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## Porsche Club of America - Motor-Stadt Region Spring Kickoff

Join us at the all new Porsche Okemos for a fun time to catch up with fellow Porsche Club members, enjoy a complimentary lunch, and help raise money for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

We look forward to celebrating Spring like only Porsche can do.

Join us for the Porsche Club of America - Motor-Stadt Region Spring Kickoff and charity auction.

Date: April 24, 2021  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Porsche Okemos  
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## President's Letter

Well, well, spring has finally arrived!! Has it?? We have had a couple of days with the temperatures in the 60 to 70 degree range. But many more days of very high winds, rain, temperatures in the 15 to 30 degree range and, yes, even the "s" word...snow!!

These were the words that I started this letter last year: "We are looking forward to our "Spring Kickoff and Auction" at the Okemos Auto Collection on April 27, 2019 at 10 am. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!" But it never happened due to the pandemic.

**This year** the Motor-Stadt Spring kickoff is tentatively scheduled for April 24 at Serra Auto Campus-Porsche of Okemos. We are looking forward to seeing you there! When you get a chance, you need to check the beautiful new Porsche sales and showroom in if you have not had a chance to visit it. This annual event should be a fun time to catch up with fellow Porsche Club members, enjoy a complimentary lunch, and help raise money via the auction for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. I use the words "tentatively scheduled" due to the fact that we still need to look at Covid-19 issues in the state of Michigan! We need to keep everyone safe, so we may need to postpone. Look to your email in box or the MST social media for the final word.

The dates for Motor-Stadt Autocross are May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. Rain dates are being worked on for these events. A new venue, the Porsche / Corvette Autocross Challenge will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. All autocross events will take place at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason, MI.

Last year we also had to cancel Porsche on the MAC II. But it is on this year and the dates are August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open:

<https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2021>

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Until then, dream of that perfect drive, shifting gears, perfect engine temperature.....

Ken Jones  
Motor-Stadt President





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All Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Spagnuolos restaurant in Okemos beginning at 6:30 p.m. All club members are invited.

Given the rise of COVID-19 further meetings might be held remotely.

### 2021 Board Meeting Dates

January 12	February 9	March 9	April 13
May 11	June 8	July 13	August 10
September 14	October 12	November 9	December 14





## Membership News

### Motor-Stadt membership as of March 2021:

Primary	144
Affiliate	71
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>
PCA Juniors	8

### PCA national membership as of March 2021:

Primary	89,652
Affiliate	48,577
Life	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,246</b>

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### New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

**Peter Blakemore**, Grand Ledge, 2006 Cayman S

**LaShonda Ervin**, Grand Blanc, 1997 Boxster, 2017 Cayenne S

**Welcome to the Club!**



*Photo 1 Parking lot at the North Scottsdale Porsche Dealership.*

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

Spring has sprung! As the pandemic is getting under control, sort of, and more of us are getting on vaccine, our events are starting to get back to normal. DE's are right around the corner and lots of event planning by your region committees. Check out your newsletter and website for opportunities to join in.

I would like to recommend that you think about writing an article about how you spent some of the winter, or spring. And that may be a suggestion for someone else. For example, in the off season I took a few trips – and drove a few Porsches! Check out the new Taycan – if you can find a dealer that has one! We found one in Phoenix when visiting my brother. There were a few available on the lot – what a great drive. Quiet and fast!

In March, we made a trip to Atlanta to the Porsche Experience Center, which yes, is open for the Driving Experience on their playground. Bring a few friends, check out the Heritage Display, and grab lunch at the 356 Café. Lots of great selections on the menu, although I had to go with the traditional Wiener Schnitzel! And where else is the butter for your bread in the mold shape of the 356 Porsche. Yes, the molds are available in the gift shop, along with this fun item – too bad they don't have one for grown-ups!



Parade Planning is in full swing, and I look forward to seeing many of you in French Lick in July. Check out the website for all the details at [porscheparade.org](http://porscheparade.org).

Take care, and stay safe!

Lori Schutz

Zone 4 Representative





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Onsite Club Parking at the Inn at St. John's  
Sunday, July 28, 2019  
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\*\*You must purchase 1 Car Club Parking pass to receive \$25.00 admission price. Your Car Club pass will be mailed to you.  
You must have your car club pass to park in the designated area. NO EXCEPTIONS.

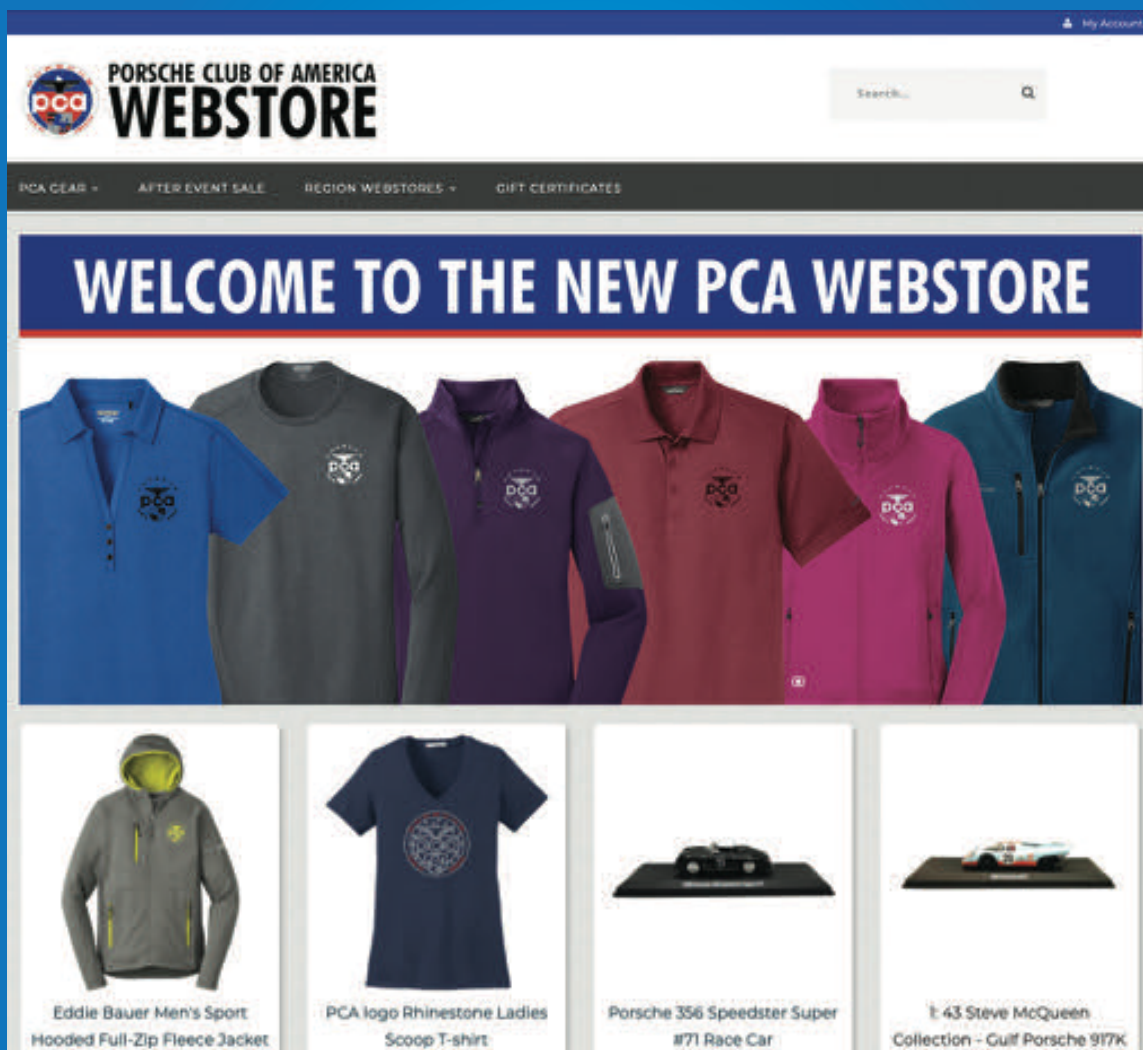
### WEEKEND OF EVENTS:

Motoring Tour, Battle of the Brands, Art Invitational, Cars Under the Stars - Kickoff Dinner,  
Cars and Coffee, Concours d'Lemons, Concours Seminar and Lunch, British Invasion

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# Ohio 555, Hocking Hills and Surrounding Driving Tour

## June 26, 2021

SEM and MOR PCA are joining forces to bring you a driving tour which we can drive our Porsches the way they were meant to be driven. The legendary Ohio 555 (Triple Nickel), Hocking Hills and surrounding roads, are one of the greatest driving roads in the Mid-West. This would be a perfect event to see what your Porsche was designed for.



Ohio 555



Hocking Hills

**Ohio 555:** Considered to be one of the more challenging roads in Ohio, the triple nickel rewards drivers who are up for a good challenge. Many say these roads are just as fun as the Tail of the Dragon and its surroundings, but many agrees that Triple Nickel throw a completely different type of fun than the Dragon. While the Dragon gives you a series of smooth, cambered twist and expected curves, the Triple Nickel is full of tight off-camber turns, rises and quick turn with little warning.

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/g31980744/12-of-the-best-american-roads/>

**Hocking Hills:** *Car and Driver* has used this loop since at least 1989. It's less than 14 miles according to Google Maps, a bit shorter than the Nordschleife. Decades of testers have settled on this repeatable loop as a go-to automotive fitness center.

Event registration: <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/11195>



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## Monthly Club Meetings

The club holds an informal meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Spagnuolos Restaurant in Okemos. These meetings have been temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.



Enjoy a drink and pizza  
on the club when we  
resume regular  
meetings



**NEXT MEETING MAY 11...CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**



## Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar

Note: Most dates are tentative at this point.

- The annual **Winter Dinner** is usually scheduled in February or March. Given current COVID restrictions that will not happen. The dinner will be scheduled for later in the year when the threat of COVID has hopefully diminished, maybe a dinner drive.
- **April 24, Saturday—Spring Kickoff** at Serra Auto Campus/Porsche of Okemos. **Due to the current COVID spike in Michigan this event may be postponed...look for announcement on email or social media**
- **May 22, Saturday—Autocross I** at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason.
- **June 26, Saturday—Autocross II** at Corrigan Oil Speedway.
- **July 10, Saturday—Mid-Michigan Porsche-Corvette Challenge**, Corrigan Oil Speedway.
- **August 6-8—Porsche on the Mac II**, St. Ignace, MI. Dates are firm.
- **August 20-22—Michigan International Speedway Car Show**. Dates are firm.

The monthly member's meeting at Spagnuolos the second Tuesday of the month have been **suspended** for the immediate future. When the current COVID-19 restrictions been lifted they may resume. The board will notify you via email blasts, in this publication, on our web page, and on our Facebook page when the member's meetings and other events resume.







# Motor-Stadt Spring Kickoff & Auction

**When: Saturday, April 24, 9:00-2:00**

**Where: Serra Auto Campus-Porsche of Okemos**  
2777 Jolly Rd, Okemos

**What:** Show your Porsche, mingle with other MST members  
Bring items to auction and then bid at the auction  
Stay around for a drive in the country in the afternoon

**You must R.S.V.P. to Paula for lunch:**

[pzimmer@serraautocampus.com](mailto:pzimmer@serraautocampus.com) or 517 853 2642

**First event of the season. Shine up your  
Porsche and come on out!**



# Inaugural *Mid-Michigan*



# *Porsche-Corvette* *Challenge*

- July 10, Corrigan Oil Speedway, Mason
- Autocross competition, 8-12 drivers per make
- Best total overall time per side wins
- A great way to interact with other car owners
- Sponsors: Motor-Stadt and Capital City Corvette Club
- Stay tuned for more information

**We need drivers!** Consider participating.  
Look for a driver sign-up soon

## *Beauty and the Bridge*



### **Porsche on the Mac II (reprise)**

August 6-8, 2021, St. Ignace MI

- Escorted caravan drive across the Mackinac Bridge
- Lunch at Little Bear Arena
- People's Choice car show and Technical Quiz
- Straits Brew Festival
- Driving tours of scenic northern Michigan & Canadian North Shore
- Meet and greet other Porsche owners

Don't miss this multi-regional event. Register now:

<https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2021>

Event information:

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## TICKET DETAILS

Event Date	Car Entry Price	Adult Add-On Price	Child Add-On Price
August 22, 2021	\$75	\$60	\$10
August 21, 2021	\$60	\$45	Free
August 20, 2021	\$60	\$45	Free

For more information, please contact:  
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## 2021 SUMMER CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

### Boats At The Barns

SAT • MAY 8

Trailer your classic boat to the Gilmore for our new boat show. Wooden runabouts, vintage ski boats, or fiberglasses – all are welcome!

### Vintage Travel Trailer Rally

SAT • MAY 15

Circle your wagons! Make plans to camp in your vintage travel trailer at our new rally, celebrating Airstreams in 2021.

### Vintage Motorcycle Weekend

SAT • JUNE 12  
& SUN • JUNE 13

Pre-1996 motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds on Sunday, plus a swap meet on Saturday.

### Micro/Mini World Meet

FRI • JUNE 18  
& SAT • JUNE 19

A celebration of small! Gathering of micro-cars and minicars, including classics like Isotta, Messerschmitt, and Mini Cooper.

### All Air-Cooled Gathering

SAT • JUNE 19

Everything air-cooled from Porsches to Corvairs. Presented by the H.H. Franklin Automobile Collection.

### Congress of Motorcars

FRI • JUNE 25  
& SAT • JUNE 26

Celebrate the originals! This pre-1942 show features gas, steam and electric vehicles along with period specific attire/activities.

### Oldsmobiles & Orphans

SUN • JUNE 27

The show for Oldsmobiles and orphan vehicle makes. If it's a brand they no longer build, we want to see it.

### DeutscheMarques

SAT • JULY 10

Your favorite German marques and everything from daily drivers to weekend treasures. All years welcome.

### Mad Dogs & Englishmen

SUN • JULY 11

All-year British invasion featuring a car faire complete with afternoon tea.

### Horseless Carriage

FRI • JULY 16  
& SAT • JULY 17

"Celebration of the Brass Car" show for pre-1916 autos and driving tour. Presented by Horseless Carriage Club of America.

### Corvette Envoy

SUN • JULY 18

Whether you're partial to the original C1 bodystyle or the brand new C8, you'll see both - and everything in between - at this show.

### MOPARs At The Red Barns

SAT • JULY 24

West Michigan's largest all-Chrysler products show. Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and Mopar muscle – oh my!

### Ultimate Truck Show

SAT • JULY 31

Every make and model of truck - vintage, emergency vehicles, semis, 4x4s are all welcome.

### GM/Chevy Show

SUN • AUG 1

Bob Oginsky memorial show, celebrating all GM and Chevrolet makes & models.

### Red Barns Spectacular

SAT • AUG 7

The area's longest running and largest car show! So long as it's 25 years or older, you just might see it on the show field.

### Lincoln Homecoming Weekend

SAT • AUG 14

A yearly gathering of the finest Lincoln vehicles, presented by the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum.

### Relix Riot

SAT • AUG 21

Traditional hot rods, customs and motorcycles featuring a classic pin-up contest.

### Pierce-Arrow Gathering

SUN • AUG 29

Pierce-Arrow Society annual celebration of the premier American luxury car built in Buffalo, New York, between 1901-1938.

### Muscle Cars

SUN • SEPT 12

West Michigan's largest gathering of 1960s, 70s, and late model American muscle cars.

### Ford Model A Day

SAT • SEPT 18

Celebrate the heritage of the Model A. Presented by the Model A Ford Museum.

### Cadillac-LaSalle Fall Festival

FRI • SEPT 24  
& SAT • SEPT 25

The yearly meeting of a classic! Fall Festival is presented by the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum.

### Camaros At The Corners

SUN • SEPT 26

Today is all about Chevrolet and one of its most iconic nameplates – the Camaro!

### DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest

SAT • OCT 9

A fall color cruise-in and Oktoberfest festival for German vehicles, hosted by DeutscheMarques. All years welcome.

### Gilmore Fall Color Tour

SAT • OCT 16

One last drive through the beautiful Michigan countryside to enjoy the changing colors, ending with a Gilmore Cruise-In.

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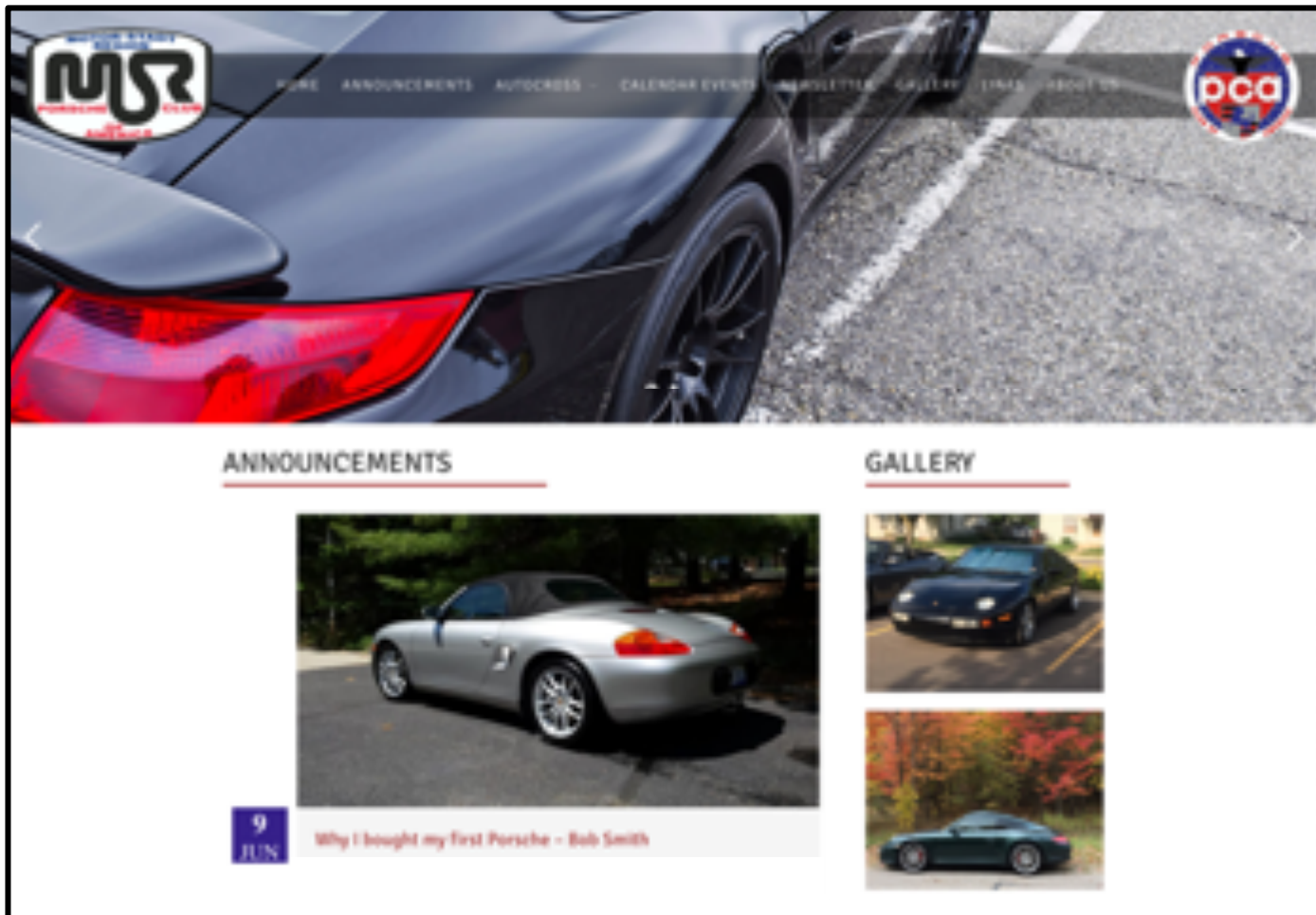
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## Ask the **MASTER CYLINDER**

He's Chris Braden, head of **Munks Motors** in Waterford. These questions are real, and Chris, whose knowledge of Porsches is encyclopedic, takes them on.\*

*Q – I feel lousy. I love my car but it just dumped on me. I took it in for an oil change and my mechanic mentioned that my clutch pedal felt rough when pressing it down or letting it up. I wasn't really concerned about it since the clutch was replaced about a year and a half ago. I mentioned that and he suggested I take it back to the place that replaced it and get their opinion.*

*So I did, and they agreed that it was a problem. So far so good. I authorized them to take it apart again to see what had gone wrong.*

*I am not hard on a clutch and it still felt very strong, it just had this odd sensation in the pedal. They took it apart and said that other parts in the system had failed and that when they did the work originally, they were OK. So I said "go ahead and replace them but I want to speak to the service manager about the issue." Well they fixed it and presented me with a bill for \$2,500. That is almost what it cost to have the work done the last time. I am very upset and I hope you can explain it to me from a mechanic's perspective. –Chuck*

**A** –There are many ways to approach a problem and deal with it. If one were to do only what is asked and nothing more, disappointments down the road are inevitable. When I was young my dad, who was an engineer, stressed the wisdom of spending a little more time to think a problem through and find the right solution. His philosophy was "if you can improve the design for lifespan, performance or cost, you could make an informed choice about how you want to do it." So, when one is given only one choice, not the range of possibilities, details can get overlooked with devastating consequences.

I was young when my dad started hammering this concept into my brain, so I usually ignored him and tried to do things quickly. I did not want to take the time to do them well. I had a party to go to, a gig to play,

or any other immature excuse. I was frequently bitten for thinking this way. I learned that if you did not take the time to do things right, somehow you could always find the time to do them over again. After I started my career, I discovered that folks do not take kindly to being charged again. They get quite testy about it. You learn fast.

Getting charged again would frost me too. On one hand, if they had given you a choice to replace the widget while the thing was apart, you would have said "yes of course, it only makes sense." After all, you love your car and you can afford a Porsche, so why didn't they?

My theory is that the person working on the car did not know you. He did not know how you felt about the car or how much you loved it. Your advisor may not have been familiar with the car or the potential problems that could crop up later. In fact, that guy might have already moved on to another place. It sounds like there was a disconnect...a breakdown of communication.

I sympathize with your frustration. You did not deserve it and even though I was not involved in the decisions, the result is obviously unsatisfactory. You deserved better and I wish I had been there to advise you. MC

*Q – I am itching to drive my car and I went out to start it, the battery was dead. I know you covered it last year but please just explain it briefly. –Dave*

**A** – Simple.

1) Don't jump start the car and expect the alternator to charge it, the alternator may FRY. When an alternator is trying to charge a dead battery it's running at 100 percent duty cycle—it is not meant to run at 100 percent.

2) Charge the battery with jumper cables connected another car for about 15 minutes.

3) After you have some voltage in the battery, don't try to start it immediately. Put it

on a slow 10- to 15-amp charge overnight (at least) to build up the battery.

4) Then start it and let it warm up. This is a good time for you check the tire pressures or fill the washer reservoir.

5) Air up the tires, take it out and have a ball. MC

*Q – I am thinking of taking my car to the track and I want to learn more about it. I am not sure if my car is ready for it or if I am ready for it. –Steve*

A – You are in good company. At the last “Intro to D.E.” (driver’s education) tech session, these topics were amply covered by my rabid motorhead friends in the club. Don’t fret, there is more fun to come.

In March and April, you can learn more about what it is like to wring every last pony out of that flat six. Come over to Gilson Motorsports in March to learn the differences between “track” cars and daily driven cars that are taken to D.E. If your appetite has been sufficiently whetted, bring your car to Munk’s Motors for the next D.E. Tech Inspection day where your car will be inspected to determine if it is suitable to take to a D.E.

If you are still uncertain, take a holiday and come out to the track to see just what goes on and get a ride with an instructor. It that doesn’t scare you and if you think you are ready to learn how to drive your car the way it was intended, sign up and join the party. –MC

*Q – My ‘86 Porsche 930 Turbo has been the joy in my life and a curse. I love it but I am freezing. I took it in three times complaining of lack of heat but got nothing except warm feelings. The problem is the warm feelings only last until I get to the end of the driveway then I freeze again. Help. –Ron*

A – These older heating systems are tricky, but analyzing why you have no heat is simple. You have two heater control boxes attached to the body on either side of the transmission. When you need heat, two cables attached to the electronic heater control module between the seats, open the valves, turn on the fans and voila, you get heat. What could be simpler? Certainly not this system.

The most common failure is the linkage coupling, which is a sub-component of the module. It is cheap and so easy that I am sure the other shop has already looked at it. Since Porsche was trying to make the system sophisticated they added a sample motor to monitor the cabin temperature, heat sensors at the control boxes to monitor the heat temperature, a circuit board to sort it all out and a servo motor to convert the input into output. Oh, and I should mention the numerous fans that distribute or boost the flow.

The time consuming part is figuring out which component or component(s) have failed. For that, I use a test car (borrowed with permission, of course) to compare inputs and outputs which are poorly documented in the service manual. Then (again with permission) I swap components out. Why not just replace what you think is wrong? The parts cost alone can top \$2,000 for genuine Porsche parts if you simply fire the “parts cannon” at it. So one must proceed cautiously when spending some one else’s money.

I am certain that if you take this approach, you will have heat again, fall in love with your “beast” and take it out on cold November days without frosted toes. –MC

*Got a question about your Porsche? E-mail it to [service@munks.com](mailto:service@munks.com) with “Question for Master Cylinder” in the subject line.*

\* The advice in this column is Chris’s alone. There may be other solutions. Motor-Stadt Region or PCA do not endorse any particular solution to vehicle problems.



## Why I Bought My First Porsche



**Maybe this was YOU at some point in the past picking up your new (to you) Porsche. There must be some interesting stories out there. You will never have more time to write something than right now. Do it! Ed**



## Member Message Board



**Need something for your car(s) or have something to sell of interest to PCA members? Used cars, body parts, interior parts, engine & drive train parts, tires, wheels, oil, posters, old copies of *Panorama*, model cars, etc. If you are a Motor-Stadt member post your ad here for free (no business ads or solicitations, please).**

**Or send a photo  or something else that would be of interest to Motor-Stadt members.**



## PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Apr 13th, 2021

6:30 PM - ~~Spagnolo's Restaurant~~ (Zoom meeting)  
(Regular Meeting - Second Tuesday of the Month)

### Present: (Zoom Meeting)

President: Ken Jones

Vice President: ~~Terrill Whitney~~

Secretary: Steve Lee

Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Don Dickmann

Board Member: James Yen

Board Member: Joe Lavender

Member:

Member:

Guest:

**Proposed agenda** for the Apr 13th 2021 meeting was sent via e-mail ahead of the meeting

**Meeting Minutes** of Mar 10th, 2021 were previously approved online.

**Membership** – Ken reported that the current membership is 144 primary, 71 affiliate members with 8 Junior members.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark provided the report online prior to the meeting. The board reviewed the key data and we have \$2,303 in checking and \$10,215 in the investment account for a total of \$12,518. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded D. Dickmann)

**Advertising and Insurance** – No new advertising items to report. Insurance applications for all 3 autocross events have been completed.

**Publications** – The next newsletter is in process and planned for April publication pending minutes from this meeting and the Presidents letter.

### Committee Reports / Activities:

- Have an idea for an event? The club needs an event chair. Contact [Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) for information.

### Old Business:

- Porsche on the Mac II is on the schedule for 2021 so save the dates of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now live so go to the St. Ignace site and sign up for a great event!
- Calendar of events (Dates have been confirmed)
  - Spring kickoff at Serra Porsche April 24<sup>th</sup> (We are hoping the event can continue as scheduled. Please look to social media for any last minute Covid-19 related cancelations.)
  - Autocross May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Autocross Jun 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Porsche / Corvette challenge July 10<sup>th</sup>
- New member flyer – Don volunteered to have copies of the flyer printed on premium stock, purchase a desktop display stand and deliver to the dealership. The board agreed to reimburse this cost.

### New Business:

- Social media chair – PCA is requesting every region has a chair. The board continues to investigate solutions.
- IROC support – We haven't seen the attendance to support the effort (time tracking, awards, etc). If we had more volunteers we could keep the tradition alive.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



## *From the Editor*

The past “Pandemic Year” has produced some strange and unparalleled circumstances. Who would have predicted, for example, that the stock market, after a slight dip last fall, would reach record highs, with no end in sight. Investment portfolios have never looked as good. All this in the face of people hospitalized or dying left and right, sky-high unemployment, and many businesses going under. But people in the so-called aspirational class obviously have money to spend. According to the *New York Times*, every luxury acquisition has now become an alternative asset. Jewelry, watches, furniture, sports cards, and even sneakers (!?) have sold for unprecedented prices. Want a Rolex watch? Better be prepared to pay three times the already hefty retail price on the secondary market. A 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball card sold recently for \$5.2 million. A pair of autographed 1985 Air Jordan sneakers fetched \$275 thousand. And cars! New luxury brand Bentleys, Lamborghinis, and Bugattis are flying off the showroom floor. Vintage car prices also are climbing rapidly. A 1973 Porsche 911 Carrera RS, a holy grail of auto collectors, recently changed hands after the new owner plunked down \$1.2 million, double the pre-pandemic going price.

Not all of us want nor can afford a Carrera RS. I would not want to own a car that I would live in constant fear of some clown rear-ending or side swiping. Track it, as it was intended? At that price...maybe not. But as an investment, definitely worth considering. If you hanker for a vintage Porsche, there are loads of clean, attractive, and drivable cars out there that will not cost you the family fortune. With prices creeping upwards, you should probably act soon. A few examples. A 1973 911 E or T, the low-end cousins of the RS, can be had for under \$100 grand. Nice 964s or 993s, the last iterations of the air-cooled Porsches, are available for under \$50 thousand. At the low end, a drivable 914, 924, or 944 can be had for less than \$10 grand. Who would not get a kick out of owning any of those? As always, when buying a used Porsche, especially an old one, it is essential to have the car inspected by a knowledgeable mechanic to check for gremlins before writing a check.

I don’t want to sound elitist. Some folks are struggling to feed their families and maintain mortgage payments, much less buying a vintage car. Let’s not forget about them. When you obtain the car of your dreams, maybe offer to take some kid or a car guy who is strapped for funds for a ride. I have done it and they loved the experience. **Maybe our club needs to offer an event where we do just that.** Recall the PCA motto: “It’s not just the cars, it’s the people.” Something we should always keep in mind.

Don Dickmann