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We look forward to sharing the excitement with you.

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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

Wishing everyone a very Happy 2021! I am very happy that 2020 is in the past!

Starting off the new year, a new board has been elected for 2021 at the January 12 board/club meeting (see minutes on pages 20-21). Your officers for the Motor-Stadt Region for 2021:

- Ken Jones, President
- Terrill Whitney, Vice President
- Mark Haas, Treasurer
- Steve Lee, Secretary

Two at-large members for 2021:

- Don Dickmann
- James Yen

For 2021 the Motor-Stadt Zone 4 Representative is Lori Schutz.

A few things to start the new year with at Motor-Stadt:

We will continue to plan social, driving, and charity events that will be widely appealing and fall under the Covid-19 protocols. Motor-Stadt **Spring-Kickoff** will be held on April 24 at Serra Porsche of Okemos, more details to come. The board intends to hold a dinner event in place of the **Winter Dinner** after the majority of the at-risk population has had an opportunity for a Covid-19 vaccination. **Spring Autocross** will be held at at Corrigan Oil Speedway, more details to come. **Porsche on the Mac II** is on the schedule, so save the dates of August 6th, 7th, and 8th.

The past year 2020, was a very challenging year for Motor-Stadt. Due to Covid-19 we had to cancel the Spring-Kickoff at Serra Porsche of Okemos. Motor-Stadt still donated \$500 to help the Lansing Food Bank. We were still able to pull off three autocrosses in 2020! The Fall Color Tour, sponsored by Sierra Porsche of Okemos in October, was another highly attended event in 2020.

Our board/club meetings are being held on Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I will end by wishing you and your family a wonderful New Year! Hope to see you at a board meeting or a MST event this year!

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
Motor-Stadt President



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Terrill Whitney—Vice-president

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Editor

Jon Hotchkiss—At Large

James Yen—At Large

Webmaster—**Vacant**

Randy Kleiman—Legal Counsel

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 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 January 2021:

Primary	139
Affiliate	71
Life	0
Total	210
PCA Juniors	8

PCA national membership as of January 2021:

Primary	88,645
Affiliate	48,209
Life	17
Total	136,871

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Frances Abbott-Dereski, Hale, 2009 Cayenne

Jordon Bailey, Jackson, 2009 Cayman S

Patrick Dorcey, Wolverine, 2018 Macan Turbo

Kirsten Guenther, Saginaw, 2006 Boxster S

Jill Phinney, Fenton, 2021 Macan S

Welcome to the Club!



Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

As the world is starting to get back to some sort of normal, I hope this finds everyone feeling optimistic about 2021. Some of you may have already received the vaccine, others registered and waiting your turn. Your region boards are planning for a fun filled year.

Later in February, the annual Zone 4 President's meeting will happen in 2 evenings of zoom calls, rather than our typical gathering in Toledo for a day. This is when we hear from a member of the National Executive Committee with a PCA national update, and a few other national chair invited guests. This collaboration brings new ideas and resources to your region boards for the coming year's activities.

Is this your year to try something new with PCA? While it will likely be a few months away, there will be events starting up - driving schools, tech sessions, tours- you can think about attending in a safe manner. And, perhaps volunteer to assist in the execution of that event?

In the meantime, there are a few online resources to stay engaged with your PCA buddies. I hope you are getting eBrake news, in your email inbox. TechTactics has been a long running tech session event on both coasts. With the advent of COVID, this has gone online with sessions on the YouTube channel nearly every 2 weeks. You can view past sessions, and attend new sessions live. You can subscribe to the channel <https://www.youtube.com/porscheclubofamerica> and learn more about the history of Porsche cars, and what is coming in the future. Some sessions are deep dives into the car and feeding of your Porsche, and minor repairs. Check it out!

And visit our Sim Racing page, and enjoy some of the online racing with your region pals.

<https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/>. We just passed our 500th racer registration since the start of the program. What fun!

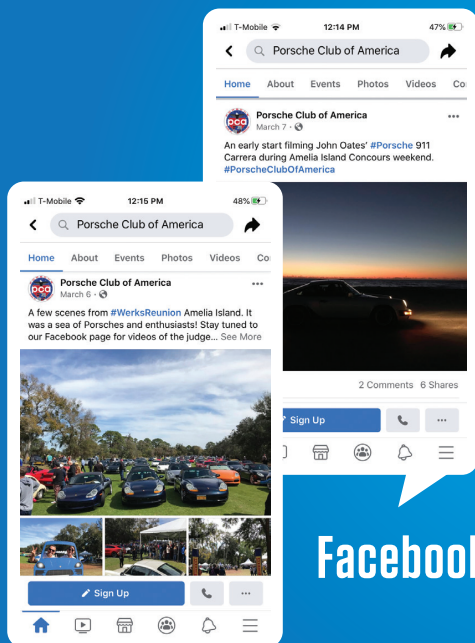
The racing season will be underway by the time you are reading this message. As many of you know, I'm a huge auto racing fan, and looking forward to the 24 Hours of Daytona, Daytona 500, and the start up of the Formula 1 and IndyCar series to follow.

Stay safe and warm, and we'll see you soon!

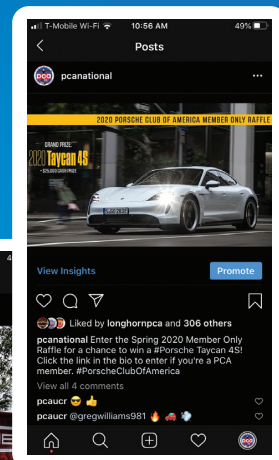
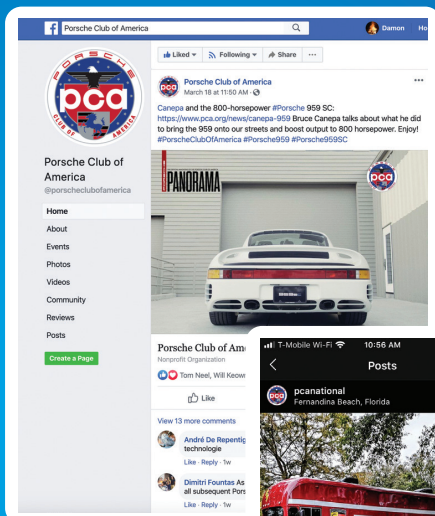
Lori Schutz

Zone 4 Representative

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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



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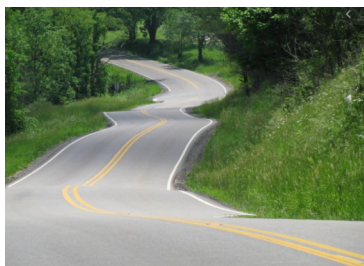


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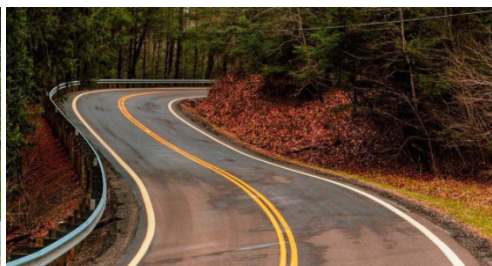
Ohio 555, Hocking Hills and Surrounding Driving Tour

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>



For more information, please contact:

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- SEM PCA: Lucas Phan (lucas.a.phan@gmail.com) ; ph:248-787-8611 or Jim Williams (jbwcfp@gmail.com) ; ph:248-561-8301

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 MARCH 9...CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

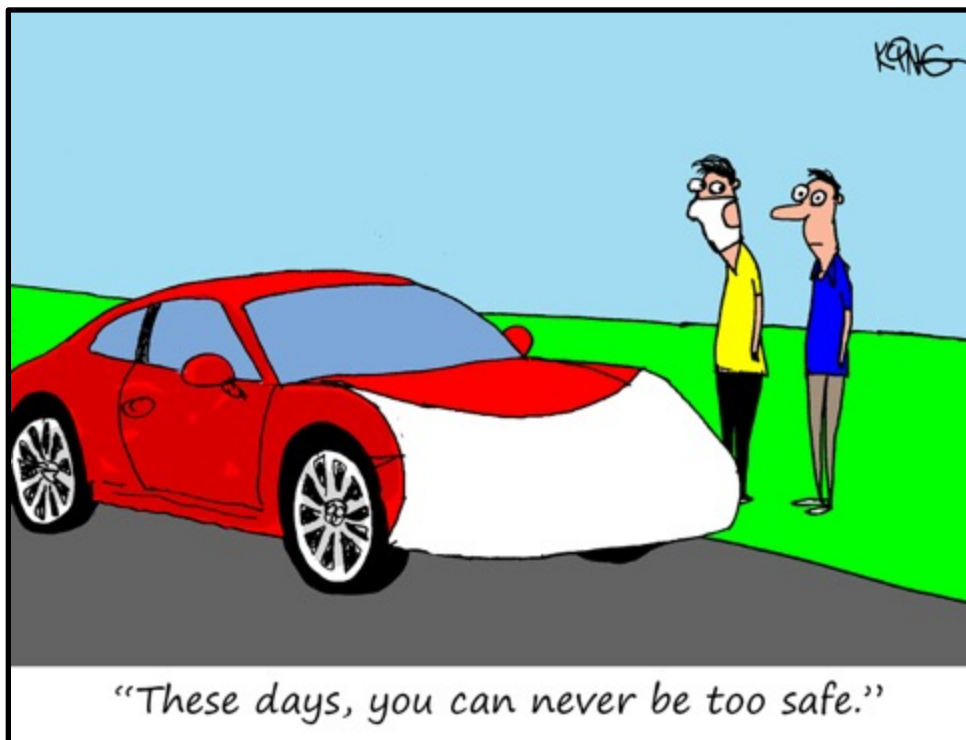


Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar

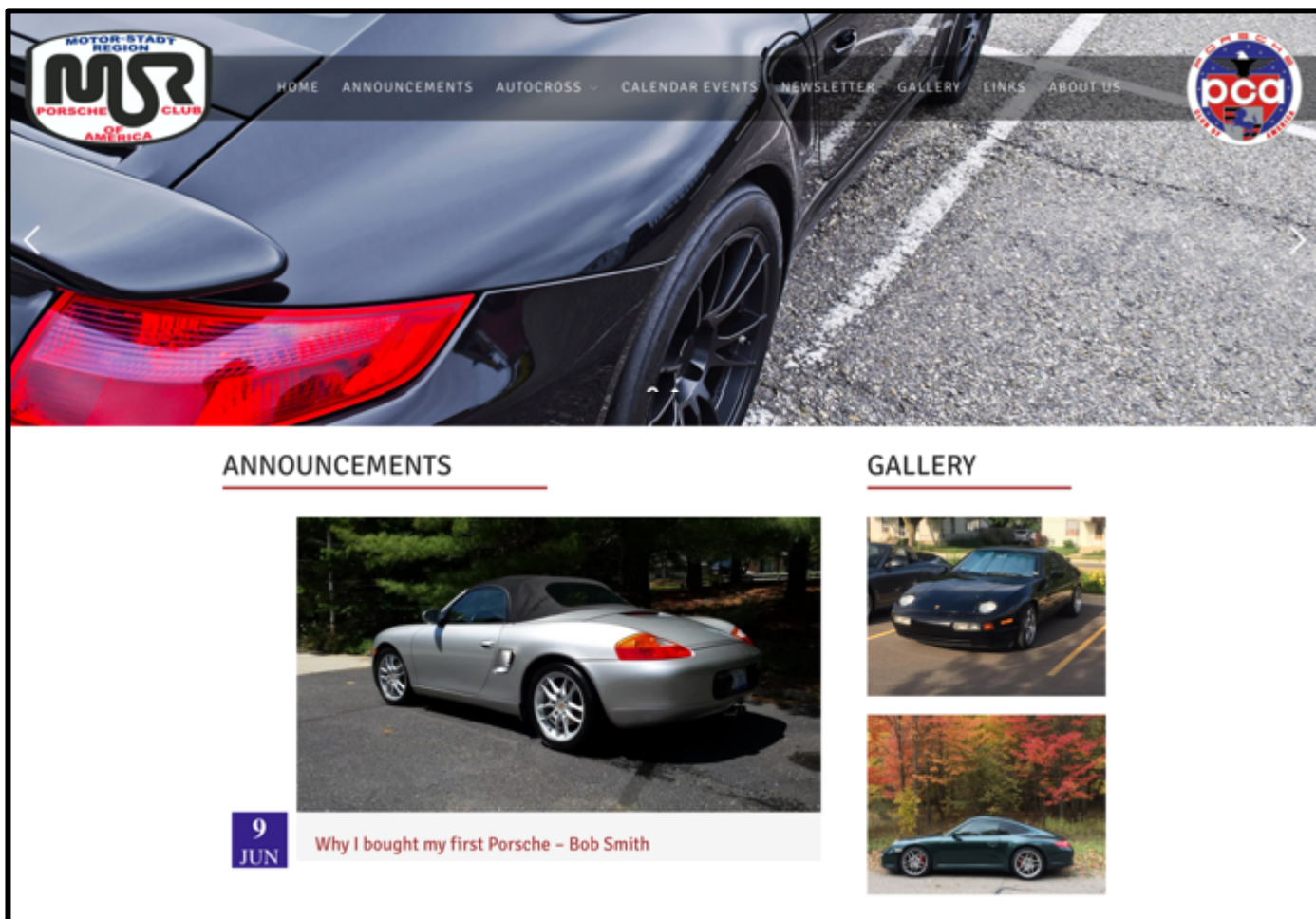
Note: Most dates are tentative at this point.

- 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.
- **Spring Kickoff** at Serra Auto Campus/Porsche of Okemos will be held on Saturday, **April 24**.
- **Autocross I** will occur on Saturday, **May 22** at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason.
- **Autocross II** on Saturday **June 26** at Corrigan.
- **Porsche on the Mac II, August 6-8**, St. Ignace, MI. These 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.



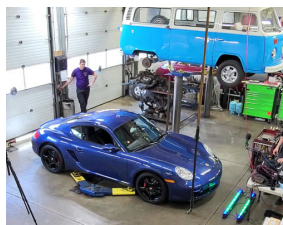
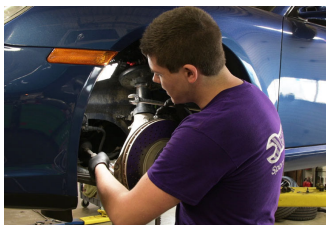
The new Motor-Stadt website is alive!



Check it out—<https://mst.pca.org>

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

Virtual Porsche Tech Session



**It's been a long time.
We miss tech sessions, too.
That's why we're hosting one
you can attend from anywhere.
Watch as we install a track
suspension on a Cayman
(including live Q&A with
Porsche techs)**

We will also discuss:

- Corner weighting
- Track alignment
- IMS bearings & failures
- The Element fire extinguisher
- Porsche FAQs
- and more!

**You do not need to install the Zoom app to
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When

**Sat., April 10
10 am - 1 pm**

Where

**Online
Your house or garage!**

How

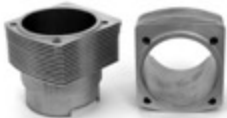
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Ask the **MASTER CYLINDER**

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 - On my 1991 C4 Cab, the intermittent wipers and the "park" function have been inoperative for quite a while. My dash lights have been intermittently failing for a while. Now they are completely out as well. I can't drive in the rain and at night, I can't see my dashboard. Are these problems related? I checked the fuses and they all look good. Electricity mystifies me. Help! Gary

A - You are not alone Gary, electrical problems / gremlins have challenged and annoyed me for over 50 years. One myth that I continue to try and dispel is that you can check a fuse (or a bulb) by looking at it. You might say that is bunk, that you can see a blown fuse or a burnt-out bulb my looking at them but I have been fooled dozens of times when I would have been better off walking a few steps over to my tool box to get my meter.

On the wipers, I begin by testing the fuse for power at both sides of the fuse. Usually, power is getting to the fuse and the problem is not on the supply side of the circuit but on the load side. If the fuse is getting power but the circuit is still dead, remove the fuse and look for signs or heat or burning on the spades of the fuse. Next take a look at the top of the fuse holder in the fuse box to see if it looks charred or melted. (You will need a strong light and a magnifying glass.) If you see evidence of melting, you are onto something. At this point you will want to lift the body of the fuse box up and take a peek under it to see if any other burning or melting is evident underneath where it is hard to see.

The last example of this problem I saw involved a melted portion of the fuse panel. A temporary cure is to twist the spades of the fuse so it fits tighter onto the loose terminals in the fuse box. I can't give you odds on how long this will last and

eventually, you may need to replace the fuse box. Another, more-practical-and-safe but not factory approved method involves feeding the circuit through an external fuse holder outside of the fuse box. This is reasonably priced but if you want to keep it original, a new fuse box will hurt.

The dash illumination operates through the light switch, fuse box and a computerized relay. One way to check the relay involves twisting it slightly to see if the lights start working. The reason I choose to start at the relay is the intermittent nature of the symptom. When relays start getting flaky, sometimes moving them around will bring them back to life for a while.

In the case of the last failure I was involved in, we popped the cover off the relay, inspected with a magnifying glass and sure enough, found a circuit where the solder had not fully melted into the prong sticking through the circuit board. Odd that it took twenty years to fail. In this situation I recommend a new relay but when you search for one, you discover no one stocks them locally. So we re-soldered the offending circuit and Bingo! Dash lights!

Intermittent wiper and wiper parking problems have plagued my own car...for years. I have gotten used to parking them manually. Frankly, as a short guy, I like parking them on the right side of the windshield rather than the left. I do miss the intermittent feature but you know what they say about "the shoe makers kids going barefoot".

On your Carrera, the intermittent feature (and park) is controlled by another one of those pesky computerized relays that get flaky with age. Try that twisting trick on the relay and if it works, your choice, replace or fix. - MC

Q - Last month you gave me some great advice about how to get my 944 out of storage after ten years and now I wonder what else? Gino

A - Clearly having a running engine is number one and now the next process is resurrecting the brakes. In many cases, the brake pedal will be high and the brakes may actually function. Don't trust them! They will fool you and after a few trips around the block, they may be smoking and they may fade entirely.

The plan is to verify that the brake calipers move freely and that the pistons retract after pushing the pedal. One easy way to tell is to take a few hot laps around the block, jack up the car and see if the wheels spin freely. If they don't, remove the wheels and remove the pads. Do it one caliper at a time. Have an assistant gently depress the brake pedal and watch the pistons move out. If they actually move, have him/her release the pedal and then watch them retract. If they do, it will be ever so slightly but noticeable to the naked eye. The problem is that the pistons will usually extend, even when they are stiff.

If after ten years of the pistons function, you are truly blessed. If not, you will need to consider your options regarding the brake system in general. Consider the age and condition of the pads. Inspect the caliper boots, feel the slide mechanisms, try opening a bleeder valve, inspect the hoses, inspect the rotors (pretty rusty aren't they) and with the pads out of the calipers, how do the rotors spin and how do the bearings feel.

If you want the brake system to work perfectly, all those things need to be serviced and If you drove your 944 for 10 years and it sat for another 10, every

rubber part of the system is suspect. For instance, the internal rubber components of the calipers, even if they work today, cannot work like new after 20 years. And the flex hoses, even if they look fine externally, will tend to swell internally. Then they act as check valves allowing pressure to pass but not allowing the brakes to release. So, after resurrecting your car, brakes are the next major system that will need to be addressed. Stay tuned for next month where we get into the clutch system.
- MC

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.



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 Jan 12, 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 (phone)

Secretary: Steve Lee

Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Don Dickmann

Board Member: James Yen

Board Member: ~~John Hotchkiss~~

Member:

Member:

Guest:

Special Meeting for Election of Officers

A motion to approve the special meeting agenda was approved unanimously (Moved M. Haas / Seconded D. Dickmann)

The board was disappointed to receive no inquiries for new board members from the general membership

Ken Jones accepted the nomination to continue as president. (Moved T. Whitney / Seconded S. Lee, approved unanimously)

Terrill Whitney accepted the nomination to continue as vice-president. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas, approved unanimously)

Mark Haas accepted the nomination to continue as Treasurer. (Moved K. Jones / Seconded D. Dickmann approved unanimously)

Steve Lee accepted the nomination to continue as Secretary. (Moved M. Haas / Seconded J. Yen approved unanimously)

A motion to close the special election meeting was approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded M. Haas)

Regular Board Meeting for January 12th

Proposed agenda for the Jan 12th 2021 meeting was approved unanimously. (Moved J. Yen / Seconded M. Haas)

Meeting Minutes of Dec 8th, 2020 were approved online.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 137 primary, 71 affiliate members with 8 Junior members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark provided the report online prior to the meeting. No new expenses since the last meeting. Mark reported \$2,369.04 in checking and \$10,001.74 in the investment account for a total of \$12,370.78. Mark will investigate the records for any 4th quarter funds directly deposited from PCA national. The report was reviewed and approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded K. Jones)

Advertising and Insurance – All 3 newsletter advertisers have agreed to continue in 2021 and checks have been received. Steve has followed up on a new advertiser *BnS Racing*. They supply data acquisition systems for sports cars. Initial contact has been favorable and advertising costs provided. No events requiring insurance are currently on the schedule.

Publications – The next newsletter is planned for February publication.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- Have an idea for an event? The club needs an event chair. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com for information.

Old Business:

- The board discussed holding a dinner event in place of the winter dinner after the majority of the population has had an opportunity for a Covid-19 vaccination and restaurant restrictions have been lifted.

New Business:

- Porsche on the Mac II is on the schedule for 2021 so save the dates of August 6th, 7th and 8th
- A discussion regarding the turnout at the color tour (~47 cars) and how we may reach out to capture new members from the dealership contacts was held. We will be requesting the dealership to add a PCA membership flyer in their next mailing.
- Social media – The board agreed we need to update our web and Facebook pages and plan to do so as soon as we can meet in person. Thanks to those who have posted to FaceBook to keep it updated.
- Donations – A motion was made to donate \$500 to the Lansing food bank and approved unanimously. (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded T. Whitney)
- A board member was approached about a joint autocross event with the Capital Corvette Club. The potential event was discussed and next steps pursued.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Feb 9th, 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: ~~John Hotchkiss~~

Member:
Member:
Guest:

Proposed agenda for the Feb 9th 2021 meeting was approved unanimously. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Meeting Minutes of Jan 12th, 2021 were previously approved online.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 139 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 after making a \$500 donation to the Lansing food bank we have \$1,869.04 in checking and \$9,930.06 in the investment account for a total of \$11,799.10. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen)

Advertising and Insurance – No new advertising or insurance items to report. Approved (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded T. Whitney)

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

Committee Reports / Activities:

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Old Business:

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- The board intends to hold a dinner event in place of the winter dinner after the majority of the at risk population has had an opportunity for a Covid-19 vaccination.

New Business:

- Calendar of events (All dates tentative at this point)
 - Spring kickoff at Serra Porsche April 24th
 - Autocross May 22nd (Terrill will reach out to the track owner for availability)
 - Autocross Jun 26th (Terrill will reach out to the track owner for availability)
 - Porsche / Corvette challenge July / August timing pending club and track coordination
- New member flyer – Steve agreed to draft a promotional PCA flyer to leave with the dealership. The intent that every time a Porsche leaves the dealership, they include a flyer to help boost membership
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

I have been talking with the Competition Director for the Capital City Corvette Club about a possible joint event for this coming season: **The Porsche-Corvette Challenge**, an autocross held at Corrigan Oil Speedway. This event is not my idea. My brother lives in central Florida and belongs to the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club. For three years now they have been holding a challenge event with the Space Coast Porsche Club. Each club designates 12 drivers to run on a designated autocross course, with each driver given about 6 runs. An average of each driver's times is computed and then an overall team time average determines the winner. Only street-legal cars are allowed; no strictly racing modifications, slicks, or modified cars trailered in are permitted. The clubs alternate years in setting up the course. I believe Porsche has won every event.

Our event still is in preliminary planning stages. Our board has approved moving ahead with it, and the response so far from the Corvette Club has been enthusiastic. We will set a date soon and then get down to the business of setting the rules of our event. The rules will be similar to the Florida event, although we can establish any rules we agree upon.

My only reservation at this point is convincing enough drivers from Motor-Stadt to participate. Attendance at our autocross events at Corrigan by club members has been discouraging; we typically have six or fewer Porsches show up to compete. Having a bunch of no-shows or not meeting our driver quota would be embarrassing, to say the least. The Corvette Club seems to be much more active than our club, and their membership is concentrated locally. I am sure they will provide the requisite number of drivers. We may have to call in nearby Porsche clubs—e.g., Western Michigan or Rally Sport—for help.

Stay tuned for more information as plans are firmed up.

