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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-, 70-, 80-degree range. But many more days of very high winds, temperatures in the 15- to 30-degree range at night. And...yes...even the "f-word," frost/freezing temperatures!! During the daylight hours, temperatures in the 40- to 50-degree range have been the norm. Yes, spring in Michigan!!!

The plus side, on the warm days many cars were out with the tops down enjoying the little warmth that was available on that day. Hopefully the sun gods will bless us with more sunshine and warmth for the upcoming days.

Also on the plus side, we are trying to reschedule our spring kickoff with at Serra Auto Campus-Porsche of Okemos. Currently we are looking at the month of June. We will get back with more info when plans are more firmed up.

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

Last year we had to cancel Porsche on the MAC II, but it is on this year and the dates are August 6th, 7th, and 8th 2021. Registration is open.

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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NEW BOARD MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

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

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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



Motor-Stadt



Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of April 2021:

Primary	146
Affiliate	71
Life	0
Total	217
PCA Juniors	8

PCA national membership as of April 2021:

Primary	90,511
Affiliate	48,771
Life	21
Total	139,303

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

John Berndt, Okemos (transfer in from Hawaii, HI)
2017 Macan S

Welcome to the Club!

Note: This piece was sent by Lori Schutz instead of her usual “Around the Zone” column



Lead Follow Instructor A Training - M1 Concourse

High Performance Driving Education (HPDE) events are the financial main-stay of most of the regions in Zone 4, and across other zones as well. The Pandemic impacted all of our events in spring 2020, however come June we were able to get back on track again. The agenda for our events changed at the track to respect social distancing and other restrictions. Mostly, this impacted our ability to bring novice students into our hobby to join the ranks of experienced DE'ers. Many regions continued to host solo-driver-only events until restrictions opened up.



PCA National responded to our situation, by creating Minimum Standards for the instruction method known as Lead/Follow. This involves an instructor and student each in their own cars, with one way communication, driving on track in 2-car pods. John Krecek, National DE Chair, along with his committee and cast of other leaders from National, coordinated efforts to develop our new program with PCA highest standards of safety. In October, his team hosted the initial Instructor A training event in Colorado.

(Below is the from the regions paragraph)

Southeast Michigan Region hosted the first Lead/Follow Instructor Training clinic in the Midwest on April 18th, on a beautiful sunny spring day in Pontiac Michigan, at M1 Concourse. Led by Marc Molzon and Steve Carbury – the day-long event trained qualified DE Instructors (for right-seat instruction) in the Lead/Follow protocols to earn the designation “A Instructor”. Participants from 2 zones and 5 regions learned the nuances of instructing a student on track etiquette, safety, car handling, and negotiating the line. Each pair took turns being the student and the instructor, to get a feeling of the total experience. Class room sessions between on track sessions were led by Zone 8 Chief Driving Instructor, Scott Mann. John was joined by Executive Council members Cindy Jacisin, Executive Vice President & Todd Benz, National Secretary. Rally Sport Region will be using the Lead Follow instruction protocol at their DE events this season at Waterford and Grattan Raceways.





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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.

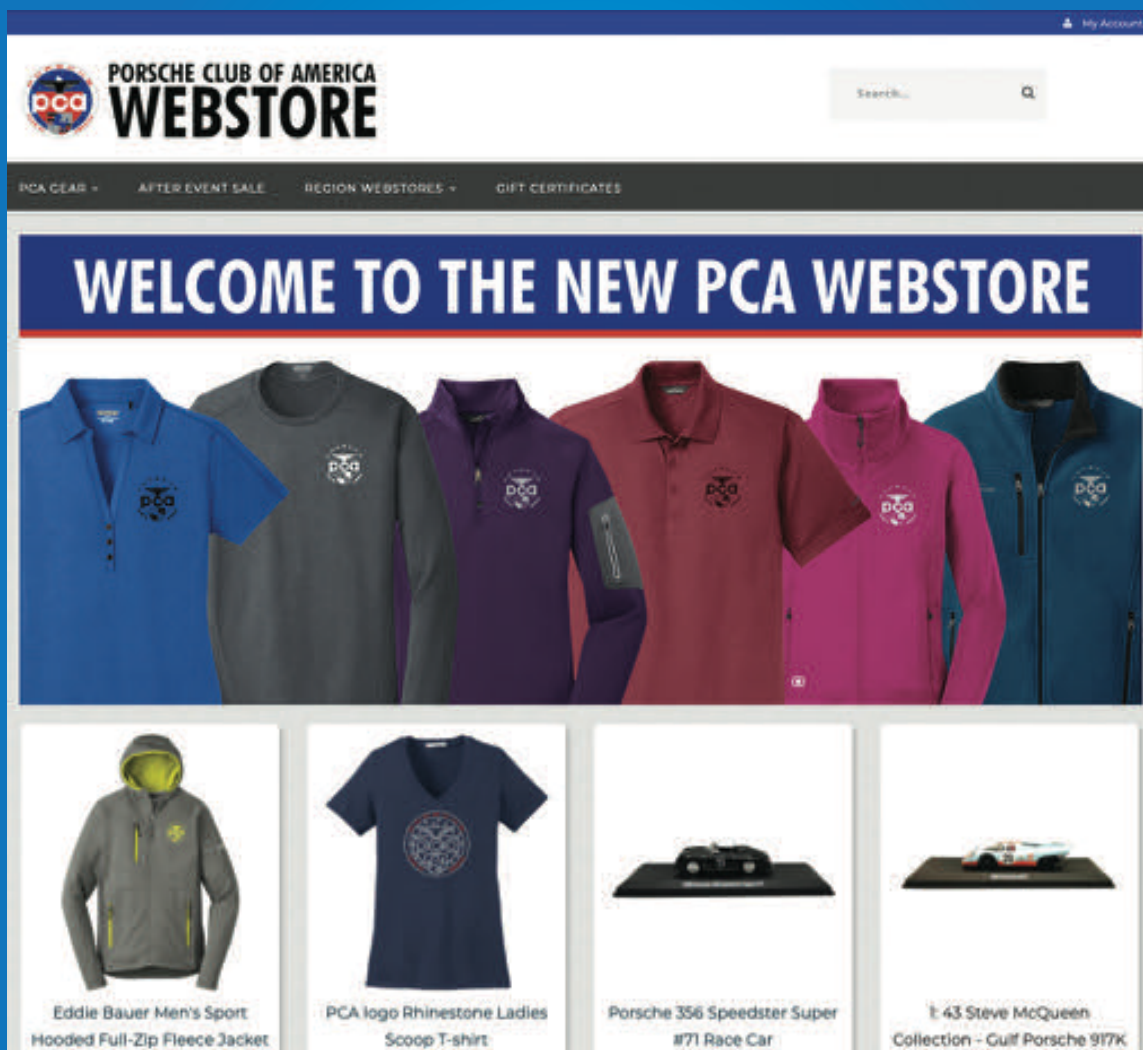
WEEKEND OF EVENTS:

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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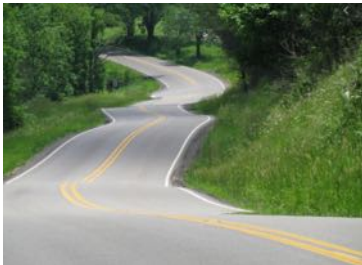


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Ohio 555, Hocking Hills and Surrounding Driving Tour

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 resumed due to the decline of COVID-19 and increased vaccinations.



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Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



NEXT MEETING JUNE 8



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.
- **May 22, Saturday—Autocross I** at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason, the first of three currently planned.
- **June 26, Saturday—Autocross II (IROC)** at Corrigan Oil Speedway.
- **July 10, Saturday—Mid-Michigan Porsche-Corvette Challenge**, Autocross competition at 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 has been **resumed**. The board will notify you via email blasts, in this publication, on our web page, and on our Facebook page when other events are added to the schedule.



Your Porsche *Our Autocross*



Autocross I
Corrigan Oil Speedway
779 College Rd, Mason, MI
Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.

Inaugural *Mid-Michigan*



Porsche-Corvette Challenge

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

If you want to be a Porsche driver contact:
Don Dickmann (dickman1@msu.edu)

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, Technical Quiz, Straits Brew Festival
- Driving tours of scenic northern Michigan & Canadian North Shore
- Meet and greet other Porsche owners

Note: All COVID protocols in effect at the time of the event will be followed.

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

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

Event information:

<https://stignace.com/event/beauty-and-the-bridge-porsche-on-the-mac/>



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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:
Corey Dull– cdull@mispeedway.com



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 Isetta, 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

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My First Autocross

By Don Dickmann

I had never competed in a car before. Sure, as a teenager I did some stupid things, like drag racing on public roads. But never a sanctioned competition on a dedicated track. But when I was 69 years old, after a series of Chevys, Fords, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, even a Volkswagen, I bought a Porsche and joined PCA. I had survived surgery and 7 months of radiation for a neck cancer in 2010. In September of that year after I had recovered, I bought a 1995 (993) 911 Cabriolet off the used car lot at Williams AutoWorld in Lansing. I had always been attracted by the marque and decided now was the time to buy one. After attending a few Motor-Stadt board meetings during 2011 and getting to know the members, I was talked into trying an autocross. I was hesitant, as you might expect, but decided to give it a try.

The first autocross of the 2012 season was in May, as memory serves me (not always reliable at my age). When I arrived at Spartan Speedway, as it was known on those days, I began to engage with other members for their help in getting into the rhythm of autocross. Everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. After the driver's meeting, track walk, and a few laps on the autocross course with an instructor, I was ready to try it solo. Was I nervous? You bet I was. But when all alone on the course during a run I found that my concentration was totally on driving, not an extraneous thought passed my mind. I soon discovered that this was one of the beauties of autocross—the total engagement of the senses for a few moments with all of life's joys, worries and troubles cast aside.

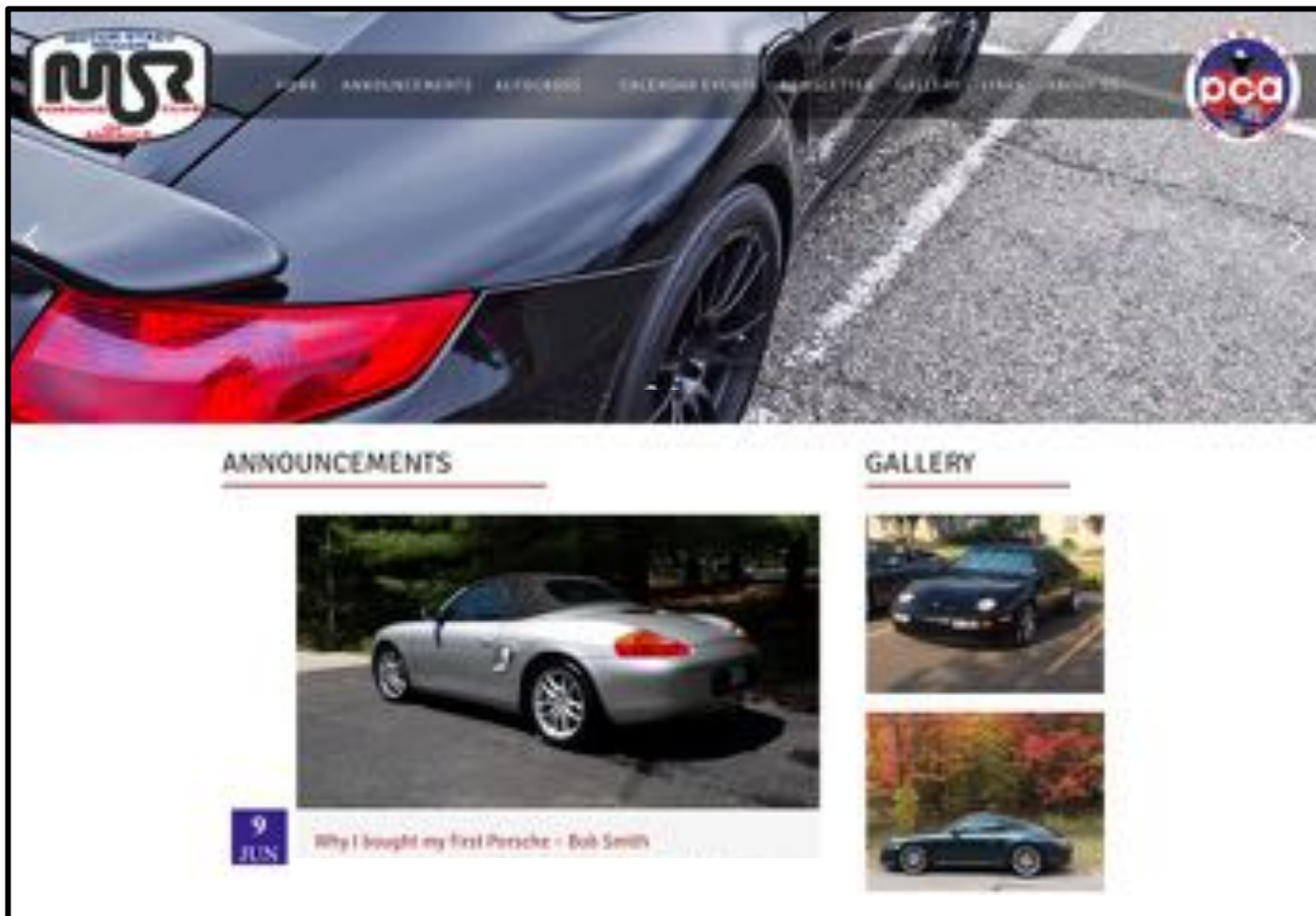
My times during that first autocross were modest but improved with each successive run. That's the way it is typically. Some of this improvement is due to heating of the track and the tires on your car as the day wears on. But if you are serious you begin to learn the correct sequence of acceleration and braking, when to upshift and downshift, and what is the best line to take on the course. Then it dawns on you that this is fun! I am pushing my car in a safe environment to near its limit, and Porsches are built to be pushed. I relished putting the pedal to the floor (if only for a few seconds) and feel the acceleration, experience how good the brakes on a Porsche are, and how swift they are in a corner. Very addictive!



Since that first session I have attended every Motor-Stadt autocross I could. I also have autocrossed with one of the three 911s I have owned at the national PCA Porsche Parade and at events held in other PCA regions. All have been a blast. Driving on a strange autocross course can be confusing, with orange cones everywhere, but a track walk first helps sort out the course. I have always felt safe on each autocross course I have attended, and during each one safety has been emphasized as paramount.

Do I still get nervous before a run? Sure do. But the butterflies disappear instantly as I accelerate off the starting line. Isn't it time you experience those butterflies?

The new Motor-Stadt website is alive!



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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.*

Dear MC, I have a 99 Boxster and I have been reading about the convertible top failure and the huge cost involved. Is there any way to prevent this? Ed

Hi Ed, Interestingly, the factory does not specify ANY maintenance for the top but the dealer will gladly repair it for you or will sell you the parts to fix it. No thanks! "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I have found that parts of the top vibrate loose. When they do, the mechanism can get out of index, bind, and bingo, the game is over (and you lose).

I suggest an annual inspection of the top to check for loose parts and a lubrication to keep things moving freely. Incidentally, when the top fails, the body sometimes bends. You can tell this has happened when the "clam shell" no longer fits flat. We recommend calling Andy at AutoMark in Farmington Hills about straightening the inner flanks of the car if this has happened to you.

The youngest Boxster that I have seen with this problem was only two years old. I was stunned at such an early failure until the client told me that he had left a two-liter bottle of pop in the back when he put the top down. Big oops! \$2,500 later, it was back to normal. -MC

Hi MC, I have a '96 Targa and my check engine light keeps coming on. It has been shut off numerous times, but in a few weeks, it comes back on. The diagnostic codes that set don't make sense to me but my mechanic says that the secondary air system has failed. He wanted four grand to pull the motor and correct the problem. To me this is absurd and besides, the car runs great. Can I get a reality check on this? Mark

Mark, Be aware that the check engine light can set for numerous reasons and that computer is still not smart enough to diagnose the problem. It only gives you clues. I know a number of clients who have fired the "parts cannon" at their cars only to discover that the computer lied.

Your mechanic is correct on one point. Odds are, the secondary air system is the source of the problem but pulling the engine to fix it IS absurd. The likely culprits are clogged holes in the cylinder head exhaust ports near the exhaust valves.

Fortunately, the holes can be accessed from under the car by removing the exhaust and heater boxes. On an older car, this might be easier said than done. The nuts securing the exhaust are usually rusty so finesse is required to remove the exhaust. If you do not have a source of heat to warm them up, don't try it, the penalty for breaking a stud is pretty stiff. We have had more than one car towed in after the owner tried to do it himself.

Once the system is off, you probably will not be able to see the holes since they are packed with carbon deposits and somewhat hidden behind the valves. I fabricated a "port cleaning reamer" out of an old accelerator cable chucked into my trusty Makita cordless drill.

Once you clean the deposits off the exhaust port surface with carburetor cleaner, you can find the holes and start feeding the cable into the holes to break through the clogs. Work at it gradually and let the carburetor cleaner do the work for you since you do not want to push the carbon up into the ports.

Once you get the ports nice and clean, reinstall the exhaust and you are on your way. The total cost; about \$800.00 dollars or so, plus gaskets and hardware. This is not a guaranteed fix, but for the money it is a good

option and every car I have inspected for this has *had* clogged secondary air holes.

By the way, while the exhaust is off, you can clean all that stainless steel with Scrubbing

* 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.

Bubbles and Scotchbrite (if you are as anal as I am). This is a great way to clean around the exhaust cutouts on the rear valance and to get the tail pipes back to new as well. It is the cherry on top of the sundae.—MC

Got a question about your Porsche? E-mail it to service@munks.com with "Question for Master Cylinder" in the subject line.



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.

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Four Michelin Pilot Sport AS4 tires purchased last November with only 100-200 miles of wear. The tire/wheel combination did not work. The tires are no longer mounted on rims. **\$500 OBO.**

- 2 x 225/40 ZR18 92Y XL BSW UHP All season
- 2 x 265/35 ZR18 97YXL BSW UHP All season

Contact Kevin Irwin on the Motor-Stadt Facebook page
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PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes May 11th, 2021

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 (Zoom)

Board Member: Don Dickmann
Board Member: James Yen (Zoom)
Board Member: Joe Lavender

Member: Trace Leffler
Member: Charley Hagen
Guest:

Proposed agenda for the May 11th 2021 meeting was approved (Moved J. Lavender / Seconded S. Lee)

Meeting Minutes of Apr 13th, 2021 were previously approved online.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 146 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 \$2,988.04 in checking and \$10,444.47 in the investment account for a total of \$13,432.51. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded T. Whitney)

Advertising and Insurance – No new advertising items to report. An insurance waiver for the May 22 autocross has been received.

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

Committee Reports / Activities: The club really needs an event chair. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com to help.

Old Business:

- Porsche on the Mac II is on the schedule for 2021 so save the dates of August 6th, 7th and 8th. Registration is live so go to the St. Ignace site and sign up for a great event! (23 cars and 47 people have already registered!)
- Calendar of events (Dates have been confirmed)
 - The Spring kickoff at Serra Porsche was postponed but a tentative June 12th date is being considered
 - Autocross May 22nd (Come on out and see what it is about!)
 - Autocross Jun 26th (We will be hosting the IROC event on this day)
 - Porsche / Corvette challenge July 10th
- New member flyer – The flyer is on display at the dealership and will be provided with every Porsche sold.

New Business:

- Social media chair – A motion was made for James Yen to fill the position of Social Media Chair. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded Mark Haas) and approved unanimously. Thanks, James for helping keep our sites updated.
- IROC support – We agreed to host the IROC event on our June 26th autocross date. This 47-year tradition requires extra work and if volunteer and Porsche attendance is low this could be the last year we are able to host.
- Autocross general – To promote Porsche attendance a number of ideas were suggested. We will plan to capture video on the May 22 autocross to show it is a safe and extremely fun way to enjoy our cars.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 (Moved T. Whitney / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

We are into the season of **Autocross** at last, the feature of this issue of *Madness*. Autocross is a timed competition in which drivers navigate alone through a course largely defined by orange cones. It emphasizes safe competition and active participation. Autocross differs from other forms of motorsport in that there is only one car on the course at a time, driving against the clock rather than other cars. Accidents or damage to cars are almost nonexistent.

Autocross has traditionally been one of the main events of the driving season for the Motor-Stadt Region. Those of us who participate look forward to these events with great anticipation. Yet in recent years our autocross events have not been well supported by Motor-Stadt members. Of the cars that show up to run on a given day, the minority are Porsches. In truth, our autocrosses have been supported largely by the Michigan State Racing Club. In my opinion, that is a sad reflection of the lackadaisical attitude of our membership towards driving events. After all, what else are Porsches for? As much as we try to publicize autocrosses and other driving events, few Porsches typically cars show, often not enough to warrant the event. I am at a loss to explain why this is so.

All Porsche vintages and models are eligible for autocross. Even SUVs and sedans are welcome and can record excellent run times. After all, every Porsche built is first and foremost a driving machine! I would love to see an all-electric Taycan participate; I'll bet its times would be up there with the front runners. In fact, many drivers of other makes show up to run with non-sports cars—why not Porsches?

Our first autocross of 2021 is on Saturday, May 22. I hope you will come out and give it a try. Our autocrosses are not ultra-serious, grim-faced, beat-everyone-at-all-costs events. They are about having fun with your car and meeting and greeting other gearheads. Usually, no prizes or awards are given, but your times will be recorded and shown to you. You also might want to help out and do a non-strenuous job running the event. But that's part of the fun of it. If you are interested in trying autocross, check out the **Autocross Primer** written by board members Steve Lee and James Yen on our website (<https://mst.pca.org>). For an in-depth discussion of autocross, see the national PCA website (<https://www.pca.org/news/autocross-defined>).

If you like driving your car you will be happy to have discovered autocross.

Don Dickmann

Note: All COVID protocols in force on May 22 will be followed.