

Mach Schnell



Central Wisconsin Region – Porsche Club of America

Sept/Oct. 2012

2 Shores Car Show and Fall Tour

Sunday, October 7. 8:00 to 10:00 am for Show

2 Shores Classic Cars, Lake Mills, WI



We will meet at the 2 Shores facility, 119 Church St., Lake Mills and attend their last car show of the season. The show runs from 8:00 to 10:00 am. After the show we will head out on a tour and hopefully enjoy some fall color in the Jefferson County countryside. Af-

ter the tour we will stop for lunch. I am making contacts with restaurants now and plan for us to have lunch at Hi Way Harry's in Johnsons Creek, near the outlet mall. The colors are changing fast this year, hope we catch them! We'll get our final count for lunch at 2 Shores before we leave on the tour or call me at 608-837-6144 or 608-444-2442 is my cell.

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Autocross—Columbus 151 Speedway

We have been rained out once and double booked at the track once so we have two events to make up. Our last two autocross events for 2012 will be:

Sunday, September 30, Columbus 151 Speedway

Sunday, October 21, Columbus 151 Speedway

Track setup starts around 9:00 am and first runs usually by 11:00.

CWI-PCA Calendar

Sept 30 (Sun) 9:00 Autocross, Columbus
151 Speedway

Oct 7 (Sun) Fall Tour, Lake Mills

Oct 17 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Oct. 21 9:00 Autocross, Columbus
151 Speedway

Nov. 21 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
Lee's Automotive, Madison



Come join us for Pizza and car talk!

Writers Block


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Are you ready for E15? What's that, you say? What's E15?

E15 is a new blend of gasoline that you may soon be finding at your local gas station. E15 is a blend of 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline. Traditional blends in the past have been limited to 10% ethanol (E10), or up to 85% ethanol (E85) at special pumps for Flex Fueled vehicles. Now, the EPA has allowed this new 15% blend to be marketed and sold to the consumer.

What might that mean to us? For one, this blend is only recommended by the EPA to be used in 2001 or newer vehicles that supposedly are built to withstand greater concentrations of ethanol in the fuel. It is also detrimental to small engines like lawn mowers, snow blowers, recreational vehicles like outboard motors, snowmobiles, and motorcycles. One of the major issues with ethanol blended gasoline is that ethanol attracts moisture. Given our climate with many months of hot and humid or cold and wet weather, this will be a serious issue for vehicles. Moisture in motor fuel causes corrosion in fuel tanks, fuel lines and fuel delivery systems like injectors or carburetors. It can also cause gumming and clogging of fuel lines, filters, pumps and carburetors. Ethanol is not chemically friendly to many rubber or soft parts like fuel pump diaphragms or fuel hoses, causing them to soften and fail. For many applications, this is very dangerous and can lead to fuel leaks and fires.

The EPA has received many complaints about this move, and the latest solution to be thrown out there is the "4 gallon minimum purchase". What this amounts to is an admission that high concentrations of ethanol on gasoline can and will cause harm to small engines and cause problems with larger engines. (continued pg. 3)



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This 4 gallon minimum purchase is supposed to reduce the amount of E15 that will be pumped into your tank when you use a blender pump. Blender pumps are those single nozzle, multi grade fuel dispensers that are very common at present day gas stations. The EPA has figured that it takes a minimum of 4 gallons of regular E10 to dilute the residual amount of E15 left in the hose when using a blender pump.



4 gallon minimum purchase. What could that possibly mean to us? Think about how you drive your Porsche. I know mine will sit for days in the garage, then one day I want to take a little trip with it. Where is the first place I go? To the gas station to top off the tank. Sometimes I only use 3 or 4 gallons. What eventually happens is that over the longer term, these small fill-ups, even the 4 gallon ones, will slowly increase the concentration of ethanol in the fuel tank. So, even though the EPA says you will dilute the E15 if you pump 4 gallons, these smaller fills will eventually cause your fuel tank to contain a higher percentage of ethanol than recommended,

unless you run your tank closer to empty and regularly fill the tank with E10, or even better...no ethanol gas, if you can find it.

Many of us have older Porsches. Our club has lots of 356's, 914's, 944's and older 911's that were not built to withstand the effects of even E10. Now, we may be forced to deal with higher concentrations of ethanol in our tanks than that.

There has been limited publicity about the E15 mandates, but in the motorcycle community it has been an even bigger issue than it is for us. They are very aware of this and have attempted to take action. Can you imagine, pulling your motorcycle into a gas station to fill your tank, and you need 2 gallons. How will you abide by the 4 gallon minimum rule? Some motorcycles don't even have 4 gallons of tank capacity.

You can search on-line for articles about the E15 mandates and the 4 gallon minimum fill. Just search for E15 or 4 gallon minimum fill with you favorite search engine. Here is just one of the local articles on the subject.

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/4gallon-gas-rule-sparks-debate-b86tmno-170272246.html>

You can also search these two web sites for stations in your area that dispense ethanol free gasoline. They are getting harder to find.

<http://pure-gas.org/> and <http://buyrealgas.com/>

There are also fuel additives now being marketed that supposedly reduce the effects of ethanol in your fuel. Just one of them is STA-BIL that sells several additives for different applications. Advice? Talk to your mechanic. Maybe, use an additive, and try to fill up with non-ethanol fuel when possible. It may just save you a flatbed ride or even your car.

E15

(15% Ethanol Maximum)

Use only in:

- 2001 & Newer Cars and Light-Duty Trucks
- 2001 & Newer Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles (SUVs)
- All Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs)

Federal law prohibits the use of this fuel in other vehicles and engines.

Marketplace

For Sale: Sport Edition Cup 3 from Tire rack. They are in great shape and have no curb rash. The sizes are, 7-1/2x17 (2) and 9x17 (2). I have reduced the price from \$750.00 down to a reasonable offer. Call Joe @ 608-235-1652

For Sale: A set of 4 original wheels from my 1988 1/2 944 Turbo S (16x7 fronts, and 16x9 rears) with PORSCHE center caps. Excellent condition - only 10 years/ 50k miles of use. \$800 obo. Call Chuck Scalia at W 608-256-8010 or C 608-575-1909

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