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Editor—Don Dickmann

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

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 may be held remotely.

2020 Board Meeting Dates

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





Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of October 2020:

Primary	136
Affiliate	71
Life	0
Total	207
PCA Juniors	10

PCA national membership as of October 2020:

Primary	87,907
Affiliate	48,107
Life	17
Total	136,031

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

No new members in October

Welcome to the Club!



Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

So what to do for the next few months? The PCA Sim Racing program is moving to the Zone level for competitive events. Led by Dave Palmer from our Zone 4, teaming up with a few leads from Zone 2 – there is a full schedule of eDE for practice, qualifying and racing. Visit <https://pcasimracing.com/> for the overall program information. The Zone Racing program combines zones into 3 groups - Zone 2&4 are together. Visit our Zone Racing page at <https://pcasimracing.com/zones-group-2-4/> for additional contact information, racing rules, and dates.

As the weather turns, the leaves turn, we flip over one more page of the calendar for 2020. A year in many respects we'd like to forget! Yet, we aren't forgetting what is most important to us – our friends and the giving nature of our PCA regions. So many of you are having virtual events and still maintaining your giving to your charities. Thanks so much for your continued support.



Photo 1 Crossing the Bricks - David Clardy and Lori Schutz, photo by John at Fluid Photo

We wrapped up our High Performance Driver Education series in October. With a late start this year, we finished strong, with many regions successful holding solo only events and filling our rosters to keep the treasury in the positive. I was able to join THE Mid-Ohio region for their finale at Indy – see the photo above from the Saturday afternoon touring laps of the

oval. How much fun to get to be on both tracks in both directions on the same day! At the request of the Speedway and Mr. Penske, we kept our masks on at all times, except when wearing a helmet. Great selfie with MOR President Gerhard Hillman with our masks from the 25th annual PCA Club Race from earlier this year.

Color tours happened all across the Zone, what great fun to drive down the highways and byways with our Porsche friends to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. They are gone all too soon.



Enjoy the fall weather and stay safe! – Lori zone4rep@national.pca.org



Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

It's not just the cars. And it's not just the grown-ups. PCA is about the kids too!

The PCA Juniors program is here for kids to enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and continue the passion that runs throughout the Porsche Club of America. As a PCA member, you may sign up your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew under the age of 18. It's free to join! Your PCA Junior will receive a welcome box with an ID name badge in the mail. Many region events include activities for children and teens geared to grow enthusiasm for Porsche and PCA for generations to come.

SIGN UP HERE. IT'S FREE! <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors>

The PCA Juniors program has worked with coloring book illustrator Fireball Tim to create custom coloring sheets for you to download and enjoy.

DOWNLOAD HERE: <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors-activities>

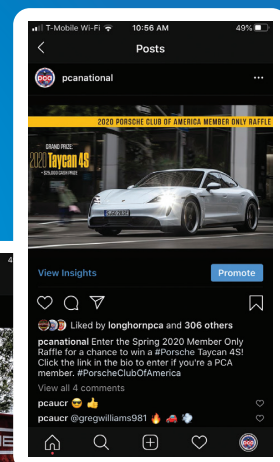
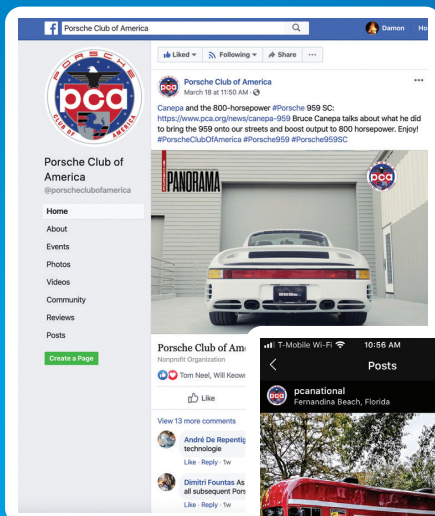


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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



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



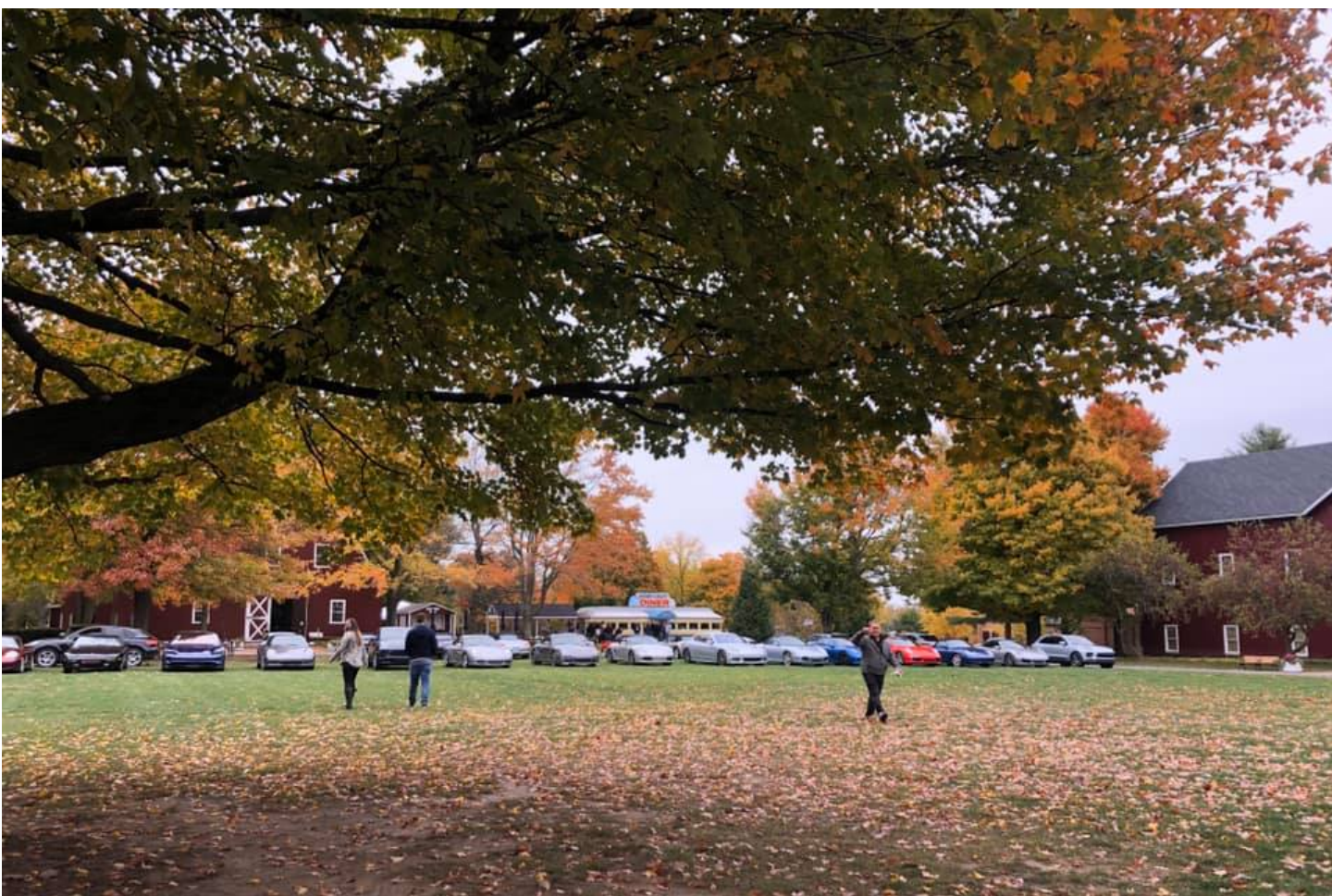
NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 8...CANCELLED



Motor-Stadt 2020 Event Calendar

- No events are planned for the remainder of 2020.

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.



Fall Color Tour

Report by James Yen



With another Michigan fall passing into another winter, it was time for the annual Porsche of Okemos Color Tour. This was the first event our local dealership has been able to host at their new location, the Serra Auto Campus. These gorgeous new facilities include three distinct locations for each of their three marques. The Porsche showroom and service area includes an owner's lounge with a viewing area to watch the technicians at work on your vehicle.

Scott McDaniel, General Manager, and Marlon Olivas, Porsche Service Advisor, introduced us to a beautiful 2020 Taycan Turbo in Gentian Blue Metallic. If you have not had chance to explore and experience the Taycan, it's quite an amazing vehicle and 100% Porsche. It's everything you would expect from a company with the performance and heritage of Porsche with the new technology of an electrified powertrain. In addition to sharing the new dealership services, Chris Adkins from CarMedic was also on hand to answer questions about paintless dent removal services available through a partnership with Serra Auto Campus.

After a brief presentation from Scott and Marlon, the 90+ attendees were ready to set out in to enjoy the Michigan roads with hundreds of Porsche horses behind us (and some in front).

This year's route took us from Okemos to the Gilmore Car Museum. The route was painstakingly charted by Don Dickmann and Marlon. It took us through some curvy country roads, stretches of open highway, and a few Michigan villages and hamlets. Even for those that may have gotten lost: the roads, the view, and the company made the miles enjoyable.

After arriving at the Gilmore, we were directed to a central paddock for our group in the center of the Gilmore's grounds. Serra Auto Campus treated our group to lunch at the Blue Moon Diner. We were then free to explore the over 190,000 square feet of automobile history. In addition to self-guided exploration of the museum grounds, the Gilmore offered guided tours by their staff of their fantastic collection.

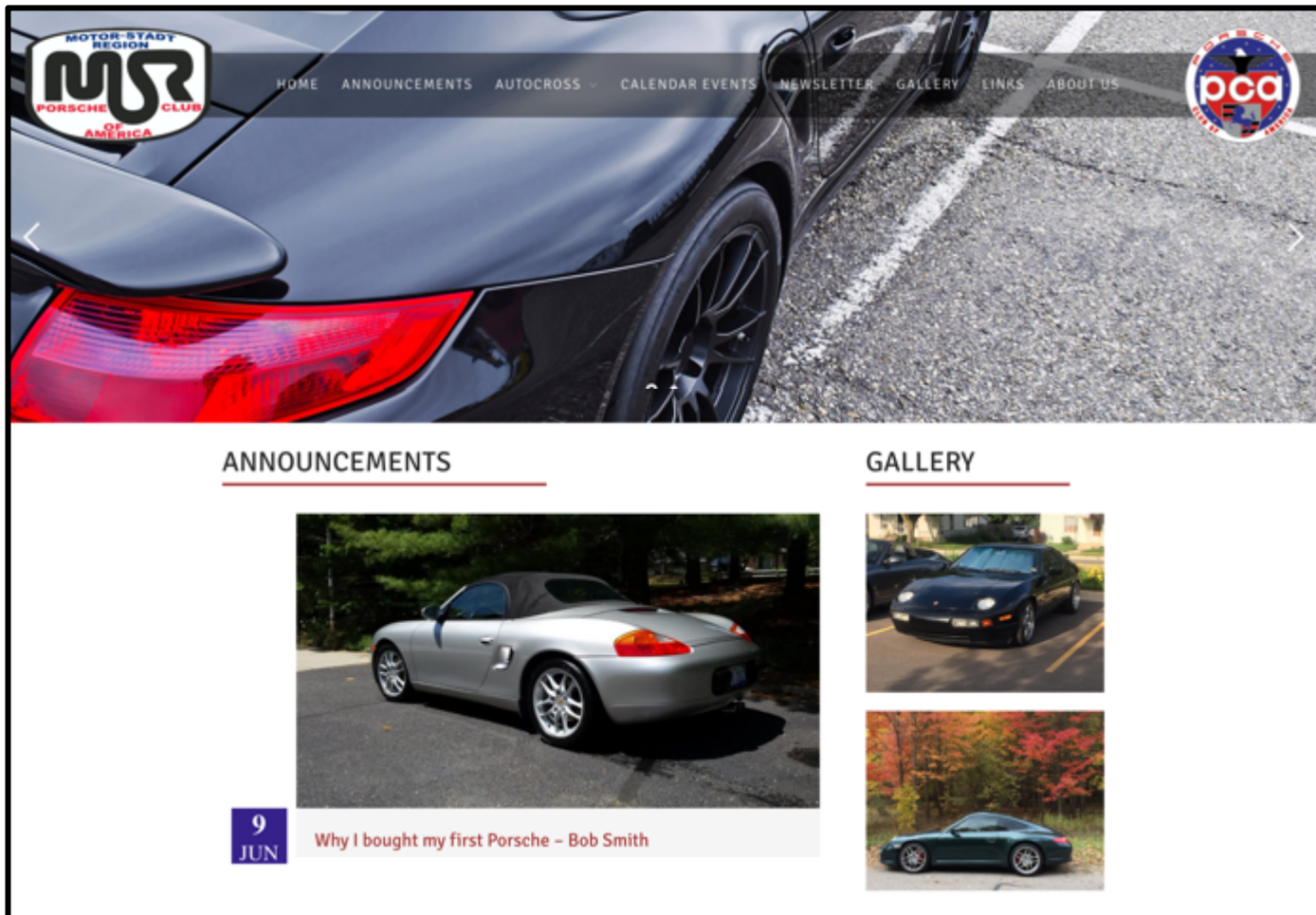
The Motor-Stadt Region would like to thank the Serra Auto Campus, their staff, and the Gilmore Car Museum for another wonderful color tour. It was a great drive to see all the beautiful fall colors that someone else will have to rake up.

Thanks to Jennifer McMahon and Rupert Giles for photos





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!

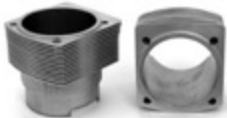
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Ask the **MASTER CYLINDER**

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 have a 1976 Porsche 914 that I bought brand new. Over the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to shift gears. Now this year, I notice that it grinds in reverse even with the clutch all the way to the floor. I also notice that shifting it into first is tough and occasionally it grinds as well. A number of years ago, I had the engine replaced with a new factory unit and at that time, I replaced the clutch disc so I don't think the clutch is a problem. I also notice quite a bit of oil on the bottom of the transmission and I wonder what is leaking. Don

A – Stop driving the car! Of this I can assure you with utter confidence: If you cannot shift into reverse without grinding, your clutch is not disengaging fully and you will damage the transaxle.

My approach would be to thoroughly wash the power train, run the car in the air, without load, and watch for oil leaks to show up. The last car like yours with the similar symptom had developed a leak from the transaxle main shaft seal and wetted the clutch with gear lube. The gear lube acted like glue and caused the clutch to stick. Unfortunately, that ruins the clutch disc and eventually the transaxle.

The good news is that your car is one of the least expensive Porsche to service the clutch. The transaxle can be removed in a couple hours and reinstalled in a few more. The parts are not very costly either. To reseal the transaxle, VW part number seals are specified for a number of applications. If you spent a hundred bucks for all the seals, I would be surprised.

Based on the age of the car, I would plan to replace the mainshaft seal, final drive seals, shift selector shaft seal, tachometer drive seal and that should do it. While it is apart, expect to find a few other age-related issues but regardless, it won't cost an arm and a leg. Congratulations on having a modern classic! Bring your car to an event next year, and show the members one of the best handling cars ever built.

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.

The November board meeting was postponed, so minutes are not available. If we do meet look for the minutes next month.





From the Editor

With the election behind us—or mostly behind us!—we can look forward to the holidays. Maybe “look forward” is the wrong choice of words. “Anticipate” may be more appropriate in this time of rising COVID infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. If you must travel to visit relatives or friends—not advised—the recommendations are to quarantine for two weeks ahead of time, be very careful, wear masks, wash your hands frequently, and limit gatherings to 10 or less. That advise will certainly take some of the fun from what would normally be an enjoyable time, but sadly that’s where we currently are at.

On a note more pertinent to this newsletter, I recently decided to take a look at a couple 4-cylinder pre-owned Macans at our local dealership, Porsche of Okemos. The most attractive car was silver with a beige interior with a bit over 7,000 miles on the clock. The other was midnight blue, also with a beige interior, but a bit higher mileage at 22,200. Both carried a two-year warranty. But neither had heated front seats, reflecting their former time as lease cars from a Florida dealership. When you get used to the luxury of heated seats in this climate, there’s no going back to a cold posterior. I test drove both, thanks to Jay Douglas, the Porsche “Brand Ambassador.” Both cars were priced in the low \$40Ks. I would have enjoyed owning either car—who wouldn’t! Yet in the end I decided not to buy. The combination of some recent health issues, the approach of winter, and these uncertain times, pushed me to prevaricate. The pandemic, in particular, has taken some of the wind from my sails, and I find it hard to be enthusiastic about anything. I know there will always be attractive pre-owned cars in the lot at Porsche of Okemos. I can wait.

In the meantime I look back on a satisfying experience at the dealership. Jay was helpful and considerate and not at all high pressure. I also had a brief conversation with Scott McDaniel, General Manager, and he always is very upbeat and friendly. Their new showroom is spectacular and inviting. I will not be hesitant to return when again shopping for a new car. Hopefully by spring the pandemic will be subsiding and a vaccine will become available. If so, the wind may come back up in my sails.

Don Dickmann

