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You are encouraged to post items on our social media that would be of interest to club members—no ads or nothing political, religious, or personal, please.



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President's Letter

It's a very cloudy, cold and dry December! The weather has not been very bad for this time of the year, no snow to speak of!

I know most of us are looking ahead for spring and warmer weather. In the meantime, most automobile related things will consist of ingesting many issues of *Car and Driver*, *Excellence*, *Panorama*, *Motor Trend*, *Vintage Motorsport* and other automobile magazines. Also, this is very good time for planning any repairs.

For the past nine months COVID-19 has been in the headlines in all the print and electronic media. It has affected the way all of us live and how we interact with one another. It has also impacted many of the events put on by PCA, Motor-Stadt, and others. It is very hard to plan anything without the impact of COVID kicking in.

We did have a very successful Fall Color Tour hosted by Serra Auto Campus. Traveling along many very beautiful country roads we ended up at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time. I want to express my sincere thanks to both Serra Auto Campus and the Gilmore Car Museum for all the work they put in to make sure that everyone had a great event.

Alert! Alert! At our next Club meeting on January 12, 2021, to be held on Zoom at 6:30 pm, the officers and board will be selected for the coming year. You are very welcome to join us for conversation. The 2021 cast of characters will be published in the February 2021 *Madness* newsletter.

On behalf of the board and officers of Motor-Stadt I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas – Holiday Season.

As the phrase goes, "It's not just the cars, it's the people..." This is what PCA is all about...

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

Ken Jones



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James Yen—At Large

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Historian—**Vacant**

NEW BOARD MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

If you are interested contact the
board at this email address:

motorstadt.pca@gmail.com



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 will 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



From the Board of Motor-Stadt



 Seasons
Greetings

 Happy
New
Year!



Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of November 2020:

Primary	134
Affiliate	71
Life	0
Total	205
PCA Juniors	8

PCA national membership as of November 2020:

Primary	88,205
Affiliate	48,175
Life	17
Total	136,397

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

No new members in November

Welcome to the Club!



Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year everyone. This is a special time of year when we normally would look forward to getting together to spread goodwill and cheer. This year, we are all feeling a bit sad in that we aren't able to gather in our traditional ways. The COVID virus seems to enjoy our getting together as much as we do, and yet that is exactly what keeps us apart. So I certainly respect and agree with postponing events until we can be safe again.

Our regional Social Media sites such as the region Facebook pages are extremely active with postings of tours and other activities that we can do individually, and then share. How about your favorite Porsche holiday decoration or culinary specialty? Join in !

Have you checked out the Sim Racing online? The zone challenge is underway!
<https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/> Still many races before the end of the year .

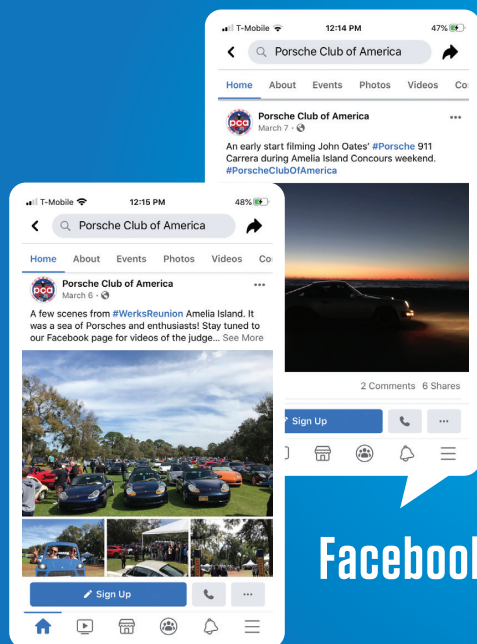
The Region presidents, presidents elect and vice presidents will be having a conference call to discuss next year. If you have any ideas, please let them know – we are always looking for new event chairs and ideas.

I wish everyone a happy winter holiday season and best wishes for a great start to 2021. Thank you to all of our members who are the heroes among us in the medical profession, and of course our military veterans and those currently serving our great country.

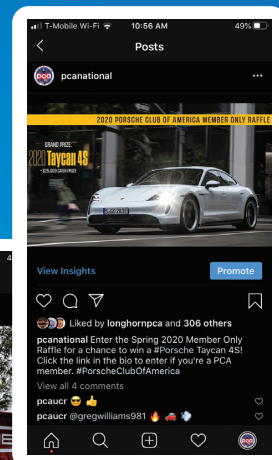
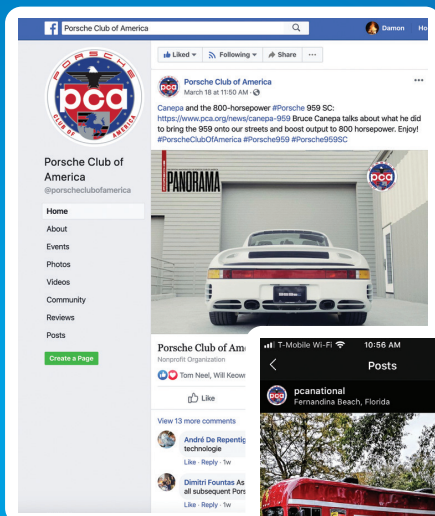
Stay safe

Lori zone4rep@national.pca.org

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Hang out with PCA on social media

In addition to the huge regional social media presence, the club is active at the National level, too. Join us for our daily posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

We bring you the inside scoop at PCA and Porsche events, auto shows, road tests, Porsche Panorama video and photoshoots, and more.

Help us grow our social media community and subscribe to them all!

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Dear Members of Zones 2 and 4,

THE CARS AREN'T REAL BUT THE RACING IS!!

Rose Ann Novotnak, Zone 2 Rep, and Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Rep, are pleased to introduce the Zone level competition of the PCA Sim Racing Program. Visit the website at <https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/> for specific information on the zone challenge.

To learn about the basics, please visit the PCA Sim Racing site at <https://pcasimracing.com/reference/> for everything you need to know. Hone your driving skills for the off season, or make this YOUR racing venue on the best tracks in the country, and even the world. Or, log onto the races and cheer on your region and zone favorites.

Thanks so much to our zone coordinators. You can contact them directly from links on the website.

Jared Rodeheaver - Zone 2 – Riesentöter Region

Igor Soykher - Zone 2 – Chesapeake Region

Josh Vieira - Zone 2 – Potomac Region

David Palmer - Zone 4 – Allegheny Region

Rusty Pruden - Zone 4 – Central Indiana Region

We look forward to watching, and enjoying the fun.

Sincerely,

Rose Ann and Lori

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 JANUARY 12...CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice of Nomination to Board of Directors and Officers of Motor-Stadt Region

The current Board solicits nominations from all Motor-Stadt members for the 2021 Board of Directors and Officers of the Region. If you or anyone you know are interested in serving on the Board for the upcoming year please send an email IMMEDIATELY to the Secretary of the Board, Steve Lee, at polymath01123@gmail.com or post a response on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201>) informing us of your interest. Nominees must consent to serving on the Board. Board members for 2021 will be elected at the January 12 meeting of the current Board of Directors.

The current Board consists of Ken Jones, President; Terrill Whitney, Vice President; Mark Haas, Treasurer; and Steve Lee, Secretary; James Yen, at large; Don Dickmann, at large; Jon Hotchkiss, at large. The Board may consist of up to 12 members.

New officers for 2021 also will be elected at the January 12 meeting of the Board.

The Region DESPERATELY needs new blood on the Board! We cannot continue year after year with the same people. It is not an onerous task. If you are interested in serving PLEASE contact Steve Lee or post a response on our Facebook page. We need you NOW!



Motor-Stadt 2020 Event Calendar

- No events are planned for what is left of 2020.
- The annual Winter Dinner is usually scheduled in February or March. Given current COVID restrictions that may or may not happen. Stay tuned for updates.

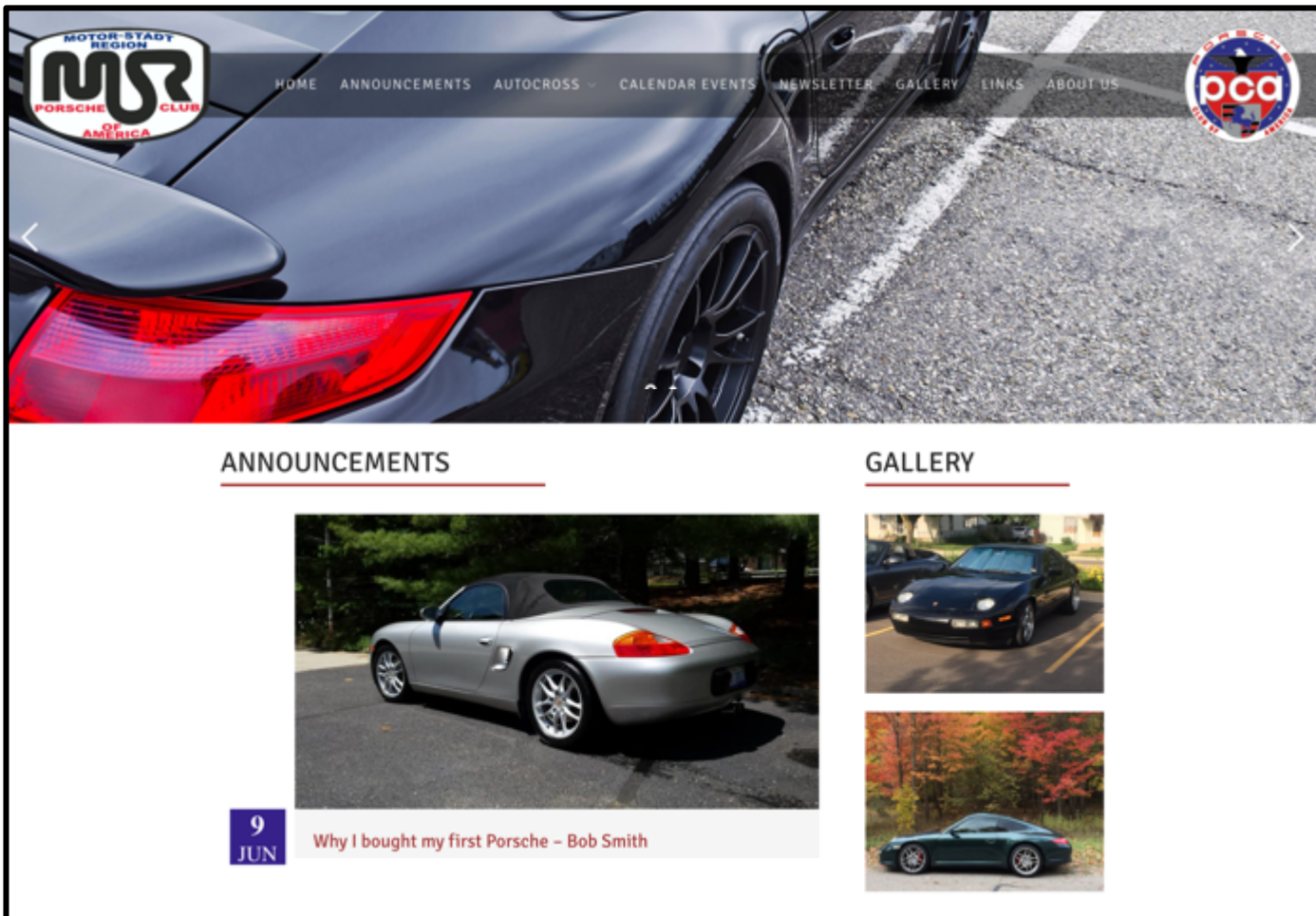
The monthly member's meeting at Spagnuolos the second Tuesday of the month have been **suspended** for the immediate future. When the current COVID-19 restrictions been lifted they may resume. The board will notify you via email blasts, in this publication, on our web page, and on our Facebook page when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



Madness will not be published in January—no club activities right now, it is winter, and the virus rages.



The new Motor-Stadt website is alive!



Check it out—<https://mst.pca.org>

The board will attempt to keep this new site up to date!



Thinking about a Christmas present for a Porsche lover? It's not too late to think BIG. I ran across this car in PCA's latest Fresh Mart (see Dec. 8 *E-Brake News*), and it really floats my boat! A 2008 (997) 911 Turbo Cabriolet, with dark blue metallic paint and a custom red interior. Wow!



The car has a bit higher mileage than I would like (64 K), and it's not cheap at \$65K asking, but what a car: 6-speed manual, all-wheel drive, and almost 500 hp on tap. Michigan is not cab territory right now...but come spring, to drop the top and take off into the country at the wheel of this creampuff would be car geek bliss. Check it out at <https://mart.pca.org/ads/47831>. You might regret not doing so.

Don Dickmann

Season's Greetings!

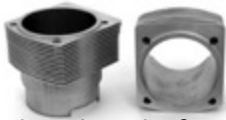


**It's been a challenging year.
This holiday season
we wish you good health;
safe, small, gatherings;
and a more upbeat 2021.**



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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 hate to do it but I have to sell my Porsche. I don't use it enough and I don't have a spot in my garage for it. As disappointed as I am to do it, I need to find out what I should do to get the best price for it. What do you suggest?
- Ted

A – Ted. I am sorry that you're in this situation. I would much rather offer you some driving suggestions, sell you a storage lift for your garage but if you mind is made up, here goes.

Wash the car well and walk around it looking for flaws. The prospective buyer will do this and you should be prepared to have your Porsche picked apart. If you have any door dings, have them removed by one of the fine paintless dent removers. The price is low and the quality is good. Buyers do not want to see any flaws in the finish that look neglected.

I suggest that you have the paint touched up. When done well, this is not inexpensive but if you want your car to be the stand out, it's got to look sharp. If you can't afford a professional job, pass on it. Don't try it yourself unless you have a basic solid color or the cure may be worse than the disease.

Have the car professionally high speed buffed to bring out the best that the paint has to offer. I do not suggest that you try this at home since high speed buffing requires finesse that only years of practice and experience can teach. You may not need this if your paint is already spectacular. If the thought of a buffing wheel scares you,

take the car to one of the reputable detail shops that advertise in the club newsletter. Ask for their advice.

Clean your wheels including the inside of the wheel, behind the spokes. This is just one more area that will be scrutinized by the buyer and don't forget the brake calipers and rotors. If you have rusty, aftermarket rotors, consider painting them if you can clearly see them through the spokes. When it looks like you haven't scrimped on maintenance, the buyer will be impressed.

Clean the wheel wells, the front bumper lower spoiler and any of the black plastic cladding on the lower part of the car then apply a heavy-duty protectant like "back to black" etc. The contrast will amaze you. For other black plastic surfaces, a protectant will bring back the color.

Clean the interior like you would before a concours when the judges will be giving it the evil eye. Remove the floor mats and unless they are in great shape, don't put them back in. Put them aside and if you sell it, give them to the owner as an afterthought. If the carpet in the car is stained, have it professionally steam cleaned. If the leather seats are dirty, use a good leather cleaner and if you have a darker leather, use neatsfoot oil to soften it up and even out the finish. It will smell like leather too.

The engine compartment needs to look sharp too. If you had oil leaks (and who didn't), wash oily residue of road grime off the bottom of the engine

with Gunk Engine Brite and your local power wash. This is a good time to clean that scum off the inside of the wheel wells too. Once you get the bottom of the engine clean, open the lid that see what looks ugly. A quick and easy engine coating that I use is "No Touch Tire Cleaner". It makes the rubber, fabric and plated surface look spiffy and it is easy to do. Once you

coat it, wipe off the excess and you will be amazed at the major difference for minimal effort.

Get every service invoice that you have for the car and put them in order. Consider an excel spread sheet that you can email to the buyer. I want the car that was owned by a well-organized, anal retentive, neat freak.

Got a question about your Porsche? E-mail it to 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.



Happy Holidays

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 Dec 8, 2020

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 (phone)

Secretary: Steve Lee

Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Don Dickmann

Board Member: James Yen

Board Member: ~~John Hotchkiss~~

Member:

Member:

Guest:

Proposed agenda for the Dec 8th meeting was approved unanimously. (Moved M. Haas / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Meeting Minutes of Oct 13th, 2020 were approved online. (The November meeting was cancelled)

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 134 primary, 71 affiliate members with 8 Junior members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark provided the report online prior to the meeting. PCA national was refunded the \$750 event money from the cancelled bridge event. The report was reviewed and approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded S. Lee)

Advertising and Insurance – Newsletter advertising invoices were sent and 2 of 3 expected checks have been received. Steve will follow up on the 3rd advertiser. No events requiring insurance are on the schedule.

Publications – The Dec/Jan newsletter is planned for publication in December pending the digital approval of these board meeting notes and Don has the latest issue of the president's letter.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- **Color tour** - The Serra Porsche dealership hosted a very well attended fall color tour on 17 Oct 20. The ~ 90 attendees left the dealership in Okemos and arrived at the Gilmore car museum. It was a huge success and again we thank the dealership and staff for hosting!
- Have an idea for an event? The club needs an event chair. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com for information.

Old Business:

- A brief discussion was held regarding how to keep our winter dinner tradition alive and safe under Covid-19 restrictions. We will do our best to find safe new ways to offer interesting events within required guidelines.

New Business:

- Board elections – Any PCA region member is welcome to apply for the board. Please post to FaceBook or contact any board member your interest in becoming a board member. We hold elections in January. We have open spots so please apply.
- Social media – The board agreed we need to make our web and Facebook pages a regular agenda item. We will include discussion on updates in our monthly meetings.
- Donations – Although we are not generating income with PCA events we feel we should be giving back to the community. The board will discuss potential donations after reviewing year end statements in January.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas)



From the Editor

I have been reading—often cover to cover—*Panorama* magazine since I joined PCA in 2010. I also subscribe to *Excellence* magazine, which features similar content as *Panorama*. Whereas I still enjoy reading these publications, I have the same complaint about both of them: too much emphasis on Porsche “hot rods.” The reviews of current Porsche models and restorations of older cars I find informative and interesting. I especially like the historical or strictly technical pieces. And features on racing will always be a part of Porsche story telling.

The emphasis on articles about highly modified and customized super cars, especially the so-called “outlaws,” is frankly not of much interest to me. Not that I object to a few reasonable add-ons from Porsche Tequipment or after-market suppliers, such as upgraded exhaust systems, suspension coil-overs, or classier wheels. I have done this myself. But the hot rods in question typically feature highly altered bodywork, completely upgraded “souped up” engines of a higher displacement than stock, reworked transaxles, expensive wheels, and plush full-leather interiors. Custom shops like Ruf, TechArt, and Singer are frequently involved. Plus, the stock car—maybe nice as it stood—is ruined. These custom jobs easily represent financial outlays of five to well up into six figures (a guess; they rarely tell you how much was spent) plus the initial cost of the car! Way out of the price range of most rank-and-file folks, even if we wanted to customize.

I am not proposing a complete ban on these customized profiles; what I’m saying is less may be more. Anyway, this is my beef and mine only. This column does not reflect the position of Motor-Stadt Region, its board, or PCA. Call it an editor’s prerogative if you like.

With that, I end this discouraging year by wishing you the best this holiday season and a better new year!

Don Dickmann



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