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## *President's Letter*

Well folks, July is looking a little bit better! As I stated in June's newsletter, the "Stay at Home Order" has been lifted, stores and restaurants are opening up and people are getting out. But there is still social distancing and wearing masks to stay safe and healthy. Early in July, Ingham County had a big setback with Covid-19 when a local bar reported a large outbreak related to their operation. Sometimes things remain the same with issues and with weather that we cannot control. That old jinx rain cropped up for our June autocross, again it had to be canceled due to rain. This month Motor-Stat has the July 25th Autocross event still planned. Also, Porsche on the Mac II has been canceled due to Covid-19 issues! We are very sorry about having to cancel because we were all looking forward to that event.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

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Ken Jones  
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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

If you are interested contact the  
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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.

### 2020 Board Meeting Dates

|                |                |                |               |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| January<br>14  | February<br>11 | March<br>10    | April<br>14   |
| May<br>12      | June<br>9?     | July<br>14     | August<br>11  |
| September<br>8 | October<br>13  | November<br>10 | December<br>8 |





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## Membership News

### Motor-Stadt membership as of June 2020:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Primary      | 127        |
| Affiliate    | 66         |
| Life         | 0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>193</b> |
| PCA Juniors  | 10         |

### PCA national membership as of June 2020:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Primary      | 86,288         |
| Affiliate    | 47,552         |
| Life         | 17             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>133,857</b> |

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

**Don Brock**

Montrose, 2001 911 Turbo

**Steve Hammond**

Charlotte, 1975 911S

**Joe Lavendar**

Cheboygan, 2006 Cayman S

**Welcome to the Club!**





## Around the Zone

By Lori Schutz

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

We are heading toward the back half of 2020 – what has turned out to be a year we will never forget, when the world became more unified and divided at the same time. Here in Zone 4, I can share with you that I am very proud of our region leadership teams. They have participated in many conference calls and emails preparing for a safe re-entry to our event season. June was our turning point, when state guidance began to shift in the later phases of COVID protection in many areas of Zone 4.

My first event back in the saddle was to join the Ohio Valley Region at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. I was joined by many fellow solo DE drivers and instructors for a great weekend of sunshine, and track sessions. Due to COVID restrictions, we were limited to one person per car, so no student instruction was possible. Despite this, the 5 run groups were full to capacity. The following weekend I ventured over to Grand Rapids, to spend the Saturday morning at Grattan Raceway for a 2-day DE, solo only, with Rally Sport Region. All safe practices of masks, social distancing staying healthy were followed. A fine no-incident weekend! Thanks to Christian Maloof and his team for a job well done.

Then on Sunday, I joined Southeast Michigan for their first spring tour event. Lucas Phan planned a fantastic route, with step by step iphone google map instructions. Lisa Molzon greeted everyone, COVID safely, in the starting parking lot. We had 5 groups staged 10 minutes apart, with safety briefings with social distancing. We all met up in a large park in the town square for the end to a great day.

Onto the infamous Third Thursday celebration with THE Mid-Ohio region in Galena, OH. The late afternoon rain kept some from coming out, the rest of us had a super time. A german-style Food Truck provided great choices for a summer evening picnic and a great lawn full of Porsches, and a few 'other cars'. Stephanie and I demonstrated 'safe social distancing' hellos!

I look forward to seeing you soon at a region event!

Lori -

Your Proud Zone 4 Representative -

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Photo 1 OVR President Bill Altwater is 'caught' sitting in my Pink Chair in the garage at Mid-Ohio. (Photo Lori Schutz)



Photo 2 SEM's Lucas give the safety briefing to one of the groups before they leave on the spring tour (Photo Lori Schutz)



Photo 3 Stephanie demonstrates safe mask practice at the 3rd Thursday outdoor event (photo courtesy Stephanie Bahr MORPCA.)



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### WEEKEND OF EVENTS:

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Cars and Coffee, Ford Bronco Design Seminar and Lunch, British Invasion II

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## ~~Porsche on the Mac II~~

~~July 31-August 2, 2020~~

Due to the rise in COVID-19 infections the Board of Motor-Stadt has canceled this event. Credit card refunds to those who had registered will be processed a.s.a.p.



## 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 AUGUST 11...MAYBE**





## *Motor-Stadt 2020 Event Calendar*

- **The Autocross** scheduled at Corrigan Oil Speedway on June 27 was canceled due to weather. The rain date of July 25 is still on the calendar. Masks and maintaining appropriate distancing will be enforced.
- **Porsche on the Mac II**, July 31-August 2, St. Ignace MI. Has been **canceled**. Registration fees will be refunded as soon as possible.
- **Autocross Practice II** will be held on Saturday August 15 (rain date August 22) at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason.

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.

**Still on the  
schedule** →

~~**Autocross  
Practice I**~~

~~May 16 (rain  
date May 23)~~

**Autocross  
(not IROC)**

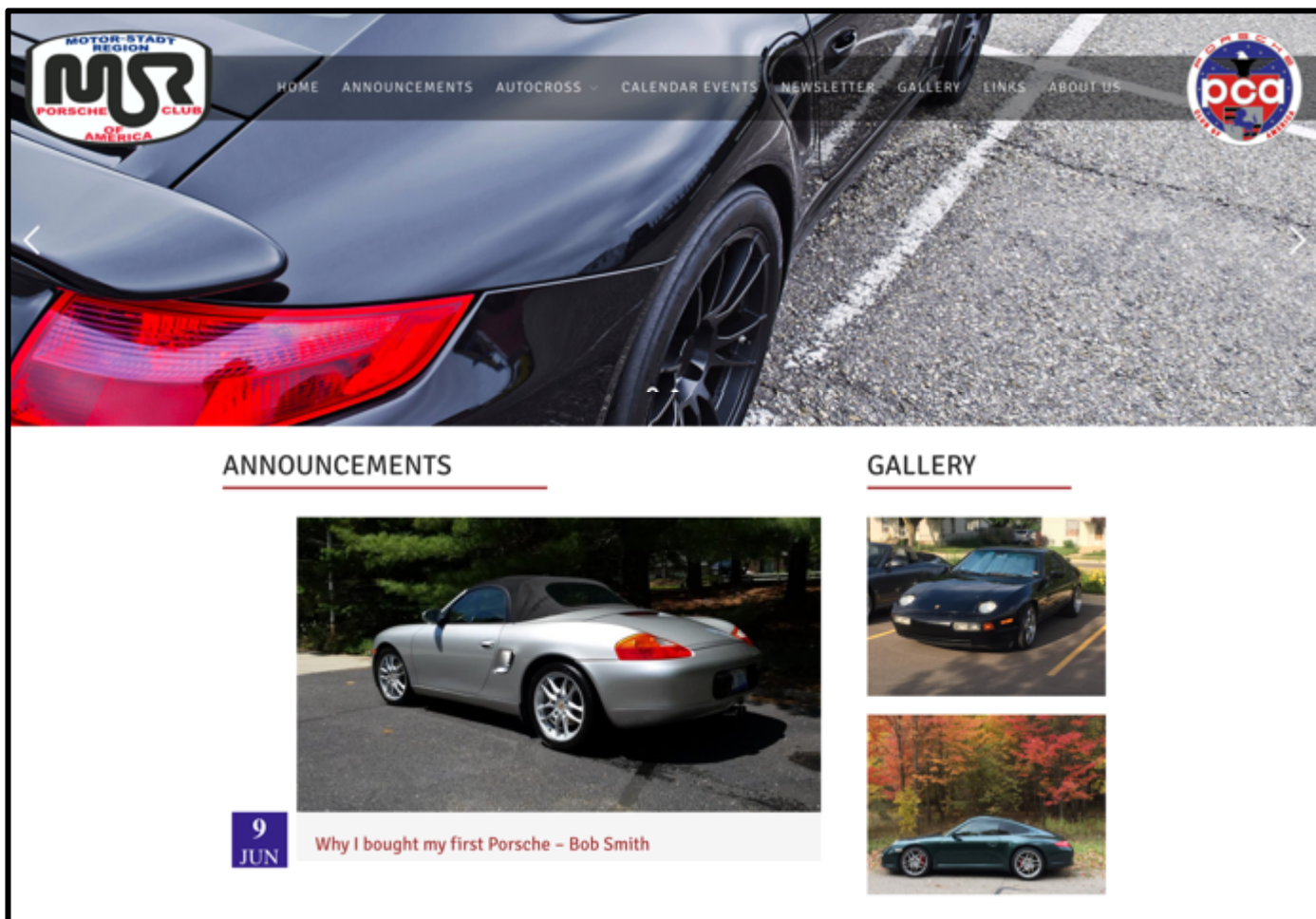
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**Autocross  
Practice II**

Aug. 15 (rain  
date Aug. 22)



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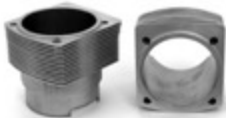
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## Ask the **MASTER CYLINDER**

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 am planning on taking my 87 Carrera on a 4,000 mile trip and I want some advice. The car has 90,000 miles on it and it runs great except for some roughness in the idle when it is cold and a very slight glow in the alternator warning light at night. I also notice a small trail of oil at the front of the engine and I think it might be the main seal (although it was replaced 30,000 miles ago). I also spotted a small oil leak at the rear underneath the air conditioning compressor bracket. I plan on replacing the tires and doing some other maintenance but I really do not want to take any chances on a long trip. What do you suggest? Chris*

A – First of all, do not wait until the last minute to have the car inspected. If it has been a number of years since the last complete service, be prepared for some surprises. Even the best kept car suffers from age-related problems after 27 years. The inspection will dictate what the priorities are but some problems that these cars suffer from are common and well-documented. Here goes:

As for the idle roughness, the most common failure I have seen is vacuum leaks from breather hoses that you can barely see when you look inside the engine compartment. That is where a smoke test is employed. Smoke from a smoke generator is fed into the intake at very low pressure and then you can view leaks. An inspection mirror on a goose neck or bore scope may make it possible to see behind components since leaks usually occur in places you cannot see. There is one common vacuum leak from a small vacuum hose that is factory crimped onto a metal line. It is probably cracked or broken and this one alone will cause idle roughness. There are also two very large breather hoses which are also probably

cracked. Odds are you cannot see *where* they are cracked with the engine in the car.

At 90K the car is due for a valve adjustment and oil leak services that are to be expected on a car of this age. Although the main seal may be leaking, the more likely source would be one of three things; the oil thermostat O-ring, breather gasket, or the oil pressure switch. These are all located on top of the engine

This leads to the next rather large labor operation which makes the sensors and oil leaks easy (by comparison). I would suggest that you remove the power train from the car. You can replace the sensors and reseal those leaks with the engine out of the car and for an early Carrera, it is not too difficult or time consuming.

With the power train removed, you will have easy access to the clutch and main seal components. Whether it is leaking or not, the main seals for both the engine and transaxle should be replaced and for good measure, I would service the clutch linkage components and replace the clutch slave cylinder if it is original. Before the power train is removed, you will be draining the oil and I would suggest that you also drain the transmission oil. This is a good time to change the transmission oil and filling it can be easily done by turning the unit on its side and just pouring it in with a funnel. You can't do that with the unit in the car.

Since the axles will be removed to pull the power train, you can feel them for sloppy joints and either lubricate them or replace them if you do not want to take any chances. I have found that by 90,000 miles, they are pretty well worn out. They are not very expensive either and since they will be out of the car anyway, there is no additional labor involved...Bonus!

The glowing warning light would prompt me to replace the alternator based on the length of your trip and the age of the unit. Do not be surprised if the alternator mounting bracket is cracked. Most of them have cracks by now and Porsche no longer supplies the part. A Bosch remanufactured alternator is very reasonably priced and therefore you might consider it cheap insurance. The brackets are now made in U.S.A. by an aftermarket company and compared to the factory part, they are much stronger and I would be surprised if they would ever crack since they are made of a much better aluminum alloy versus the original material. Be careful not to sandblast the alternator outer pulley. That could lead to a very short lifespan for the belt!

With the engine out, based on age and mileage, you should plan to replace both the speed and reference sensors which are located at the front of the engine on the driver's side. To put it in perspective, with the engine in the car, it might take five hours, with the engine on the table, maybe an hour! The same thing applies to the oxygen sensor. It is right in front of you with the motor out, not so with the engine in. A usually missing component, the sound absorbing pad, can be replaced the engine out of the car and this is impossible with the engine in the car, so your trip can be a little quieter too. Those two likely cracked breather hoses can be easily evaluated and replaced when you do not have to climb inside the engine compartment and give it a big bear hug to reach them.

Maintenance is much easier with the engine on the table including spark plugs, valve adjustment, distributor cap and rotor (if you need it) and air filter service. For insurance, I would plan to replace the ignition coil. While the engine is out, the two harness plugs that tend to loosen and corrode over

time can be easily accessed and serviced so you can safely ignore them for the next decade. There are two oil lines on the rear of the engine which are either leaking now or may have already been replaced. They will be easy to access with the motor out and for peace of mind, either replace the line assemblies or the rubber hose component of the lines.

At this age and mileage, how do the brakes work? How much moisture is in the brake fluid? Brakes that work fine on short trip local driving have a way of surprising you on mountain roads when the car is loaded with luggage and being driven for hours at 90 MPH! Typically, the rubber boots for the calipers are very stiff, may be cracked or even torn wide open. Plan to have the calipers removed, cleaned, resealed and if you are a geek like me, paint them red while you are at it. You will find that after 27 years, the caliper bores are not "like new" nor are the pistons. When it comes to brakes, you cannot have too much peace of mind. A natural progression is to clean, inspect, repack, and reseal the front wheel bearings while you have everything apart. In the rear, you will have a bird's eye view of the hand brake mechanism and you will be able to check the rear wheel bearings for noise or looseness as well.

So, with the car inspected, serviced and massaged from top to bottom, you should have a trouble-free trip, with no fluid leaks, no noises, and no worries. Enjoy. – MC

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\* 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**



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## PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes July 14, 2020

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

### Present:

President: Ken Jones  
Vice President: Terrill Whitney  
Secretary: Steve Lee  
Treasurer: Mark Haas (Remote)

Board Member: Don Dickmann  
Board Member: James Yen  
Board Member: ~~John Hotchkiss~~

Member:  
Member:  
Guest:

**Proposed agenda** for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved unanimously. (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded T. Whitney)

**Meeting Minutes** of June 9, 2020 were approved online.

**Membership** – Ken reported that the current membership total is 193 (127 primary, 66 affiliate and 10 junior members).

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark provided the report online. Highlights included \$750 from PCA for the Porsches on the Mac event and the final payment \$639 was made for the web site development and training. The report was approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded S. Lee)

**Advertising and Insurance** – No new advertising to report. Insurance was applied for for the Porsches on the Mac event. National has requested we provide a link to the MI ruling on events Regarding Covid-19. Ken provided the link and Steve will forward to PCA national.

**Publications** – The July newsletter is ready for publication pending the digital approval of these board meeting notes and the latest issue of the president's letter.

### Committee Reports / Activities:

- **Autocross** – The June 27<sup>th</sup> event was canceled due to the prior nights rain and track flooding. The July 25 rain date will be our next opportunity. We ask for patience as we work within the new social distancing guidelines. The Aug 15 (rain date Aug 22) event is still on our calendar.
- 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:

- Porsches on the Mac – Much discussion was held over canceling the Porsches on the Mac event. With new government policies and increasing Covid-19 cases the board was very concerned over the safety of our members. A motion was made to hold the event contingent on 1) an e-mail to the attendees informing them that strict compliance to all state and local guidelines regarding Covid-19 must be followed or the offending attendee will be asked to leave the event without refund. 2) PCA approves the insurance waiver request. The motion was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen). Registration remains open and 107 cars are registered!

### New Business:

- Ken reported during the national PCA board meeting he learned PCA is still operating at a break even condition.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary





## *From the Editor*

As principal organizer of **Porsche on the Mac II**, I have been struggling to find ways to make this event work in this time of COVID-19. Registration response has been gratifying; lots of folks wanted to attend the reincarnation of this event. By last count we had 107 cars registered. Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Representative, has enthusiastically promoted the event and arranged for a block of rooms and a Friday evening reception at the Breakers Resort. The members of the board who could attend—Ken Jones, Steve Lee, and Mark Hass—were willing to do what was necessary to make the event happen. I had planned out some interesting guided and self-guided driving tours in the Upper and northern Lower peninsulas that would have been fun for Porsche drivers.

But the COVID virus conspired against us. The city of St. Ignace Health Department recently cancelled all large-crowd events for the summer, including the Blues and Brews festival that was to occur on the Saturday evening of our bridge event and to which we would have had complimentary admission. Porsche on the Mac was just about the only major event left standing. Governor Witmer's July 17 Executive Order 2020-153 mandated that everyone must wear a mask in indoor public spaces and crowded outdoor spaces. That order would have greatly complicated the running of the event, but we would have enforced it. After much discussion and soul searching, the Board of Motor-Stadt decided to cancel the bridge event due to the complications of the ongoing pandemic. Next year it is Minis on the Mac's turn. Maybe, looking forward to a brighter future, we can anticipate another Porsche on the Mac in 2022.

Don Dickmann