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President's Letter

Fall is here! The dog days of summer have faded away, the days are getting shorter, and there is a chill in the air! The sun is rising around 7:45 am and setting around 6:59 pm. There is still a lot of time to drive your Porsche in the fall weather. For the most part, the temperatures have been above-average this fall! So, on those cool days, just turn on your seat heaters if you have them, especially if you're driving with the top down! Nap time has not arrived for your Porsche yet!

Also on that note, Motor-Stadt and Porsche Okemos had to cancel our fall color tour for 2021 due to issues beyond our control. We are looking at planning some other very exciting things for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. Stay tuned for more information!

There will be a *Cars & Coffee* on Saturday October 23rd from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Serra Auto Campus. Hope to see you there! Make sure to mark it in your calendar.

Motor-Stadt was well represented at the services for William "Bill" Robertson, who passed away on September 14, 2021. The services were held in Cadillac Michigan. He was a long time member and active board member of the Motor-Stadt Region of PCA. Bill Robertson, he will be greatly missed! Motor-Stadt donated \$100 in the name of Bill Robertson to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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.

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



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Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of September 2021:

Primary	148
Affiliate	75
Life	0
Total	223
PCA Juniors	9

PCA national membership as of September 2021:

Primary	93,123
Affiliate	49,724
Life	21
Total	142,868

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Marcus Lewis, Battle Creek, 2008 Cayman S

Tom Munshaw, Okemos, 1999 Boxster

Erika Shuck, Mason, 2011 Cayenne

Welcome to the Club!



Dear Zone 4 Members,

What an exciting event we shared in the middle of Zone 4 in the middle of September! On Friday, Sept 10th was both the opening day of Sportscar Together Fest at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and on the Bottleworks District of downtown Indianapolis Luftgekühlt 7 – a collection of air-cooled Porsches through the years. What I found fascinating was the evolution, or de-volution of the Pegasus logo from the initial insignia on the front bumper of a 911. Then seen on a 356 in the dinosaur skeleton format. And then finally, as my dad used to say – “When Pigs Fly”, we have the winged pig version.

Sportscar Together Fest was a fun filled racing weekend executed in concert with IMS, PCNA and PCA. Joined by Lynn Friedman, National Porsche Platz Chair, our zone 4 volunteers helped with the Platz and Corral. Volunteers were solicited and coordinated to assist in several areas each of the 3 days – Parade Laps each morning, the Platz itself, Experience Tents, and the Car Corral. Special thanks for the assistance of Mid-Ohio region president Dave Stetson, with the registration for volunteers. The Platz featured the Parade Store with event-branded items and PCA swag.

We gave out 1,000 event branded water bottles, over 600 event posters, various PCNA posters, and endless snacks and bottled water for our guests. The SimRacing and PCA Juniors experience pods were full of endless smiles.



The car corral was nearly full on Saturday with over 300 Porsches. Parade Laps in the early morning were

sold out on Saturday and Sunday. A highlight of the weekend was a first – an autograph session for the Club Race drivers. 27 of the 46 showed up at the tent over lunch on Saturday and signed event posters for fans for over 45 minutes.

So glad to see so many region events happening, for those outdoor venues it's great to be getting together !

Cheers- Lori






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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

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.



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9



Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar

- The **Fall Color Tour**, to have been held on **October 16**, sponsored by Porsche of Okemos and Motor-Stadt, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**.
- If you really want a color drive try the **Gilmore Car Museum** tour on **October 16**. See their web site (gilmorecarmuseum.org) for details.
- No other events currently are planned by Motor-Stadt for 2021.

SPECIAL HEADS UP—2023 will be **Motor-Stadt's 50th anniversary** as a PCA region. Be thinking about events we can hold to celebrate and how YOU can participate in planning them. A committee will be formed soon to coordinate celebration activities. Stay tuned for more info.

The monthly member's meeting at Spagnuolos the second Tuesday of the month has **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.





Porsche of Okemos & Motor-Stadt

present

**2021 Fall Color
Tour**

Saturday, October 16

Tentative Destination:

**Dow Gardens &
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Midland**

**Departure from Porsche of Okemos
(2777 Jolly Road, Okemos)
at ~9:30 a.m.**

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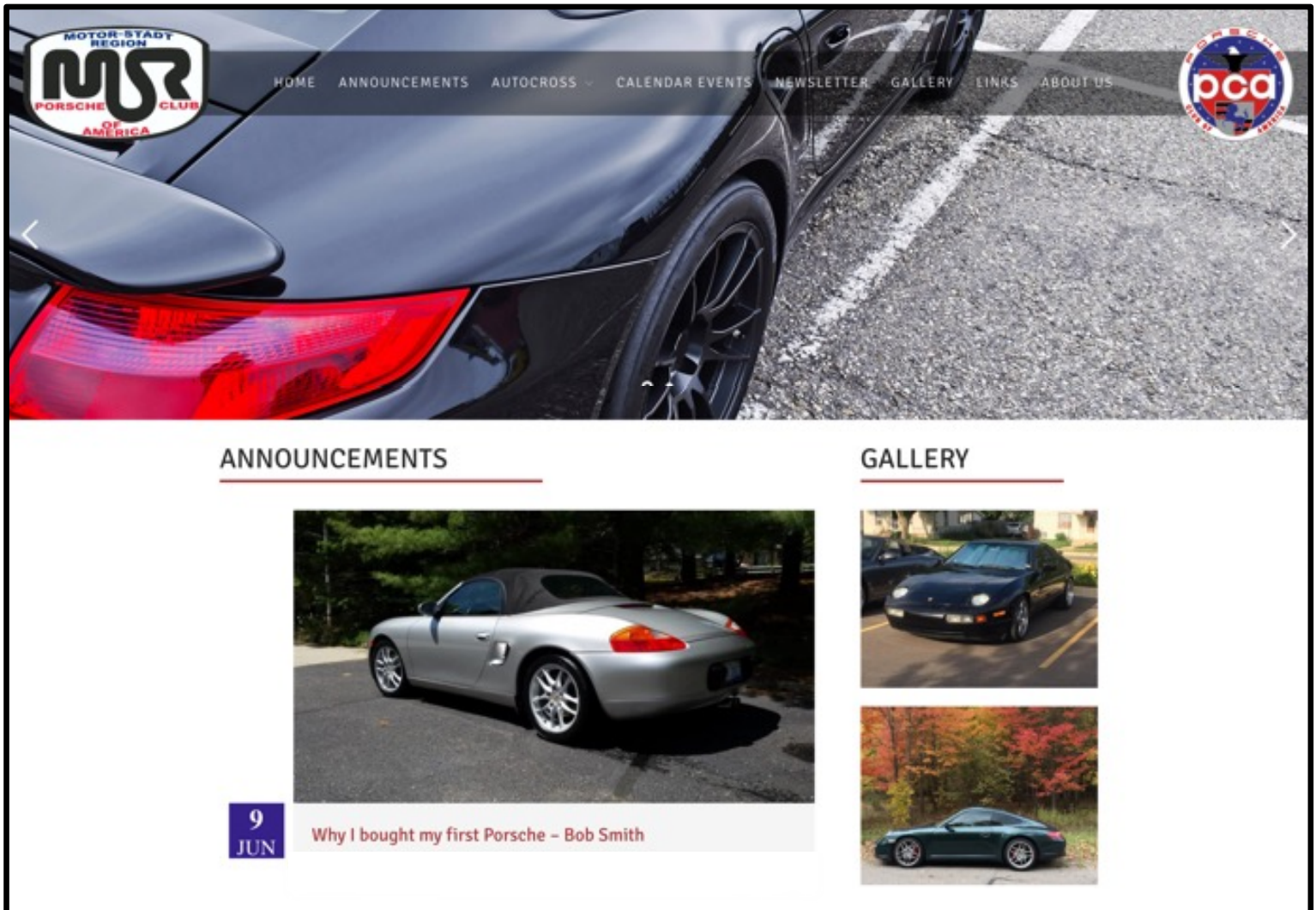
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2021 SUMMER CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

SAT • MAY 8

Boats At The Barns

Trailer your classic boat to the Gilmore for our new boat show. Wooden runabouts, vintage ski boats, or fiberglasses – all are welcome!

SAT • MAY 15

Vintage Travel Trailer Rally

Circle your wagons! Make plans to camp in your vintage travel trailer at our new rally, celebrating Airstreams in 2021.

**SAT • JUNE 12
& SUN • JUNE 13**

Vintage Motorcycle Weekend

Pre-1996 motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds on Sunday, plus a swap meet on Saturday.

**FRI • JUNE 18
& SAT • JUNE 19**

Micro/Mini World Meet

A celebration of small! Gathering of micro-cars and minicars, including classics like Isetta, Messerschmitt, and Mini Cooper.

SAT • JUNE 19

All Air-Cooled Gathering

Everything air-cooled from Porsches to Corvairs. Presented by the H.H. Franklin Automobile Collection.

**FRI • JUNE 25
& SAT • JUNE 26**

Congress of Motorcars

Celebrate the originals! This pre-1942 show features gas, steam and electric vehicles along with period specific attire/activities.

SUN • JUNE 27

Oldsmobiles & Orphans

The show for Oldsmobiles and orphan vehicle makes. If it's a brand they no longer build, we want to see it.

SAT • JULY 10

DeutscheMarques

Your favorite German marques and everything from daily drivers to weekend treasures. All years welcome.

SUN • JULY 11

Mad Dogs & Englishmen

All-year British invasion featuring a car faire complete with afternoon tea.

**FRI • JULY 16
& SAT • JULY 17**

Horseless Carriage

"Celebration of the Brass Car" show for pre-1916 autos and driving tour. Presented by Horseless Carriage Club of America.

SUN • JULY 18

Corvette Envoy

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.

SAT • JULY 24

MOPARs At The Red Barns

West Michigan's largest all-Chrysler products show. Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and Mopar muscle – oh my!

Ultimate Truck Show

Every make and model of truck - vintage, emergency vehicles, semis, 4x4s are all welcome.

SAT • JULY 31

GM/Chevy Show

Bob Oginsky memorial show, celebrating all GM and Chevrolet makes & models.

SUN • AUG 1

Red Barns Spectacular

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.

SAT • AUG 7

Lincoln Homecoming Weekend

A yearly gathering of the finest Lincoln vehicles, presented by the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum.

SAT • AUG 14

Relix Riot

Traditional hot rods, customs and motorcycles featuring a classic pin-up contest.

SAT • AUG 21

Pierce-Arrow Gathering

Pierce-Arrow Society annual celebration of the premier American luxury car built in Buffalo, New York, between 1901-1938.

SUN • AUG 29

Muscle Cars

West Michigan's largest gathering of 1960s, 70s, and late model American muscle cars.

SUN • SEPT 12

Ford Model A Day

Celebrate the heritage of the Model A. Presented by the Model A Ford Museum.

SAT • SEPT 18

Cadillac-LaSalle Fall Festival

The yearly meeting of a classic! Fall Festival is presented by the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Museum.

**FRI • SEPT 24
& SAT • SEPT 25**

Camaros At The Corners

Today is all about Chevrolet and one of its most iconic nameplates – the Camaro!

SUN • SEPT 26

DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest

A fall color cruise-in and Oktoberfest festival for German vehicles, hosted by DeutscheMarques. All years welcome.

SAT • OCT 9

Gilmore Fall Color Tour

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

SAT • OCT 16

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Or send a photo  or something else that would be of interest to Motor-Stadt members.

FOR SALE

Four mounted winter tires. Pirelli Sottozero Series II on Enkei NT03+M rims. 235/40 R18 front, 265/40 R18 rear. Fits a 997 911 and maybe other models. Little tread wear, purchased in 2018. Currently stored at Belle Tire. \$1800 OBO.

Contact Don Dickmann—dickman1@msu.edu





PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Oct 12th, 2021

6:30 PM - Spagnolo's Restaurant (Zoom meeting)
(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
Board Member: Joe Lavender (Zoom)

Member: Charlie Hagen
Member:
Guest: Marlon Olivas

Proposed agenda for the Oct 12th 2021 meeting was approved unanimously (Moved M. Haas / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Meeting Minutes - The Sep 14th, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 148 primaries, 75 affiliate members with 9 Junior members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark provided the report online prior to the meeting. The board reviewed the key data and we have \$5,053.86 in checking and \$10,603.40 in the investment account for a total of \$15,657.26. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded T. Whitney)

Advertising and Insurance – Invoices for 2022 advertising are planned to go out later this month. No insurance issues to report.

Publications – Don has prepared the next newsletter for the Oct publication pending minutes from this meeting and the Presidents letter. James & Don have posted the color tour cancelation on Face Book and the website.

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

- Complications with food service has led Serra Porsche to cancel their fall color tour. They hope to put together another event yet this year.

Old Business:

- On 20 Sep 2021 a motion was made (via e-mail) to make a memorial donation of \$100 to St Jude's in honor of past Motor Stadt President Bill Robertson. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen) and approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Charley Hagen reminded the board that 2023 is the 50th anniversary year for Motor Stadt Region. He suggested we start planning and event for the celebration. Charley attended a similar event and informed PCA national would support an event and likely send a representative.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:54 (Moved M. Haas / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

I received a book for my birthday from my wife Kathleen that I had not heard about before: *Why We Drive* by Matthew Crawford. It turned out to be an interesting and thought-provoking read. His defiant celebration of driving is much too involved for me to give a full review under the “Book Rack” column of this newsletter. A summation from *Road and Track* will give you a perspective on the book: “*Why We Drive* weaves philosophers, thinkers, and scientific research with shade-tree mechanics and racers to defend our right to independence, making the case that freedom of motion is essential to who we are as a species.” Crawford takes special aim at the current mania for smart technology, in particular autonomous (self-driving) vehicles. The book, although challenging when he wades into philosophical deep waters, is worth the time spent between its covers.

I was especially taken with his last major chapter “If Google Built Cars.” This sounds okay on the surface. But after you indicate your destination in a “Google car,” you will be able to sit back, put your face into your personal electronic device or whatever, and pay no attention whatsoever to the road or your surroundings. In those cars of the not-too-distant future we will be passengers, not drivers. Okay for a bus, taxi, or Uber, but for any gearhead who enjoys time behind the wheel, a frightful prospect. And when government enters to mandate such technology, we are really sunk. Furthermore, Google will be watching you. Your location information, in minutest detail, will be relayed by the driverless car and stored in a massive data bank, entirely inaccessible to you, to be used for nefarious commercial purposes. The cell phones and other electronic devices most of us use or carry on our persons already do that, but the autonomous car will elevate this peeping to an entirely new level. Crawford sums up this dystopian future in this way:

“...the most authoritative voices in commerce and technology express a determination to eliminate contingency from life as much as possible and replace it with machine-generated certainty. That’s what automation does, whatever else it may accomplish.”

The lesson I got from his discussion is this: if you value the driving experience, consider buying a Porsche with a minimum of electronic gizmos—a 356, 912, 914, air-cooled 911, a front-engine transaxle car, or an early water-cooled 911, Cayman, Cayenne, or Boxster. Then drive the heck out of it while you can. I can foresee a day when such cars might be banned from most public roads, for emission and “safety” reasons. You might even put yourself or your car at risk if seen in one of them. A grim prospect. I am happy I won’t be around to see it.

Don Dickmann