



# Motor-Stadt



# madness



**June 2021**

Vol. 50, No. 6

*Nicholas Rood*

A monthly newsletter by, and for, members of the Motor-Stadt Region, Porsche Club of America

## **IN THIS ISSUE:**

President' letter	Page 4
Officers & Board Members	Page 6
Membership News	Page 7
Around the Zone & Zone News	Pages 8-12
Regional News	Pages 13-20
Featured Articles	Pages 21-23
Ask the Master Cylinder	Pages 26-27
Board Minutes	Page 29
From the Editor	Page 30



## Porsche Club of America - Motor-Stadt Region Spring Kickoff

Join us at the all new Porsche Okemos for a fun time to catch up with fellow Porsche Club members, enjoy a complimentary lunch, and help raise money for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

We look forward to celebrating Spring like only Porsche can do.

Join us for the Porsche Club of America - Motor-Stadt Region Spring Kickoff and charity auction.

Date: June 19, 2021  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Porsche Okemos  
2777 Lilly Rd, Okemos, MI  
RSVP: Paula Zimmer, Customer Experience Specialist  
(517) 853-2542  
pzimmer@semautocampus.com



PORSCHE



## Editor—Don Dickmann

**Madness** is the official publication of the Motor-Stadt Region (MST) of the Porsche Club of America (PCA).

The ideas, opinions, and suggestions made herein are solely those of the authors and do not represent an official opinion or position of MST or PCA. MST and PCA do not endorse any specific product or procedure by virtue of its inclusion in *Madness*. Permission to reprint any material appearing in *Madness* requires the written permission of the Editor. Submission of articles or photos for publication in *Madness* are welcome but are subject to editorial review and may be rejected.

Submit articles or photos to Don Dickmann, editor, as Word files, pdfs, or image formats (e.g. jpg). Send them to [motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com)

### Advertising Policy & Rates

Non-commercial classified ads (e.g. cars or parts for sale) are published in *Madness* in the "Member Message Board" at no cost to PCA members or at nominal cost to non-members.

Commercial display or classified advertisements that are of interest to members, whether automotive related or not, are published in *Madness*. Contact Steve Lee for ad rates at ([motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com)).

### Subscriptions

Monthly issues of *Madness* are available to MST and PCA members for free and are sent by email. Hard copies available on request.

### Address Changes

Please notify:  
PCA National headquarters  
P.O. Box 6400  
Columbia, MD 21045  
[www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org)



Want to stay updated on the latest information from our region?

Check out our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201/)

➔ **NOTE:** Our new web site (<https://mst.pca.org>) is now live. Check it out!

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.



We especially want photos—your Porsches, events, drives, etc.

Send posts and photos to Don Dickmann at ([motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com)) or post them on our Facebook page.

---

Looking for PCA/Motor-Stadt apparel? Visit [www.sportsstop.net/motor-stadt-region-porsche-club/](http://www.sportsstop.net/motor-stadt-region-porsche-club/) to order directly.





## *President's Letter*

Well, well, spring / summer has finally arrived!! The plus side, on warm days, many cars were out with the tops down enjoying the little warmth that was available on the day. Hopefully the sun gods will bless us with more sunshine and warmth for the upcoming days.

Also on the plus side, we are having our postponed Spring Kickoff at Serra Auto Campus / Porsche of Okemos. The date is June 19, 2021 at 9 AM. It is also an auction to help raise funds for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Check your garage and see if you have anything car related you want to sell to help raise funds for the food bank. We also will take cash for the cause. It will be a great time to mingle with friends and check out the dealership.

The date for the next Motor-Stadt Autocross is June 26. A rain date is being worked on just in case. More to follow on that. Also, we need more Porsche cars and members to participate in the next Autocross because it will be an IROC event! So please put that on your calendar and come out and have some fun! The May autocross event was one of the most successful events we have had in a while, and we need to keep up the good work.

A new event, the Porsche / Corvette challenge is July 10. For this event we also need more Porsche cars and members to participate! 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 6, 7, and 8. Registration is open.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

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

Ken Jones  
Motor-Stadt President





# CLEAR AUTO BRA

## M I C H I G A N

### PROTECT YOUR PAINT





558 FARMER • PLYMOUTH, MI 48170  
 ph: 734.259.0021 • [www.ClearAutoBraMI.com](http://www.ClearAutoBraMI.com) • [larry@ClearAutoBraMI.com](mailto:larry@ClearAutoBraMI.com)  
 PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION • 14+ YEARS EXPERIENCE



## ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Oade, Stroud & Kleiman, P.C., provides a full range of legal services to business and individuals throughout Michigan including business formation, real estate, estate planning, litigation and family law matters.

200 Woodland Pass, East Lansing, MI 48823  
 517-351-3550  
[www.osklaw.com](http://www.osklaw.com)

## 2021 Motor-Stadt Officers & Board of Directors

Ken Jones—President

Terrill Whitney—Vice-president

Steve Lee—Secretary,  
Advertising & Insurance

Treasurer—Mark Haas

Don Dickmann—At Large,  
*Madness* Editor

Joe Lavender—At Large

James Yen—At Large,  
Social Media Chair

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](mailto: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



# Motor-Stadt



## Membership News

### Motor-Stadt membership as of May 2021:

Primary	147
Affiliate	73
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>
PCA Juniors	9

### PCA national membership as of May 2021:

Primary	91,288
Affiliate	48,854
Life	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,163</b>

*The largest single marque car club!*

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

Gregg Fuller, Jackson, 2021 718 Boxster Spyder

William Somerville, Williamston, 2016 Boxster Spyder

Phill Anglin, Battle Creek, 2001 911 Carrera (transfer from W. MI)

Christopher Boyke, Freeland, 1999 Boxster (transfer from Micheana)

## Welcome to the Club!





Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,

We are now in full swing of PCA events, and life is getting back to normal! My kitties Hurley and Danica are enjoying the great weather. Over Mother's Day weekend, I joined Northern Ohio region at Mid-Ohio for their HPDE event. I had a blast instructing in-car for the first time in nearly 2 years with a wonderful young woman, Mary, who was there with her father. Lori Bryant and her husband Bob did a great job, and along with the Northern Ohio group and instructors from all around Zone 4 had a blast!



I just got back from the Indy 500 -Go Helio #4 win! On Carb day, Friday before the big race, the stands were scattered with 'Do Not Use' stickers, which ended up on many of our coolers and other race gear. And when visiting the garage area, masks were required. David and I visited the Firestone garage and learned that the tires for Indy are special in that the Firestone "F" logo is red on the right side and white on the left side of the car. The tires are constructed such that the outside is taller than the inside by a small amount, and if you roll a tire away it will go in a circle, not

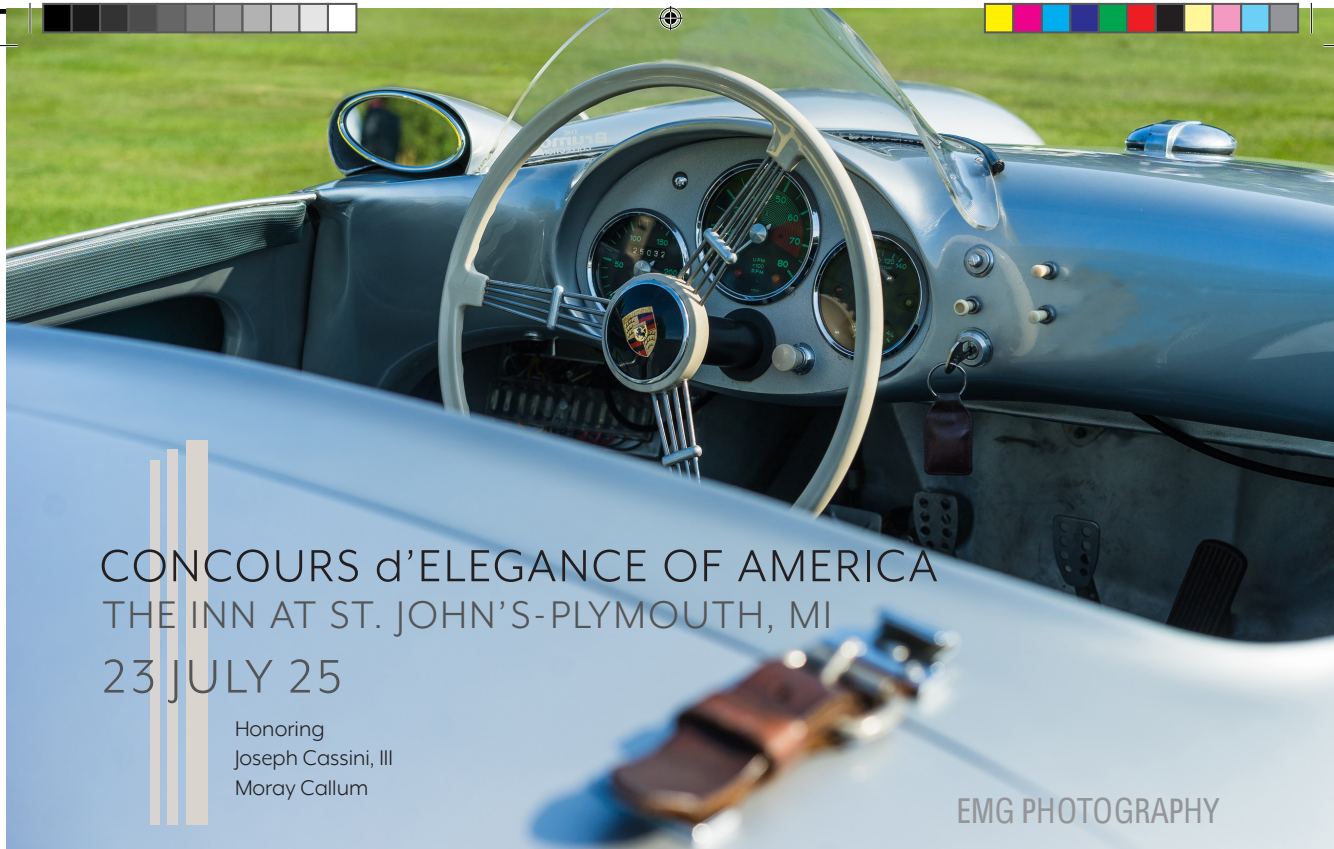
straight! Each tire is only 17 pounds, and the wheel is 13, so that's why those hefty pit crew guys can through the around with one hand!

And while the pre-race message was 40% fans, I think that's because the infield wasn't open to fans – no Snake Pit this year. The grandstands were nearly to capacity, and the seat stickers were gone, at least in Turn 4 Northwest Vista where my brothers and I have had seats for over 40 years.

As the US gets back to normal, with many of us fully vaccinated, we can begin to return to our 'regularly scheduled program'. Many events are over-subscribed as the demand to get our Porsches out and be together is strong. I know that all are taking local precautions, and it's so great to see one another again.

Check your region newsletter & website and the PCA National site for the current status of events in your area from Cars & Coffee, tours, drives, autocrosses, picnics and driver education events. Several of us are gearing up for Parade in French Lick July 11-18<sup>th</sup> <https://www.porscheparade.org/>, The Concours of the Americas July 23-25<sup>th</sup> <https://concoursusa.org/> Porsche Corral, and Porsches on the Mac Aug 6-8<sup>th</sup> <https://www.pca.org/events/porsche-on-the-mac-ii>.





## CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE OF AMERICA THE INN AT ST. JOHN'S-PLYMOUTH, MI 23 JULY 25

Honoring  
Joseph Cassini, III  
Moray Callum

EMG PHOTOGRAPHY



\$25.00/person - general admission\* \$10.00/car club pass\*\*  
A ticket is required for each person attending.

Purchase your 2021 General Admission Tickets and Car Club Parking Pass  
by visiting us at: **ConcoursUSA.org**

PORSCHE CAR CLUB MEMBERS USE CODE: PSCH#2021

Car Club Parking tickets must be ordered before June 30, 2021.  
Parking passes will be mailed to you via USPS.

Onsite Club Parking at the Inn at St. John's  
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

CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE OF AMERICA - AT THE INN AT ST. JOHN'S - 44045 FIVE MILE ROAD - PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170  
ConcoursUSA.org - 248.643.8645

FOLLOW US:








**PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**WEBSTORE**

[My Account](#)


[PCA GEAR](#)
[AFTER EVENT SALE](#)
[REGION WEBSTORES](#)
[GIFT CERTIFICATES](#)

# WELCOME TO THE NEW PCA WEBSTORE







Eddie Bauer Men's Sport  
Hooded Full-Zip Fleece Jacket



PCA logo Rhinestone Ladies  
Scoop T-shirt



Porsche 356 Speedster Super  
#71 Race Car



1:43 Steve McQueen  
Collection - Gulf Porsche 917K

## Exclusive PCA apparel and accessories

Place your PCA pride on display with exclusive apparel, lifestyle products, and vehicle accessories. The PCA online store features a wide variety of shirts, jackets, hats, car models, PCA Region items, and much more for men, women, and children.

SHOP ONLINE: [www.pcawebstore.org](http://www.pcawebstore.org)



**PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**





## PCA hosts over 3,500 events, activities, and programs every year

As a member of PCA, you're invited to show off your prized possession to people who can appreciate it while attending a wide array of PCA-sponsored events. PCA activities include autocross, HPDE, Club Racing, rallies, concours, sim racing, car shows, driving tours, tech sessions, and much more. Whether you like a bit of friendly competition or prefer to socialize, there is something for you.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.pca.org/activities](http://www.pca.org/activities)



# PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



Join us for a full day driving school at the legendary Nelson Ledges Road Course. Instructed and advanced driving groups to be held.

**FIRST TIMERS  
ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND!!**

EASTERN BUCKEYE REGION PCA

**RETURNS TO NELSON**

**NELSON  
LEDGES**

**MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021**

**INTERESTED?  
LEARN MORE AT:**

**[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3RQ1MFJ](https://bit.ly/3RQ1MFJ)**

**STUDENT FEE: \$225**

Visit PCA's website for more  
info about driver education.  
<https://www.pca.org/drivers-education>



## 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.



662 W. Grand River  
Okemos



Enjoy a drink and pizza  
on the club during  
regular meetings



**NEXT MEETING JULY 13**





## *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.
- **June 19, Saturday—"Spring" Kickoff & Auction** reprise, Porsche of Okemos on Jolly Road.
- **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.





# Motor-Stadt "Spring" Kickoff

**When: Saturday, June 19, 9:00-2:00**

**Where: Serra Auto Campus-Porsche of Okemos**

2777 Jolly Rd, Okemos

**What:** Show your car, mingle with other Porsche owners  
Bring items to auction and then bid at the auction  
All auction proceeds go to the Lansing Food Bank  
Lunch will be provided

**We are going to try this again. Shine up  
your Porsche and come on out!**

# **Your Porsche Our Autocross II**



*Nicholas Rood*



**Autocross II (IROC)**  
**Corrigan Oil Speedway**  
779 College Rd, Mason, MI  
**Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m.**



# Inaugural *Mid-Michigan*

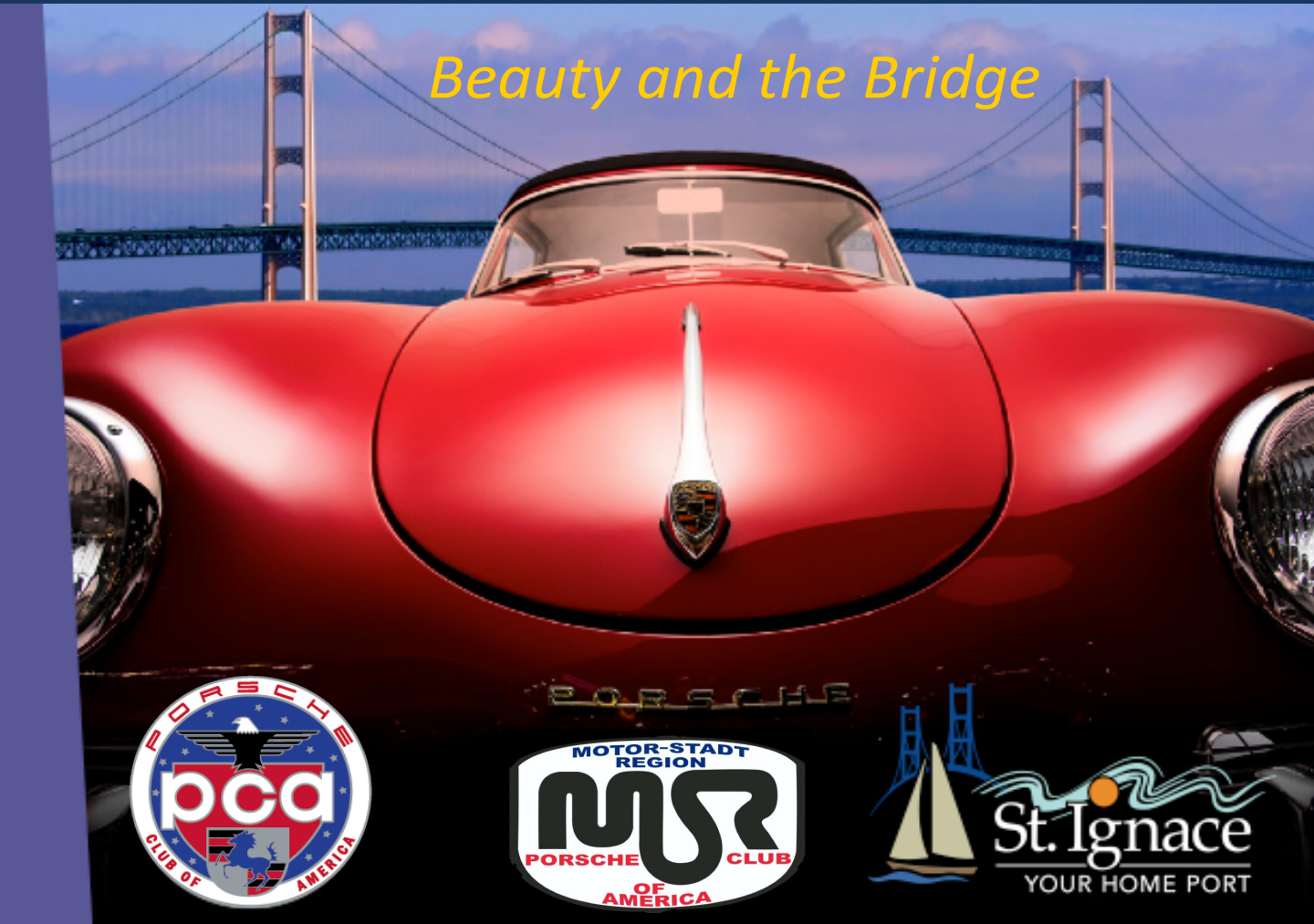


# *Porsche-Corvette Challenge*

- 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

**We need Porsche drivers! 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 & maybe Canadian North Shore
- Meet and greet other Porsche owners

**Note: Most COVID protocols have been relaxed for those vaccinated**

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/>



# SAVE THE DATE!!!



MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY INVITES

**MOTOR-STADT REGION  
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**

**FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW  
PACKAGE DETAILS**

- Entry into the first annual MIS Car Show
- Exclusive hot lap around the track prior to NASCAR race
- Fan vote on social media for best in show – winning car showcased in Victory Lane during National Anthem
- Discounted ticket to NASCAR race (\$109 value)
- Preferred parking space in dedicated Car Show lot

## 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](mailto: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 Isotta, 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

One last drive through the beautiful Michigan countryside to enjoy the changing colors, ending with a Gilmore Cruise-In.

**GilmoreCarMuseum.org**

6865 Hickory Rd • Hickory Corners, MI • 49060 • (269) 671-5089

**Find us on social!**



@GilmoreCarMuseum

## Why I Bought My New Porsche; a Tribute to Dad

By Joe Lavender, Board member

On a weekend this May I upgraded my 2006 Cayman S and picked up a 2016 981 Cayman GT4. I had been looking for months and recently the market changed quite a bit. All cars had been moving and prices were increasing slightly. I decided to pull the trigger and picked up the GT4 at United Auto Exchange in Chicago.

There is a long back story that comes with me being pulled to Porsche. My father, who passed away over a year ago from cancer, got me on the Porsche track. He told me the story after getting out of the Navy in the mid 60's when he went to a VW/Porsche dealership in Virginia. He almost bought a brand-new Porsche, but decided the price at the time was a little high for him. So he drove off the lot instead with a brand new VW beetle with options like a heater! After telling me the story, it switched my focus to looking at purchasing a Porsche. Prior to that, I was always an American muscle car guy. I had owned a newer Challenger R/T and really enjoyed the car.

My first purchase of Porsche was a 987.1 Cayman S. I was instantly impressed with how the car handled and it had all the power I really needed...I instantly became a Porsche guy! I admit, I do have a need for speed, too! The Cayman handled better and was faster than the Challenger.

In autumn of 2020 I signed up for the Rennsport Dragon Rally with over 200 Porsches driving that weekend. I opted for the spirited group, and was it spirited! We started at 9 am on the Dragon and there was no getting used to it. It was full throttle and pushing the Cayman S to the max around 318 switchbacks in 11 miles. After the Dragon, my fiancé and I caught our breath as we watched another Porsche in front of us pull over and let a car-sick passenger out to chuck it up. It was insanely intense but such a blast. Sure, I could have pulled off and taken it down a notch, but come on! After three days of mountain driving and well over 1,200 miles, I was convinced that I will always be a Porsche guy. The 987.1 was pushed to the car's limit, and mine really, but it handled everything without a problem. Regular maintenance and attention to fluids, however, is a must for that driving style.

Since that weekend, I have been cruising the web for a 981 GT4. I am a purest in that I want the manual gearbox and the naturally aspirated flat 6. Thanks to my father for giving me the work ethic to allow me to enjoy this lifestyle. By God's grace I am able to enjoy my passion for cars and now enjoy a GT4. So this one's for you Dad!



S

GT4

## Autocross Report—May 22



The last few autocross events that Motor-Stadt organized at Corrigan Oil Speedway were favored with great weather and a dry track. The latest one on Saturday, May 22 was no exception. The day began cloudy. But after lunch the sun broke through and the temperature climbed to the mid-80s, perfect weather for good run times. The turnout of cars was exceptional, with 11 Porsches running—911s (including James Topper's air-cooled), Caymans, Boxsters, and even a Macan SUV! All together over 25 cars of multiple makes came to run. Again, the MSU Racing Club was well represented. Board members Ken Jones, Terrill Whitney, James Yen, Joe Lavender, Steve Lee, and myself were in attendance, and all ran in their Porsches except Ken, who was the official starter. Most drivers in attendance pitched in and did what was necessary to keep the event running smoothly.

As a long-time participant in autocrosses at Corrigan, I've observed that drivers tend to segregate into three groups: the fast drivers with run times of 39-40 seconds; an intermediate group with times in the 41-44 second range, and a third group at 45 seconds and above. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the "fast guys" were Conan Dombrowski (911), Matt MacFadden (911-Corvette), Rob Allie (Cayman S), and Loren Thomas (Mazda Miata). Matt's 996 911, with the flat six replaced with a Chevy V8, was very entertaining to watch, as well as the loudest car on the track. Loren's highly modified Miata, which he trailed in, navigated the corners as nimbly as any car I have seen run at Corrigan. Nicholas Rood photographed the event during the morning and caught all the cars in action.

Run times were almost secondary for some of us, although we were always interested to see what they were. We were mainly out there to have fun with our cars. And we did have fun!

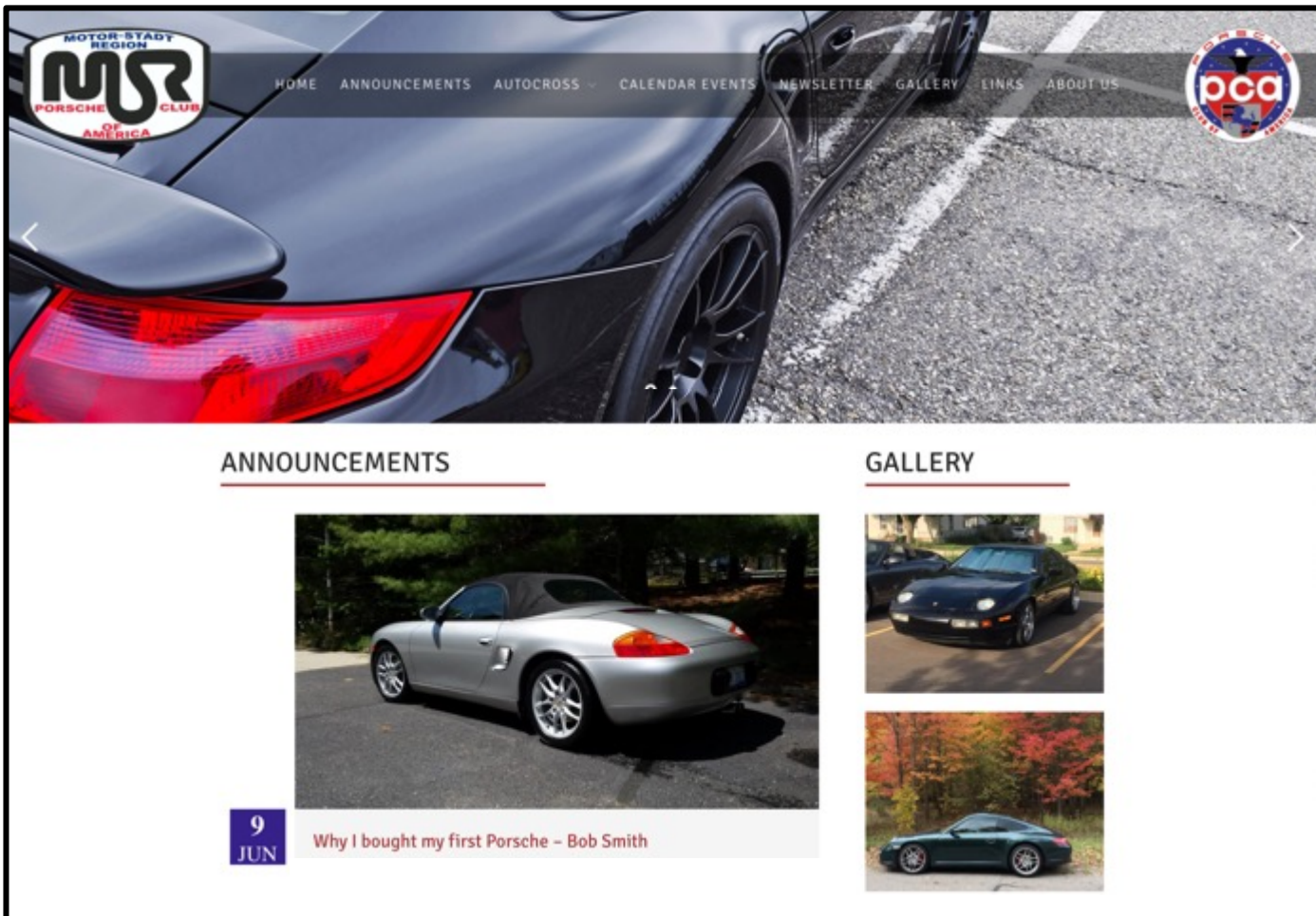
Don Dickmann







# The new Motor-Stadt website is alive!



Check it out—<https://mst.pca.org>

Also check out our FaceBook  page—  
[www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201/)



# Summer's finally here



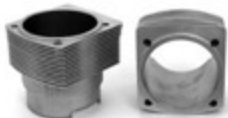
You can't beat a good Michigan summer!  
Give us a call if you're going to Parade or  
Porsches on the Mac. We're organizing  
informal caravans to both.



3080 W. Huron St. (M-59)  
Waterford, MI 48328  
[service@munks.com](mailto:service@munks.com)  
248.681.8081

Michigan's #1 Rated Bosch Service Center





## 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 - When I started driving my Carrera this year, I noticed a puddle of oil under it that I thought had been fixed when I had my car in at the shop last winter. I am really ticked off since I paid good money and I expected the leak to be fixed. I am thinking that the shop was just incompetent, and I wonder who you would recommend. Bill*

A - Oil leaks on older Carreras can make you crazy. The fact is, a leak that you fixed last year might not even be the same leak you are seeing this year. Gravity leads most oil to the lowest point of the engine and this can fool you. We technicians have documented over one hundred potential leak sources on Carreras and I have seen most of them. Air cooled engines tend to mark their spot.

But even so, if you had a place that you trusted repair a leak, the logical approach is to take it back and have them recheck their work. You should expect them to do this cheerfully and at no charge. As far as competence, don't be so quick to judge. Give them the benefit of the doubt and assume that they will demonstrate good will. All of my colleagues take their craft and their reputation personally. If you are disappointed, they want you to bring it back to give them a chance to make it right. If it is the same leak that they already fixed, they will correct the problem at no charge, and as a courtesy, if they diagnose another leak, odds are they will waive the inspection fee. A healthy business with satisfied clients practices the Golden Rule.

As far as the competence question, freshly minted Porsche techs occasionally know very little about older cars. Porsche has a new "virtual training option" to help newer techs learn about older cars. What makes it difficult is to replicate experience virtually. For that you need "the old guy".

For the best result, oil leak diagnosis should be done in four phases. First a seasoned professional should inspect the car and determine the degree of leakage and general location. Second, the apprentice tech will wash the leaky area(s) and add leak detection dye. Third, the car needs to be test driven to full warm up and inspected again by the senior technician. Many times, easy to spot leaks are addressed first leaving the more subtle leaks undetected. If a consistent, dogmatic diagnosis is not done, you can miss things. And finally, after resealing, the last phase of the diagnosis is the re-inspection after another long road test. (I always like those long road tests!). Now bear in mind, when you think you have fixed them all, more may crop up and sometimes worse than before. It is the nature of the beast.

On the later Carrera 2 & 4 and 993, the odor of hot oil and the loss of oil may seem merely annoying. Clients are often surprised to find their under-engine sound tray saturated with oil. The phrase "I never saw it on the garage floor" is a comment that I hear frequently. In this instance, the sound tray will catch and hold the oil. This is sort of like the baking tray but with foam insulation so even more oil can collect. This is not a good scenario when that oil saturated foam sits so close to the hot exhaust.

Some Porsche oil leak issues are extremely expensive to resolve. This was recently the case with an 86 Turbo which was occasionally driven and leaked about a quart every month. It was leaking from the crankcase seam, all over the concrete driveway. A strategically mounted baking tray from Gordon Foods solved the issue of the driveway mess and adding oil regularly prevented the engine from running out of oil. Now admit, does that not sound like a cheesy solution? (that's why there are disclaimers).

Your vintage car might be just dandy with a few quirks and some annoying habits but in the final analysis, the cost of oil versus the price to reseal the engine may convince you that "the cure is worse than the disease". As far as "who to recommend" check reviews and pick a place that the web thinks is good

MC

*Q - My 89 930 Turbo has been giving me fits. The car will run great most of the time but occasionally, after I have been on the road for a while, it stumbles and makes a gurgling sound when I want to pass someone and "give it the boot". The only thing that looks amiss is the ignition coil that has oil oozing out of it. The problem is, whenever I take it in to have it checked out, it runs fine! - Dr. John*

A - Naturally when your car suffers power loss or makes odd sounds, your best hope is that you will have an experienced technician with you during the test drive to experience the problem. Otherwise, just revving the engine up in the shop, you will probably never experience the failure.

There are some good tests that one should always consider. These are the basics and they include: Compression, cranking rhythm, fuel quality, fuel pressure and good clean power to the ignition system. These things can all be tested statically: i.e. without loading or driving the car.

The biggest problem these days on your generation car is that there are no self-diagnostics to give you a clue about where to look for the problem. But since it happens when the car is fully warmed up and under heavy load, we have a clue and that clue is the oil leaking out of the coil.

My experience has been that leaking oil filled coils can't be trusted. A healthy coil simply

does not leak. The tricky part about coil diagnosis is that they are an "on demand" device. If you test for spark by cranking the car over and holding the coil wire away from ground, (1/8 to 1/4") you will probably see a fat blue spark (if the car came in running). This can mislead you into trusting the coil since the output of the coil can't easily be tested under load. So as a diagnostic hunch, considering the price of a coil, and the oil leaking out, try it and at least it will no longer drip onto the engine

P.S. The coil fixed it. MC

*Got a question about your Porsche? E-mail it to [service@munks.com](mailto: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.





## 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.**

---

### For Sale

**2009 (997.2) Porsche 911 Carrera S.** 385 HP naturally aspirated flat 6 (engine 9A1, no intermediate shaft) with PDK, Porsche Stability Management, and Sport Chrono. **34,500 miles.** Porsche Racing Green Metallic exterior, partial leather sand beige interior. Heated seats and steering wheel, power seats with memory, sunroof, Bluetooth, Bose High end sound. Two keys. 19-inch Michelin Pilot Sport AS/4 summer tires with medium wear. Stored in winter or only driven on snowless, dry roads. Never tracked. Car cover and Certificate of Authenticity included. No damage, clean CarFax, an 8-9/10 inside and out. All service up to date with records. Non-smoking car. A beauty that has received many compliments. Selling to trade up to a new Porsche. **\$55,500** firm. Contact [dickman1@msu.edu](mailto:dickman1@msu.edu). Photos on request.





## Minutes June 8, 2021 Motor-Stadt Board Meeting

- Attendees
  - Live: Ken Jones, Terrill Whitney, Joe Lavender, James Yen
  - Remote: Don Dickmann, Mark Haas
- Agenda
  - Move to approved: Lavender
  - Second: Whitney
  - Board approved
- Membership
  - 147 primary, 74 affiliate, 9 junior
- Treasurer's Report
  - Dickmann moved to accept
  - Second: Lavender
  - Board approved
- Insurance for the June 26 autocross has been applied for and received
- Newsletter will be available this week
- Facebook and website have been updated with Spring Kickoff information
- Spring kickoff is scheduled for June 19th.
  - Jones is going to swing by the dealership to check on RSVPs
- Porsche on the Mac II
  - Dickmann will be talking to the St. Ignace team to get an update on registration
- June 26th Autocross will be designated as the IROC event
  - Jones and Whitney to meet separately to discuss how to improve IROC and decide on categories
- Yen presented notes regarding autocross. Board agreed to proposed notes.
- Meeting adjourned
  - Moved by Haas
  - Second Dickmann

Submitted by James Yen



## *From the Editor*

I recently read an opinion piece on the electrification of cars and other vehicles. The author was not enthusiastic about the rush to electrification, largely based on a recent statement by Toyota that warned that the world is not ready to support a fully electric fleet. I agree. I get the impression that most people think that electrification is a kind of free lunch. By moving away from polluting internal combustion engines we will advance into the environmentally friendly world of the kilowatt. I am not saying that electrification is a bad idea; what I am saying is that electrifying the fleet comes with environmental costs and problems of its own. These issues are not widely recognized or discussed during the mad rush to electrification.

Let's not even get into the short-term and long-term problem of recharging. In most population centers the all-electric car driver can usually find a high-speed charging station. In remote areas, such as the northern Michigan counties, good luck. The recharging infrastructure will build slowly, especially in rural areas, and may not keep pace with the sale of all-electric cars. Will the existing grid be able to accommodate a large-scale, high-speed recharging network? I doubt it. Building more power plants to meet this demand does not strike me as environmentally friendly.

Another serious problem with electrification is lithium-ion batteries. These batteries do not last forever. Sooner or later they will have to be replaced, and the cost—both monetarily and environmentally—will be high. The disposal of large used L-I auto batteries is very problematic. These batteries contain rare and nasty chemicals—neodymium, lanthanum, terbium, and dysprosium, and critical metals such as lithium and cobalt—which our waste disposal system cannot currently recycle. Many of these rare-earth elements are not mined in North America. Rather, many of them are found in China or developing countries where environmental regulations are lax or lacking altogether.

All these problems must be accounted for in a balance sheet against the benefits electric vehicles bring to air quality and the environmental issues associated with the extraction of petroleum. We don't get anything for nothing! GM has announced that it will phase out all gas internal combustion engines by 2035. Other manufacturers have followed suit. Porsche AG is well into conversion of its fleet to electrification. We already have the Taycan and the hybrid Cayenne and Panamera. Rumors are that the Cayman and Boxster will be fully electrified in this decade. Will this head-long plunge into a relatively new technology proceed unabated or will there be some backing away? We will just have to wait and see.

Don Dickmann