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## Upcoming EVENTS

### DINNER DRIVE TO SCHULER'S

Dan & Ren Phillips

July 22, 2023

### POOL PARTY & BBQ

Lou Deleguardia

July 29, 2023

### RED BARNS SPECTACULAR

Jerry Arens & Amber Door

August 05, 2023

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2 yellow Porsches at Euro Autowerks Tech Session. (But not the same color)

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Primary Members: 451

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Honorary/Lifetime: 0

PCA Juniors: 41

### GLÜCKWÜNSCHE! — ANNIVERSARIES

Join me in congratulating these fine folks on their WMR PCA Anniversaries.

**20 years (2003)** Charles & Iris Danek  
John & Cindi DeSpelder

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**5 years (2018)** John & Jamie Groelsma  
Robert Hix

**1 year (2022)** Peter Alvarado  
Michael Sherman  
Kevin Burrows  
Dale & Marilyn Goby  
Kevin Koster  
Michael Sherman

### WILLKOMMEN! — NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

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

Gene & Lynn Babcock, Grand Rapids, '17 911 4S  
Chris & Ashley Hansen, Rockford, '02 911  
Kristopher Ferguson, Kalamazoo, '01 911 C4  
William Naidenovich, North Muskegon, '21 Boxster GTS  
Hugh Hales, Grand Rapids, '17 Cayenne  
John Wesolowski, Delton, '87 911 Turbo

### Transfer In:

Steven Haas (Northeast), Traverse City, '84 911



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## THE SUMMER HEATS UP

Both the weather and our events are red hot as we move toward the apex of summer. Since our last newsletter we've been in the Leelanau Peninsula, received information on how experts tech a car for a DE event, and held the first all-women's drive since 1981.

As always, the Spring Up event to the Traverse City area, this year hosted by Greg and Karlene Currie, was a great success. We had 53 cars and over 100 attendees. The weather was perfect, with roads, food, friends, and hospitality to match. Spending time in that area in a Porsche and connecting with new and old members from the northern stretches of our region is always a delight.

The Tech Session at Euro AutoWerks filled the parking lot with a wide range of Porsches as always. The focus on this morning event was on how to get your car inspected and approved to go on track for a driver's education event (like the End of Summer Fun Run on September 8 - 10). Don and Amy Sjolín have done a wonderful job of taking over the stewardship of the business established by Tim Thatcher decades ago.

On Saturday of the holiday weekend, Raeni Conner led the Independence Day Women's Drive. There were 8 cars and 12 women who drove their Porsches starting south of Grand Rapids ending at the Lake Michigan shoreline. The word of a female focused drive spread to the point that members from the Motor-Standt and Maumee Valley region got up early in the morning just to be part of this event. There is already talk of another all-women's drive next year so don't fret if you missed this one.

And of course, in the middle of June was the Porsche Parade in Palm Springs, California. The distance made the WMR contingent small, but our presence was felt with members like Amber Door, Jerry Arens, Greg and Karlene Currie, and Caleb Keibert leading events and activities that made this event a success.

Looking forward, we have DeutscheMarques at the Gilmore Museum on July 8. While not specifically a PCA event, it is one of the largest gatherings of German made cars outside of Deutschland. Porsche will be well represented as will members of WMR working hard to make this event a success. It's a beautiful drive to Hickory Corners and a Saturday morning well spent.

With much effort, Dan and Ren Phillips have been able to map out a delightful drive and dine for July 22. We will be leaving south of Grand Rapids and ending up at Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall, MI. We know Schuler's has a place in the hearts of many Michiganders, so this should be an added benefit to what we know will be an enjoyable drive.

On July 29, Lou Deleguardia will be taking over a popular summer event previously hosted at the home of Craig and Chris Ackerman by offering his abode for a Pool Party and BBQ. Lou has a variety of activities planned so look forward to a sunny drive toward Fremont for an evening of fun and friendship.

Lastly, as I look back on this year's events so far, what I appreciate is the diversity of events. We are stretching the boundaries of our region with events to the south, north, east, and west. Our region is large, so hosting events beyond the population center of Grand Rapids is important. We added a women's drive. We are exploring new roads and new places to eat. New members are hosting events. We are a club made up of volunteers. While hosting an event takes effort, it is because of you that we continue to grow and create the vibrancy that is WMR PCA!

Frank

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# CAR SHOW / OPEN HOUSE 2023

NON-PCA EVENT

AT GERMAN AUTO SERVICE

We're invited to the 14th annual open house and car show at German Auto Service. The event will be held at the Grand Rapids site on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

They have partnered with Can'd Aid to create a charity raffle that will take place at the open house. All attendees will have the option of purchasing tickets to participate. The winners of the raffle can choose from a variety of fabulous prizes donated by GAS.\* All proceeds will benefit Can'd Aid. Check them out in advance at [candaid.org](http://candaid.org)

As with past events, there will be a car show for anyone who would like to participate.

Complimentary bratwurst and beverage will be provided this year by their amazing staff.

**Date:** August 26th 2023      **Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**Location:** 2189 Avastar Pkwy, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Cost - 100% Free (excluding options donations or purchase of raffle tickets)

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# Snap SHOTS

*Pictures taken by Wolfgang Bubeck*

*Tech Session at Euro Autowerks*



*If your engine is in this state, you either experienced a significant issue or are simply craving serious power.*

*964 Targa - Nice Eye Candy at Euro Autowerks*



*With the help of his dad Tyan, junior member Liam Roelands compiles his Porsche observations. But a delicious cookie still reigns supreme.*

*Tech inspection for track events explained by Euro Autowerks technician Aaron Straub*

*Don Sjolin pulling the crowd together for the TECH SESSION*



# 2023 EVENT CALENDAR



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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
<b>JUL</b>	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	Schuler's Restaurant Marshall, MI	Dan & Ren Phillips
	07-29	Pool Party & BBQ	The Delaguardia's	Lou Deleguardia
<b>AUG</b>	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
	08-26	Open House / Car Show	German Auto Service, GR	Non-PCA Event
<b>SEP</b>	09-08 to 09-10	WMR High Performance Driver's Education	Grattan Raceway Grattan, MI	<b>3 DAYS</b> WMR PCA
<b>This is the End of Summer Fun Run. For further details and registration go to: <a href="http://clubregistration.net">clubregistration.net</a>. Chair Person: Greg Currie - Contact info on page 4</b>				
	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
<b>OCT</b>	10-02	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board
	TBD	Fall Color Tour	TBD	TBD
<b>NOV</b>	11-06	Annual Planning Meeting	TBD	WMR Board
	11-11	Dinner Drive	TBD	Randy & Linda Portoluri
<b>DEC</b>	12-02	Appetizer Party	The Karluk's	Mike Karluk & Barbara Doss
	12-04	Monthly Board Meeting	Ganders Restaurant	WMR Board



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





# DINNER DRIVE TO SCHULER'S RESTAURANT

HOSTS DAN & REN PHILLIPS



This July, we have a great drive planned through the picturesque mid-Michigan countryside to Schuler's in Marshall. There we'll enjoy a great meal and a glass of cheer after some fun wind-in-the-hair, sun-in-the-face cruising in a fleet of Porsches. Not many Saturdays will be better! Family-owned Schuler's has been a fixture in the small community of Marshall for over 100 years, and almost everybody has had their famous bar cheese, available in supermarkets everywhere. We'll get to partake in their tradition with a private banquet just for us.

Cost is \$50 per person, which includes all food, tax and gratuity. You can pay via PayPal at [dphil66@hotmail.com](mailto:dphil66@hotmail.com) (Dan) or Venmo to (616) 541-3306 (Ren). You can also pay Dan or Ren on site with cash or check on the day of.

**When:** Saturday, 22 July 2023

**Start:** Arrive 3:00 pm, depart at 3:30 pm from: Bradley Park-n-Ride at the US-131 / M-179 interchange (across US-131 from the Gun Lake Casino - Bradley exit, just south of Wayland) You can gas-up in Wayland beforehand if needed.

**Arrive:** 5:00 - 5:15 pm at Schuler's Restaurant  
115 S. Eagle Street, Marshall, MI 49068 (269) 781-0600

Please **RSVP** to Dan Phillips at (616) 900-8828 (call or text) or email [dphil66@hotmail.com](mailto:dphil66@hotmail.com) not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 19th.



*Dan*

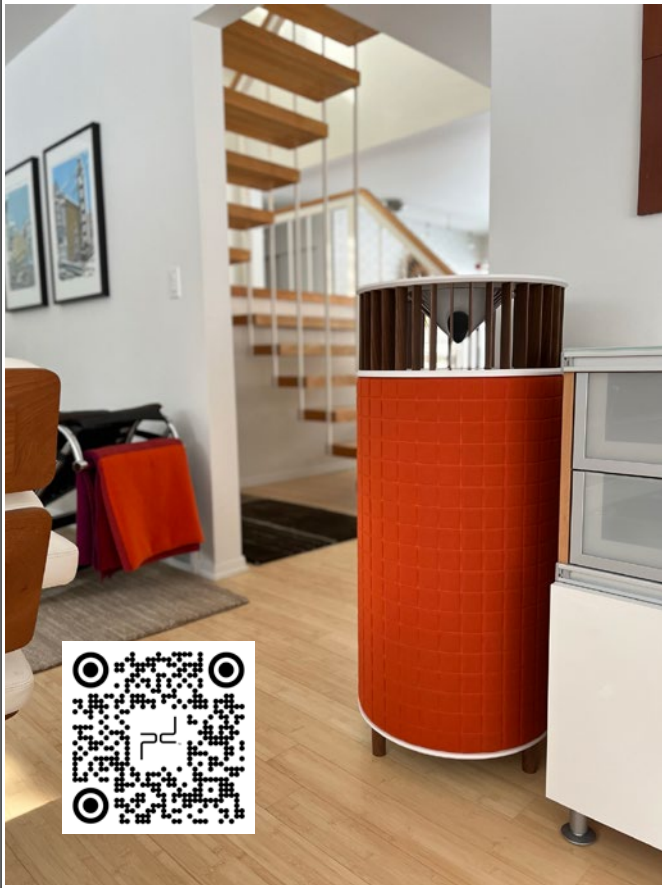


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# IN REVIEW

# SPRING-UP TRAVERSE CITY

BY KARLENE CURRIE



Greg & Karlene Currie at the drivers meeting

Could any event have been more perfect? This year's Spring-Up woke to a gorgeous clear sky & warm sun. 100 attendees in 53 cars headed west, then east, then north, back west, up the hill, thru the curves (you get the idea); passing junk cars, farm fields, spectacular mansions, tree canopies - even crossing "the beautiful Glens" (Big & Little Glen Lakes). Back county roads with little traffic allowed each run group to stay together (thanks to our leads & sweeps: Roger & Cheryl Edgren, Chris & Teresa Thorpe, Marshall & John Walters, Amber Door & Jerry Arens, Frank & Raeni Conner, Chuck & Lynne Olenyk, and Jeff Simonis assisted by Rex Tsui). Everyone arrived as mapped to Nittolo's Italian in Lake Leelanau. Our group was seated in their outdoor courtyard and the food was outstanding flavor wise - and visually. Chef Eric Nittolo was impressed with everyone's cars as he exclaimed "Oh, that's my favorite"; "No, THAT one is my favorite"; "Now that's a sexy car!". Most every table got an extra bonus - the waitstaff was fresh from



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other countries. They delighted us with their stories, and our club was generous to them in return. All were left to discover the north area on their own. The sun set to a full moon rising.



Drivers Meeting



Colorful settings at Nittolo's

# STUTTGART MARKET LETTER

BY DAVID K. WHITLOCK



If we're taking the market's temperature, June would appear hot as we achieved 2023 highs in our dollar volume and unit volume, thanks to \$20m in sales and nine new auction records at Broad Arrow Auction's 75th Anniversary Porsche sale held in Atlanta mid-month. But take out this once-every-five-year auction event, and the market looks as cool as it did in May, with a 70% sell-through rate and just over \$30m in sales.

Highlights from the 75th Anniversary sale were plenty, but one real standout was the sale of a 1999 996 Coupe for \$1.2m. This car wasn't just any 996 for that kind of money, but the 996 Classic Club Coupe project dreamed up by the Porsche Club of America and Porsche's Sonderwunsch department. Built to showcase what Porsche's "Special Wishes" program is capable of, the Classic Club Coupe features a GT3 engine and drivetrain, a custom interior, and an exterior designed with nods to the 911 Carrera 2.7 RS and Carrera GT. And the buyer of this world record 996? None other than Jerry Seinfeld.

We also saw this auction buck the trend of historic Porsche race cars failing to sell this year, with a 1964 904 Carrera GTS selling for \$2,535,000 and a 1984 962 in Coke-Cola livery with both 24 Hours of Daytona and 12 Hours of Sebring history selling for \$1,270,000. One notable no-sale, however, was a 1967 910 that failed to sell at a final bid of \$2,300,000. \$200,000 short of the recent 910 sale on Bring a Trailer.

The Carrera GT market continued to soften as two examples crossed the block this month. The first, a 2005 example with 16,765 miles, sold for just over \$1m at \$1,028,000, about \$200k shy of where comps with similar mileage were not too long ago. And the second, a 2004 example finished in Speedster Blue by Porsche Classic partner Porsche North Houston sold for \$1,462,500. An impressive number, but considering rare colors were all \$2m cars this time last year, reasonably light.

Also showing signs of softening for the second month in a row is the 992 GT3 market. Save for the one example that sold at the Broad Arrow sale for \$300,000, all others continued to slide with an average selling price of \$255,000 and a market low of \$177,250. We also saw the first 2023 992 GT3 RS come up for auction, failing to sell at a high bid of \$415,000. GT4 RS' also continued its downward trend, with one example failing to sell at a high bid of \$230,000 and the other finding a home at \$245,000.

On the classic side of the market, 356s showed mixed results with a 64% sell-through rate compared to last month's 88%, but those that did sell kept the momentum going price-wise as they continued to trend up. Notable 356 auctions this month include a 1964 356 SC Cabriolet that sold for \$215,600 and a 1958 356A Sunroof Coupe built by Rod Emory that failed to sell at an eye-watering \$699,356.

The modern classics, especially the 993 market, were the biggest mover in June, with a 993 Turbo S selling for an above-average price of \$560,000 and your standard 993 coupes averaging \$100,000. We also saw a new five-year record for 993 Turbos, with a 645-mile example selling for \$486,000 on Bring a Trailer.

With no headlining auctions on the calendar for July, it will be interesting to see if the market stays consistent at its ~70% sell-through rate and \$30m in sales before we head into the summer heat of August with Pebble Beach where all major auction houses will be bringing out the big guns. We'll see our first 911 reimagined by Singer we've seen in a while, crossing the block at RM Sothebys and a 1966 906 at Bonhams.



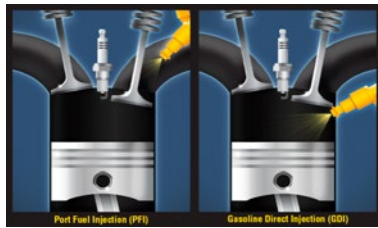
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Before we begin, let's take a quick look at the differences between a GDI (Gasoline Direct Injection) engine and a conventionally injected engine.



A conventional injection system injects the fuel into the intake system above the intake valves, however, on a GDI engine, the fuel is injected directly into the chamber below the intake valve. Injecting the fuel directly into the chamber allows for a much more controlled burn which results in more power.

So what's the problem, we all want more power, right?

As a result of injecting the fuel directly into the chamber, we no longer have the cleaning action of fuel spraying on the back side of the intake valve and keeping them clean. Adding a container of injector cleaner once in a while also kept our valves clean, but not with GDI systems.

With our sealed crankcase vented engines, unburned fuel and oil vapors are vented into the intake side of the valves. In addition, since GDI engines operate at higher temperatures than normal, that can cause engine oil evaporation, which like the contaminates noted above, also ends up on the intake side of the valve and often before the throttle body.

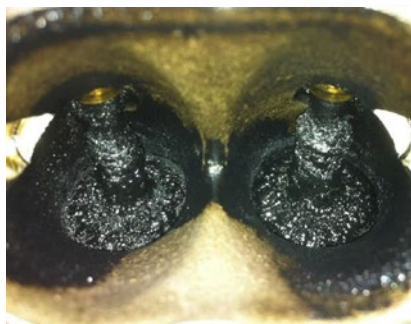


With no fuel passing over the intake valve as in the past, the contaminates begin building up on the back of the valve.

We have seen this buildup get so bad that it holds the valves open, resulting in misfires and poor compression. The intake systems themselves can become compromised for flow, and throttle bodies become gummed up with deposits as well.

Other factors that contribute or cause carbon buildup by increasing oil vapors are low tension oil control rings, turbochargers and superchargers just to name a few.

So what do we do now to keep the GDI engines operation at the maximum level of performance while avoiding some of this buildup?



1. Keep your spark plugs fresh. Worn plugs cause poor fuel burn and are hard on injection coils, which results in more unburned fuel that causes more oil vapor which in turn creates more buildup. When changing plugs, remember to change the air filter as well.
2. Use a top level fuel. While my hemi powered truck runs fine on regular gas, my Mini does not; its direct injected engine only runs well on premium.
3. Use a quality fuel conditioner in your gas. Remember that the injectors are still exposed to combustion burn and can get carbon buildup as well as varnish on the inside (due to cheap gas!). This combination causes poor spray patterns which in turn results in more unburned fuel, more vapor and more gunk going into your intake, which in turn causes more deposits on the valves.
4. Use the proper grade of oil when getting an oil change. I have never cared for the 10,000 mile oil change interval. I have seen too many plugged oil filters and oil pump screens. Oils do break down and are pulled past the oil control rings and down the valve seals, all resulting in more unburned fuel, more vapor more carbon, more problems.
5. Software updates. If there are any software updates for your car, have them done. Maximizing engine management helps keep all those unburned vapors under control.
6. Consider having an intake throttle plate clean up performed. While there are some products that can be induced into the intake system to help keep things clean, these cleaners are not going to help if your buildup has become too severe. There's only one solution for that.
7. Thank goodness Porsche uses an oil and vapor separator; make sure they are functioning properly.
8. You may want to consider using an aftermarket oil and air vapor (moisture) system. They can be very beneficial. Here's my example. My 08 turbocharged Mini S was using a quart of oil in 800 miles and had moisture and oil in the intake. We drained the oil and replaced it with 5/40 Motul full synthetic oil. We then blocked off the one vent system that was directly going into the intake just before the throttle plate, the hose was full of gunk! We then installed the vent separator can and the result was amazing. After 2500 miles the oil on the dipstick was still at full level! No more gunk on the throttle body and no check engine light.

If your GDI has too much buildup causing run problems, mis-fires and check engine lights, there is no easy cure. The intake will have to come off to clean the valves and intake system. This is a time consuming operation. Some good prevention beforehand will keep you from this type of repair or at worst, extend the time it takes before the buildup becomes an issue.

-Tim

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