Jessica Swartz (Hill Country)

Grand Rapids, '14 Cayman

Jack and Ila VanDenBerg will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on June 12. WMR PCA expresses its heartfelt congrats.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

PUSHING THE REDLINE!

No, we aren't trying to push our engines to their limits, I'm talking about club activities. With June upon us we are at full throttle for things to do.

May started with 25 cars on a drive and lunch drive hosted by Chris, Teresa, and Jordon Thorpe. We started in Mattawan and ended at Texas Corners Brewing in Kalamazoo. The drive was well planned, a lovely stroll through the country and the food and service at Texas Corners was exceptional.

A decade long tradition was hosted by Jerry Arens and Amber Door held May 20th. On that day, 228 clay pigeons did not return to earth in one piece as 24 members attended the Annual Sporting Clays Outing. We aren't all about cars. Ok, we are all about cars, specifically Porsches, but we do allow for variety in how we spend our time.

By the time you read this article we will have completed our annual Spring Up. This is a drive and dine hosted this year by Greg and Karlene Currie. As of the day I write this letter, the event is full with 50 cars and 100 attendees. (There is even a waiting list.) Typically holding a spring and fall event, it's great fun to experience the beauty of the Traverse City region and to connect with some members we only see a few times a year.

Ever wonder what goes into having your car teched to drive on the track? Then mark June 10th on your calendar. Our good friends at Euro Autowerks are hosting their annual Tech Session with the topic being "Technical Inspecting Your Porsche". The day starts at 10:00 am and ends with lunch provided by Euro. No need to reserve, just show up.

Porsche Parade 2023 is June 18 - 24 in Palm Springs, California. While we always have a few members that attend Parade, there is a direct inverse relationship between the number of WMR attendees and distance. Being in Palm Springs, this year only a few members will make the journey. Next year, however, it is in Birmingham, AL, June 9 - 16, 2024. If you've never been to a Porsche Parade, you should put it on your bucket list. There are more activities than anyone can fit into a week with some of the best people you will ever meet (and more Porsches than you've ever seen in one place).

Looking just a little further out, we are reviving an event that hasn't been held by the Western Michigan Region since 1981 - an all-women's drive. Raeni Conner will be leading the Independence Weekend Women's Drive and Cookout. It starts at 10:00 am just south of Grand Rapids and ends with a cookout at West Side County Park on Lake Michigan south of Saugatuck. What a great way to start off your holiday weekend!

And if you are like me, then you have June 10 and 11 already written on your calendar. These are the two overlapping days of the 24 Heures du Mans. Porsche will once again be on the grid with both works cars and privateers racing for the

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INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND WOMEN'S DRIVE

AND COOKOUT

BY RAENI CONNER

Saturday, July 1st Start at Brewer Park 399 84th Street SE, Byron Center
Meet at 10:00 for sign in, departure at 10:30. Bathrooms are available.

Join a group of fun-loving Porsche Club women on a Saturday morning adventure through some of Michigan's beautiful, curvy, wooded, and farm-land roads. Our final destination being the gorgeous shore of Lake Michigan for a burger or brat picnic.

\$15 per person covers the pavilion fee, hamburger or brat, potato salad, fruit salad, dessert, and water bottle (no alcohol allowed at the park). Money collected at Brewer Park.

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May Drives SnapSHOTS

Pictures taken by Wolfgang Bubeck

Not quite the perfect lineup, but certainly cool looking.



Thorpe's and Rohde's enjoying Texas Brewing offerings.



On the road again...



Chris's GT3 Lead Car



Drivers meeting for the Blue Wagyu trip.

May the Porsche be with you—in this case, five consecutive Gen 1 and Gen 2 Boxsters.



2023 EVENT CALENDAR



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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
JUN	06-03	Spring Up	Traverse City	Greg & Karlene Currie
	06-05	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	06-10	Tech Session	Euro Autowerks, Rockford MI	Euro Autowerks
	06-17	Air Cooled Show	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Non-PCA Event
	06-18 to 06-24	Porsche Parade	Palm Springs, CA	PCA National
JUL	07-01	Women's Drive	Brewer Park, Byron Center	Raeni Conner
	07-03	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	07-08	Deutsche Marques	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Non-PCA Event
	07-22	Dinner Drive	TBD	Dan & Ren Phillips
	07-29	Pool Party & BBQ	The Delaguardia's	Lou Deleguardia
AUG	08-05	Red Barns Spectacular	Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI	Jerry Arens & Amber Door
	08-07	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	08-19	Open for event hosts	TBD	TBD
	08-25	Grand Rapids Metro Cruise	Porsche Grand Rapids	Porsche Grand Rapids
	SEP	09-08 to 09-10	WMR High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway Grattan, MI
This is the End of Summer Fun Run. For further details and registration go to: clubregistration.net. Chair Person: Greg Currie - Contact info on page 4				
	09-11	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	09-16	Tire Rack Street Survival	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
or	09-23	Tire Rack Street Survival	Farmer's Insurance	WMR PCA
OCT	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	TBD	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD



We're looking for event hosts for 2023

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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WESTERN MICHIGAN REGION · PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
NOV	11-06	Annual Planning Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	11-11	Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
DEC	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board

IN REVIEW - SPRING DRIVE TO THE BLUE WAGYU

BY MARSHALL WALTERS



Marshall Walters spotting her favorite dish

On the first driving event of 2023, 34 German beauties wound their way around Barry County, weaving through curvy tree lined roads and around the multiple inland lakes of the Gun Lake/Yankee Springs area. The buds on the dogwoods were just starting to peek out and greenery was everywhere. While the day was a bit gray and breezy, the rain held off until we got to the restaurant (a number of us did get wet on the way out, but nobody melted).

Once at the restaurant we were quickly seated and soon the room was filled with the sound of excited discussions with new and old friends. While a limited menu was expected, we were thrilled to have our choice of the full menu, including their Wagyu beef steaks and burgers. The staff was fantastic, keeping glasses filled and bringing out plates as soon as they were ready to the crowd of 60. Apparently the servers thought we were pretty fantastic as well, as the restaurant owner has invited us back (and thanked us for our generosity)!

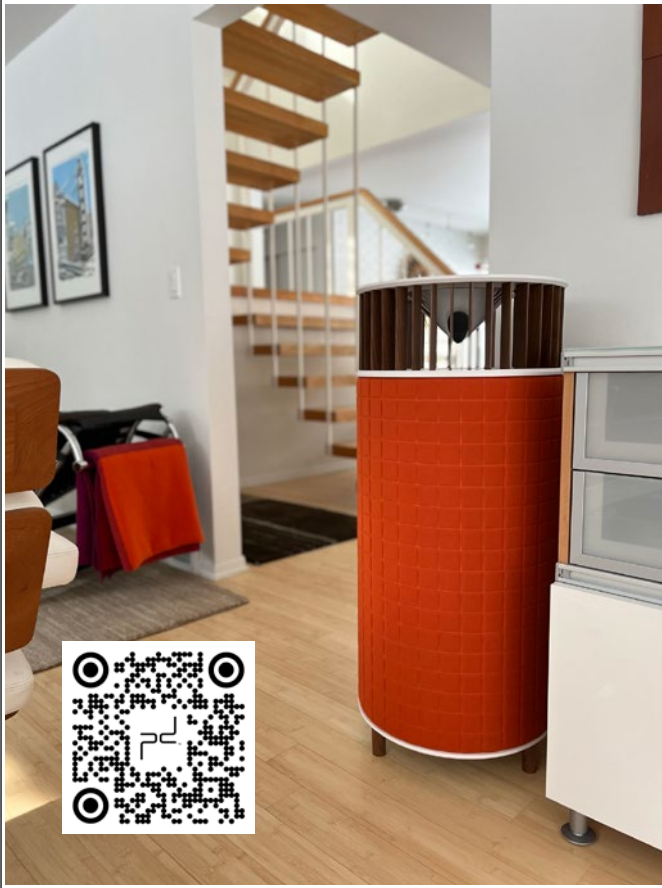
For those of you who missed this event, I encourage you to take a leisurely drive to Yankee Springs Golf Course to experience The Blue Wagyu for yourself. For those who joined us, a big thank-you!



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IN REVIEW - MAY THE PORSCHE BE WITH YOU

BY CHRIS, THERESA & JORDAN THORPE

Old Mother Nature worked with us begrudgingly (must have been the effects of Cinco de Mayo) as the temperatures were 20 degrees cooler, overcast, and breezy as opposed to the 73 degrees, sunny, calm day before.

Forty-six people braved the weather and trekked to our southern location to be part of the fun on this Spring Winding Road Tour. One couple came 175 miles to participate. Many more participants drove more than 50 miles.

The drive started punctually at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Two groups were arranged to be courteous to the local traffic. The 42-mile drive lasted one hour through the hills, valleys, and curves of the Greater Kalamazoo area. Five participants just came out to join in the food and fellowship at our gracious host restaurant Texas Corners Brewing in Kalamazoo, MI. Andrew Schultz, the proprietor, invited us back with open arms for great food and excellent beverages. Greg Currie, our End of Summer Fun Run at Grattan Raceway event Chairman, invited all interested in exploring the Drivers Education event to come out and give it a try.

Several Kalamazoo area WMR PCA members were first timers and commented on how much fun this drive was and how nice everyone was to them. One first timer said she thought this was just a guy thing and commented how surprised she was to see so many women. Chris, Teresa,



Chris Thorpe makes a welcoming gesture by holding the door open and greeting the guests.



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STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

BY DAVID K. WHITLOCK

“Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May” - William Shakespeare



And we had rough winds in the Porsche market for the month of May. Despite offering the most cars we've seen all year, there were 585 Porsches offered on the various online and legacy auctions throughout the month. However, the lowest sell-through rate year to date was 70% and the second lowest dollar volume was just over \$31 million. But not all markets were shaken by the winds of May as some, like the 356 markets, fared well while others, like the 992 GT market fell apart.

The 356 markets remained strong with an 88% sell-through rate off of 8 sales with an average price paid of just over \$112,000. Now that might seem low for an average price, however, it should be noted that the offerings consisted of run-of-the-mill coupes and cabriolets, not a special car in sight. But that's ok considering we didn't have any legacy auctions taking place this month. The top 356 for the month was a 1958 356A Cabriolet finished in a lovely shade of Meissen Blue and coming off of a recent, extensive restoration. Had the car had its original engine the price would have been much higher, but this sale for me is an indication of the strength and interest still held for Porsche's original.

Classic 911s (1976 & earlier) on the other hand had a difficult time finding new homes with only 59% of cars on offer selling. No one series of 911 stood out as sales were hit or miss but the top end of the market seemed to suffer the most with two notable no sales; one being a 1967 911 Soft-Window Targa 5-speed that was bid to \$226,000 and the other an original 1970 911 S/T bid to \$385,000. The S/T was a surprise as one would think that with Porsche's imminent announcement of the new 992 911 S/T, at least a collector or two would want to bag one of the only 33 cars produced to complete the set in their garage.

But it wasn't just the top end of the classic 911 market that suffered from wind burn either as three cars capable of topping the \$1m sales mark failed to sell leaving a highly optioned Chromaflair 2019 GT2 RS as this month's top sale at \$585,000. The first was a very rare 1996 993 GT2 Clubsport that remained unsold at \$1,605,000 against a probable \$2m reserve price. The other two were models we've seen trade hands earlier this year, a 1988 959 Komfort and a 2005 Carrera GT which failed to sell at \$1,450,000 and \$1,060,000 respectively.

On the top end of the modern 911 market, we saw the 997.1 GT3s start to dip a little bit with an average sales price of \$134,000 and two out of the five cars on offer failing to sell. 992 GT3s also continued their slide with new market lows at \$224,000 and \$235,000 and not a single 6-speed GT3 Touring selling for over \$300,000 as that ship has sailed. GT3 RS variants on the other hand climbed with the sale of a 2010 RS at a strong \$242,000 and three 991 GT3 RS' selling for an average price of \$211,000.

Cayman GT4s were a hard sell this month with a 10,000-mile 2016 GT4 selling for below \$100k at \$94,000, which is a trend I'd love to see for personal reasons, and a 2020 GT4 selling about \$5,000 light at \$122,000. And then there is the GT4 RS market... Two more cars failed to sell at bids of \$266,000 and \$245,000 proving that huge overs for the GT4 RS aren't in the cards as they were for their 911 brethren.

As I stated at the beginning though, it wasn't all gloom for May. We had a number of record sales such as \$123,000 for a 120,000-mile 1994 911 Coupe finished in Amazon Green Metallic, and \$81,000 for the lowest mileage 2002 996 Carrera 4S we've seen in five years. We also saw a 928S sell for a record price of \$108,000, about 4x the average for these cars, and a "normal" 987 Boxster S achieved \$52,000.

But while May might have been a bit of a disappointment, I am looking forward to June's auctions with the 75th Anniversary Porsche sale hosted by Broad Arrow Auctions at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta and the sale of the Gruppe P Collection on Bring a Trailer that includes a 1967 Porsche 910. Will we finally see an important Porsche race car sold next month? Stay tuned.



IN REVIEW - BLENDON PINES SPORTING CLAYS

TEXT AND PICTURES BY AMBER DOOR



This year marks a decade of the WMR Sporting clay event at Blendon Pines Gun Club.

We had a great turn out with 24 attendees either shooting or spectating. It was wonderful to have 2 multi-generational families participate this year. Randy Portoluri participated with his children and his grandchildren, while Kevinn Donovan participated again this year with his daughter Emma.

All-in-all our group managed to destroy 228 pigeons while they were still in the sky. While this, of course, was not the majority of pigeons that were launched by the clay throwers it did not matter to the group! A good time was had by all.

Our top shooters of the day with 41 clays were Chris Thorpe and Teresa Thorpe with 19 clays. Close behind for the men was Bill White with a very respectable 22 and for the women Emma Donovan with 10 this year.

Everyone that participated is looking forward to next year. We also hope to see some new faces - we did this year when David Newsome and Cynthia Frazier joined



The Thorpes are in the front of the crew lineup.

the group! Remember - no prior shooting experience is necessary; equipment is available for rent and the group and individuals are provided instruction.



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Lou Deleguardia observing the competition

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Lou Deleguardia's pool, patio, deck, fire pit are open for FUN & GAMES! You bring the FUN (BYOB) and I'll supply the games: Pool Volleyball, Corn-hole, Music. Relax and enjoy

the afternoon with a dip in the salt water swimming pool. Bring your bathing suit and towels. I've a large supply of scrap wood for a bonfire if you stay into the evening. Or, just enjoy the country views and play a game of cards with friends on my back deck.

Dinner is served at 6:00 pm, Brats, Burgers and Chicken Breasts. Please bring a dish to pass for casual dining or dessert.

Cost is \$10.00 CASH AT SIGN-IN to cover some of the meat.



RSVP by July 22nd to Lou Deleguardia at ldeleguardia@gmail.com, (231) 519-0579.

WHEN: Saturday July 29th, Open House 4:00 PM

WHERE: Lou Deleguardia's Pool, 2087 Croswell Ave, Fremont, 49412

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