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Fall Colors - Fading Season
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WINTER IS UPON US

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jim Chiavaras
President, Western Michigan Region

Greetings to all,

As November arrived with cold and snow, the driving events we so enjoy are coming to a close. We can however, continue to enjoy the camaraderie of great friends in spite of the cold weather as evidenced by the outstanding turnout at our 2020 planning meeting at Linear restaurant, which was attended by 36 members including 4 new members we had the pleasure of meeting.

A few of us, myself included even drove our Porsche's. It proved to be a night of great friends, food and drink and also planning the upcoming events of 2020, which I feel will allow us all another year of fun.

We unfortunately were not able to join the group for the up north drive which I am told was a great time, thanks to Bill Brown, Gary Castile and Jay Dankovich for hosting the event.

Thanks also to Lin and Randy Portoluri for hosting the November dinner drive at Snug Harbor in Grand Haven.

Upcoming events for December include our monthly board meeting on 12/2/19 and the annual appetizer party at Barb Doss and Mike Karluks home on 12/14/19.

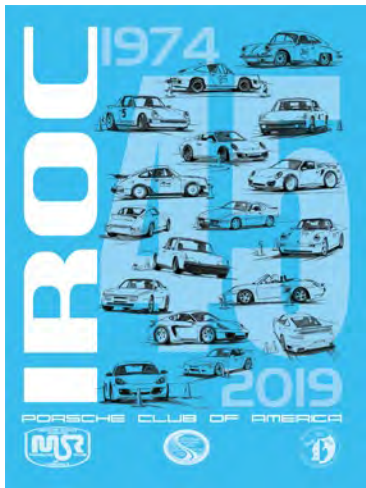
I hope to see everyone soon.

All the best,
Jim



IN REVIEW: THE IROC ANNIVERSARY THAT WASN'T

BY: MICHAEL BETZ - AUTOCROSS CHAIR



It's weird the way things work out sometimes . Or they don't.

“IROC” is Inter-regional Race of Champions, an autocross event that has been held continuously for 45 years. Western Michigan, Motor-Stadt and Michiana regions host an autocross each year. For a time, Chicago Region also ran with us. It's the longest-running, inter-regional competition in PCA history.

It seems a little surreal that IROC has been running as long as Saturday Night Live. We wanted to celebrate this 45th anniversary year, so Jeff Margush of Michiana Region designed some cool t-shirts and posters, and we ordered special trophies to commemorate the event. We've since distributed the shirts, but the trophies remain in their boxes.

What happened?

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We're looking for event hosts for 2020

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IN REVIEW: THE IROC ANNIVERSARY THAT WASN'T

BY: MICHAEL BETZ - AUTOCROSS CHAIR

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IROC I and II were successfully hosted by Motor-Stadt in June and Michiana region in July in East Lansing and South Bend, respectively. WMR's event was scheduled for September 29, a little late in the season due to the availability of US-131 Motorsports Park in Martin, our home course.

When the always-dependable IROC team showed up early that Sunday morning to set up they were unfortunately met with the a few more motorhomes and event participants on the course than normally anticipated after a big weekend.



Because of this the team was unable to set up the course to start the event on time, so the event was canceled primarily for safety reasons despite the rain that moved in.

Not wanting to give up our event on our anniversary year, we rescheduled for Sunday, October 27. The team joked, "We always run, even in the rain." We changed that to, "We always run, even in the snow." Everyone was ready to take another crack at it, even though the weather could be dicey. US-131 had their final "Test and Tune" scheduled the Saturday prior to IROC, but that event ends at 6:00 PM, so we had no concerns about "leftover" motorhomes on the course.

Since we were so late in the season, the group really ramped up the publicity. The "Furrin' Group" always provides a tremendous turnout, because we encourage their members to "come beat a Porsche!" We expected a good number of drivers who wanted to experience what could be a fairly cold and interesting course.

The Saturday before IROC, the weather was cold and rainy for US-131s "Test and Tune." But our Sunday was looking good, with little chance of rain and temperatures in the low 50s. It was going to be a great day! But, fate was not on our side

and due to an unfortunate set of circumstances beyond our control at the facility the event was canceled and Western Michigan Region was unable to celebrate our 45th annual IROC autocross season.

The WMR team quickly rallied and sent email blast, texts and multiple Facebook posts to wave off those who planned to compete. We think we reached them all in time. But WMR member and racer CB Bursk had prepared twenty pounds of amazing chili to share at the event, so we had an IROC party at their house instead of the autocross. Thanks, Bursk's!

We're looking for a new location for our 46th IROC series. We need a large expanse of smooth pavement with minimal obstructions like light poles or curbs. We need access to restrooms and electrical power for our timing equipment. This is a low-impact event. Other than a few chalk marks around cones, the hosts will hardly know we were there. Our event is fully insured through PCA, and we can provide a small contribution to the host organization. Please send your location ideas to: mmbetz189@gmail.com

We will see you next year at IROC 46 in a new and improved location!



IN REVIEW: COLOR TOUR & POKER LAUFEN

BY: BILL BROWN

PHOTOS BY: WOLFGANG BUBECK

An engaging SW wind along with Gary Castile , Jay Dankovich and Bill Brown greeted 64 eager participants and 30 Porsches (plus one species made in NE Italy) at the meeting point on M72 just outside Traverse City .

Cris Vanderberg the National Club Manager for Hagerty and a Boxster owner was on hand to distribute a nicely curated collection of drivers items to the group .

With sign in sheets signed , insurance waivers waived and drivers briefings briefed , the pilots and co pilots waited anxiously for the reading of the POKER LAUFEN rules.... which was expertly executed by Jay and Gary.

DRIVE ONE : Was a spirited jaunt of 26 miles through mostly deserted and always engaging mid-Leelanau county roads. Post sector debriefs indicated that the route was "a blast" , the leaf colors were still gaining momentum and that the inquisitive steer on the straightaway just before a particularly fun hairpin turn was clearly a big Porsche fan !

BEL LAGO WINERY:



Located on the south west side of Lake Leelanau is well know for its view of the lake ,its warm hospitality and its white wines . While a guitarist played, everyone did what you do at a vineyard. There was an observation that the parking lot holding our cars , likely had the highest density of Porsche cars anywhere in the state at that moment. The second hand of Poker Laufen was dealt and off to the next adventure..

DRIVE TWO : Was a 36 mile trek through the northern part of the Leelanau county where the scenery is dominated by farms growing cherries, apples and grapesas well as a touring tractor or two !!! Technically the roads in this part of the county tend to feel narrower, have fewer straightaways and more interesting turns as compared to the first drive segment. Good fun for all. After passing through Leland we ended up at our next destination...

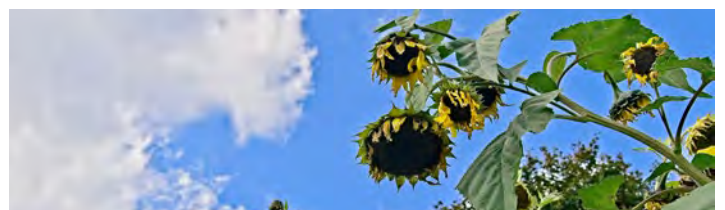
THE DAN McDAVID CAR COLLECTION :

A long wooded drive ended up at one of the most spectacular locations for a car collection



...anywhere !!! The sweeping views of Lake Michigan and the Manitou Islands from atop the bluff are some of the best in the county. The log "garage" is located on a small lake (at the other side of the lake is the cottage which was once owned and frequented by Al Capone) and contains Dan's collection of Italian, British and American sports cars , surrounded by automobile memorabilia that is a result of decades of serious collecting. A great experience for all those attending and the feedback we received was outstanding . Many thanks to Dan for being such a welcoming host and a world class car enthusiast !! Before leaving the next Poker Laufen hand was dealt and expectations elevated !

LITTLE TRAVERSE INN : After a sedate 15 minute drive on M22 we arrived at our final destination. Everyone was happy to relax and refuel following an active afternoon. The room filled with great sounds as new friends were made and old friends were revisited. The final Poker Laufen hand was dealt and then the much anticipated playing of the hands begansome hands were discarded ...most hands were played ...and eventually there was a winner who walked away with nicely packaged bottles of Guards red and Ducktail white . As a bonus for all , Paul Reiker a PCA member from Kalamazoo and an avid Porsche scale model collector presented each driver with a scale model of a Porsche . Who would have thought they would come out to a Saturday afternoon drive and leave with a 917 !!! Graeme the Inn owner and his team served up great food and service with a pleasant attitude. All in ... Oct 12 was an excellent day to be Porsche enthusiast in Leelanau county.



Color Tour Traverse City

Snap SHOTS

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Wolfgang Bubeck & Jerry Stutzman
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Gathering at Bel Lago Winery



Bill being happy



Perfect drive.....



The crowd at the DAN McDAVID CAR COLLECTION



Vista.....



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2019 EVENT CALENDAR

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	Date	Event	Location	Host(s)/Event Chair(s)
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

ANNUAL APPETIZER PARTY

HOSTS: MIKE KARLUK & BARB DOSS

PHOTOS BY WOLFGANG BUBECK

The WMR Appetizer Party returns to the Lake Michigan shoreline at Mike and Barb's home. Please come celebrate your WMR friendships old and new! As is tradition, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Mike has planned to do some cider tasting this year, hard cider of course. And there will be another raffle for a gigantic chocolate Santa Claus to raise funds for our charity.

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 4 PM

WHERE: Barb and Mike's Home
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enjoy!**



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Head south (left) and travel - 2.4 miles, passing Kirk Park, and turn right (west) onto Sheldon Dunes Drive.

Our bright red house (no, not Guards Red, unfortunately) is straight ahead at the southeast corner of Sheldon Dunes and Whispering Sands Drive.

Our driveway continues straight off of Sheldon Dunes Drive, and there are two additional spaces in the base of the old driveway around the corner.



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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 3: HISTORY IS MADE

(Continued from the October Über Alles)

Now things started to move at a dizzying speed. A local contractor was hired and earth began to move. Building material began arriving and mud was everywhere. It was amazing how quickly the station began to take shape. About that time we were contacted by a vendor who made commemorative paving bricks for fund-raising purposes. So we were now also in the brick business and had to find a volunteer to take charge of that part of the operation. In walked Jennine - a young mother of a toddler boy looking for such an assignment - we called her "the brick lady. She did a fantastic job recording requests, ordering bricks and making sure bricks were placed where donors wished. All the while Dick Walters would arrive with Shell artifacts. So many pieces in fact that we were running out of space to store them.

He appeared one day with three long porcelain signs advertising services such as "Lubrication", that I found would fit perfectly on the front and sides of the building. He stated that he had purchased them years before from a farmer only a mile down Hickory road who rescued them when the Shell gas station in Hickory Corners was being torn down. Later, he called saying he found a large shell in white porcelain that he thought could be added to the outside of the station. He sent the piece up to the museum and I had my staff place it in one of the arches at the roof-line and called Dick back to say it fit as if we planned the station with the piece in mind. He then said he had two more, if I wanted them to which I replied, yes. It appeared that he was donating all of his collection to the museum so much, I began to become embarrassed and cautioned him to keep something for himself. He replied that he was getting on in years and couldn't take them with him and furthermore was planning a small museum in downtown Marshall. True to his word, the museum has been open for a number of years now and as where he promised.

Other general artifacts began arriving as well, an antique brass cash register, an old telephone, air pump, tire changing equipment, oil cans and a AAA sign that my brother Bob found in the local Door County, Wisconsin dump. Dick also sent up a truckload of gas pump illuminated glass globes of various gasoline brands. To say that the Museum's Gas station was now properly outfitted with the right amount of period gas station artifacts would be an understatement.

The construction of the 1930's Shell Gas Station brought the much needed attention of the public to revitalize the interest in the Gilmore Car Museum. To this day, the Museum is North America's largest auto museum with over 400 vehicles on display, over 190,000 square feet of exhibit space and more than 112,000 guests from all over the world.

Special thanks must go to the following organizations and individuals whom, without their help and support, would not have made this endeavor possible.

- Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs
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What is in your car?

Engine oil, the fluid of life for your engine.

It's not all created equal and as time goes on, we must have a general idea of what we are buying for our cars.

Here is a breakdown of the specifications found on a container of Motul 8100 X-cess SAE5W40, our most common oil. A key component of engine oil is its viscosity. Viscosity is the ability of the oil to flow - the lower the number, the better the viscosity. This is very critical during cold weather start-ups.

- SAE - Society of Automotive Engineers
- 5 - This is the viscosity of the oil when it is cold
- W - The oil is rated for use during the winter months
- 40 - This is the viscosity of the oil during engine operation.

There is also what is known as "Absolute Viscosity". This is the measure of force required to move one layer of oil film over the other. The higher the number the more force or power is required.

All oil loses its viscosity with temperature, to some degree. Choosing the correct weight depends upon climate, driving conditions and application. But it's not just a matter of picking the correct weight oil, it's also insuring it has the necessary additives and is Porsche approved.

Factory ratings or approval tables must now be watched closely, since oils rated A40, C40, C30 or C20 can now be found. Oil ratings can be very confusing and even though a container of oil is labeled Motul or Mobil 1, we still need to make sure it's the correct oil.

The only Porsche testing procedure I could come up with was for A40 and I am sure oils with the ratings of C40 and C30 etc., go through similar or even greater testing.



Porsche A40 Testing Procedure - This test will last 203 hours. During that time the engine and oil will go through the following simulations:

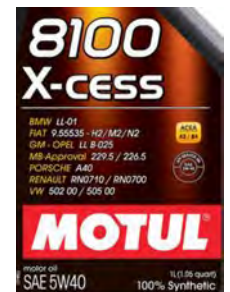
- 4 periods simulating 35 hours of summer driving
- 4 periods simulating 13.5 hours of winter driving
- 40 cold starts
- 5 periods simulating 1-hour sessions on the Nürburgring racetrack
- 3.5 hours of a running-in program

During the simulations, measurements on the engine and on the oil will be done at regular intervals and the following parameter will be taken into account to grant the approval or not.

- Torque curve (internal friction)
- Oxidation of the oil
- Piston cleanliness and ring sticking
- Valve train wear and protection
- Engine cleanliness and sludge; after 203 hours, no deposits must be visible
- Bearing wear protection; visual rating according to Porsche in-house method.

To the best of my knowledge, this is the most rigorous testing that any given oil had to pass to get the Porsche A40 rating approval.

I believe the A40 rating began in or around 1984. While there are many oils that have this rating, you will have to read the label because it can be "hidden" in among other manufacturer's ratings. (See adjoining Motul label)



So we've covered the A40 rating, let's take a moment to discuss the C40, C30 and C20 ratings that can be found on many oils.

The "C" stands for protection against LSPI or Low Speed Pre-Ignition and the protection of emission components such as the G.P.F (Gasoline Particulate Filters) in our direct injected engines. The G.P.F. helps clean up emissions and began appearing on our mid 2018 models. The 40, 30 and 20 represents the weight or viscosity of the oil.

Sound confusing? Finding the correct oil for your Porsche can be quite an ordeal, but Porsche has come up with a great solution.

Porsche Classic Oils! I love the Porsche Classic Oils because they are fool proof. Just find the can with the picture of your car on it and you've made the right choice. This is one purchase that you can't screw up. On the downside is it's \$15.00 per liter plus shipping price tag.



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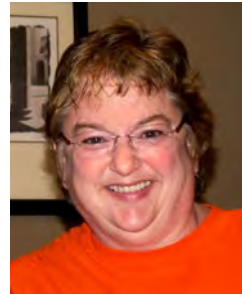
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Here is a "Porsche Recommended Oil Chart" you can use as a guideline.

- 356, 912, 914, 911 up to 2.7 - 20W50 Porsche Classic (This is a high Zinc level petroleum-based oil)
- 911, 964, 993 - 10W60 Porsche Classic Low Zinc Full Synthetic Oil
- 924, 944, 968, 928 - Porsche Classic 10W50 Synthetic
- 986, 996 - Porsche Classic 5W50 Synthetic
- 987, 997, 987.2, 981, 991 - Porsche A40 Synthetic

There are several other oil brands that meet the requirements for the above oils that are much less expensive, such as Motul Classic oils. When it comes to our cars that require the "C" rating (C40, C30, C20), Mobil 1 ESPX3 0W40 is about the only choice.

Choosing the least expensive or oil of the wrong specification rating is a sure-fire way to ruin your car's engine. Today's engines are manufactured with very fine tolerances and

operate at higher temperatures and rpms than conventional engines. Purchasing the correct oil and changing it often can keep your engine running like new and trouble free for a longer time.

Well, the snow and cold air have arrived and I'm not sure I'm ready for it, but ready or not it's here. With the colder weather mice and other such creatures will be looking for a comfortable place to spend the winter. Make sure you properly winterize your car to keep them away.

We look forward to seeing you at Winterfest!

Tim



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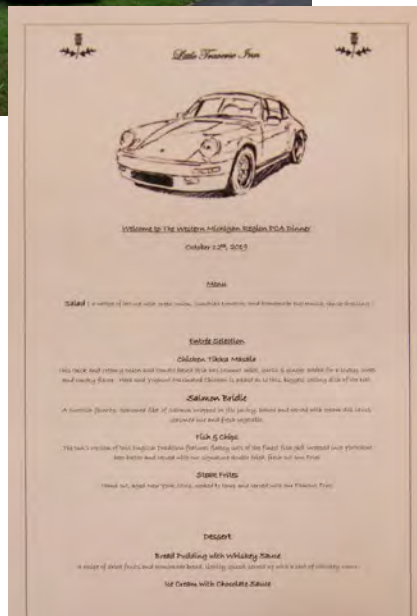
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