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President's Letter

The summer so far this year has had many warm days and also many more stormy, rainy days than last year. It seems to be unlike our very different spring season this year. Hopefully during the late summer and early fall there will be many more great driving days to come.

Also on that note, Motor-Stadt and Porsche of Okemos are planning the fall color tour for October 16. We are looking at some very exciting routes and destinations for the upcoming tour. Stay tuned for more information!

Our autocross on August 28th at Corrigan Oil Speedway was one of the most successful and highly attended events we have had in a long time. It was a very hot day, not a cloud in the sky! Everyone had a great time. I want to say a big thank you to all who attended and help to make the event run smoothly.

Motor-Stadt would extend its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of William "Bill" Robertson, who passed away on September 14. He was a long-time member, president, and active board member of Motor-Stadt Region. Bill Robertson, you will be greatly missed! At this time we have no word on funeral or memorial arrangements for Bill. As soon as we have something we will let you know.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

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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:

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.

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 August 2021:

Primary	146
Affiliate	76
Life	0
Total	222
PCA Juniors	8

PCA national membership as of August 2021:

Primary	92,802
Affiliate	49,565
Life	21
Total	142,388

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Daniel Bellmore, East Lansing, 1988 944S
(transfer from WMI)

Welcome to the Club!



Dear Zone 4 Members,

In August, Mid Ohio Region hosted our Zone's only PCA Club Race event. This year represented the 26th annual, consecutive years running of the event. PCA Club Racing is a program managed from the National level of PCA and supports over 30 race events across the US. Most events are shared with solo Driving Education run groups, or invite other amateur race series such as BMW Club Racing and Porsche Owners Club.



Racers have all sorts of fun liveries on their Porsches. Sometimes, I just can't resist taking a photo on grid.

I joined the National PCA Club Racing Staff as a Scrutineer in 2013, and work 3-5 races a year. Definitely a fun way to spend a weekend at the track. There is also a slew of volunteers needed to support a Club Race weekend. As a scrutineer, we are a team of 2-5 and we take care of issuing new log books to new entrants, or checking in those who already have a log book and are back for more. We walk along the gridded cars, working with the local grid marshal and teams, to make sure

all doors are closed, window nets up, and hood pins are latched. Then once the sessions begin, we take care of Black Flag station, to address any bad driving habits or the occasional contact that needs to be evaluated and documented for the race Steward. We sometimes check cars in impound for meeting proper minimum class weight at the scales.

Thanks to our sponsors, we have special rewards. The GTC 911 Cup cars are sponsored by Pirelli tires, and receive free tires based on participation. Here are our class winners behind the garages.

If you aren't quite up to getting a race car prepared, driving a trailer and tow vehicle to the track and all that – you can still have some fun for the DE. How about Sim Racing from the comfort of your own living room? Check it out!

<https://pcasimracing.com/>



Have a great rest of the Porsche season. Cheers, Lori, your Zone 4 Representative.




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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.



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12



Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar

- The **Fall Color Tour** is coming up on **October 16**, sponsored by Porsche of Okemos and Motor-Stadt. Destination will be Dow Gardens and the Alden B Dow home in Midland. Put this special annual event on your calendar.
- No other events currently are planned for 2021.

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.

Long-term Motorstadt Board member, one-term President, and loyal club member William "Bill" Robertson passed away on Tuesday, September 14. He was 88. His jovial personality always enlivened our board meetings. He will be missed. Bill spent his career working as a dentist for 67 years in Lansing, Michigan. He spent much of his time at his second home in Cadillac.



Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 2 pm at the Lifehouse Assembly of God in Cadillac. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>



Porsche of Okemos & Motor-Stadt

present

2021 Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 16

Tentative Destination:

**Dow Gardens &
Aldon B. Dow Home
Midland**

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

Autocross Report

Our final autocross for the season on Saturday August 28th was well attended, with several Porsche's and many other vehicles. The morning heat came early, but it was welcomed as there was no rain in the forecast. As many of us were looking for a remnant of shade, others were doing final checks and getting their car ready to go for a lap.

Autocross is a good opportunity to try out your car and get used to the handling that Porsche's are famous for. Whether you are looking for speed or just wanting to become a better driver, autocross is a sport that everyone can enjoy. If you are not interested in driving, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities for anyone wanting to pitch in.

Matt MacFadden had the quickest time of the day in the 37.5 second range. We also had new club members attend, including Beth Rogers driving her stunning yellow Boxster. It is always a joy to mingle and just enjoy a Saturday with great weather, great cars, and great people. Thanks to all who helped and braved the sun for most of the day!

Joe Lavender



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Ike Lea

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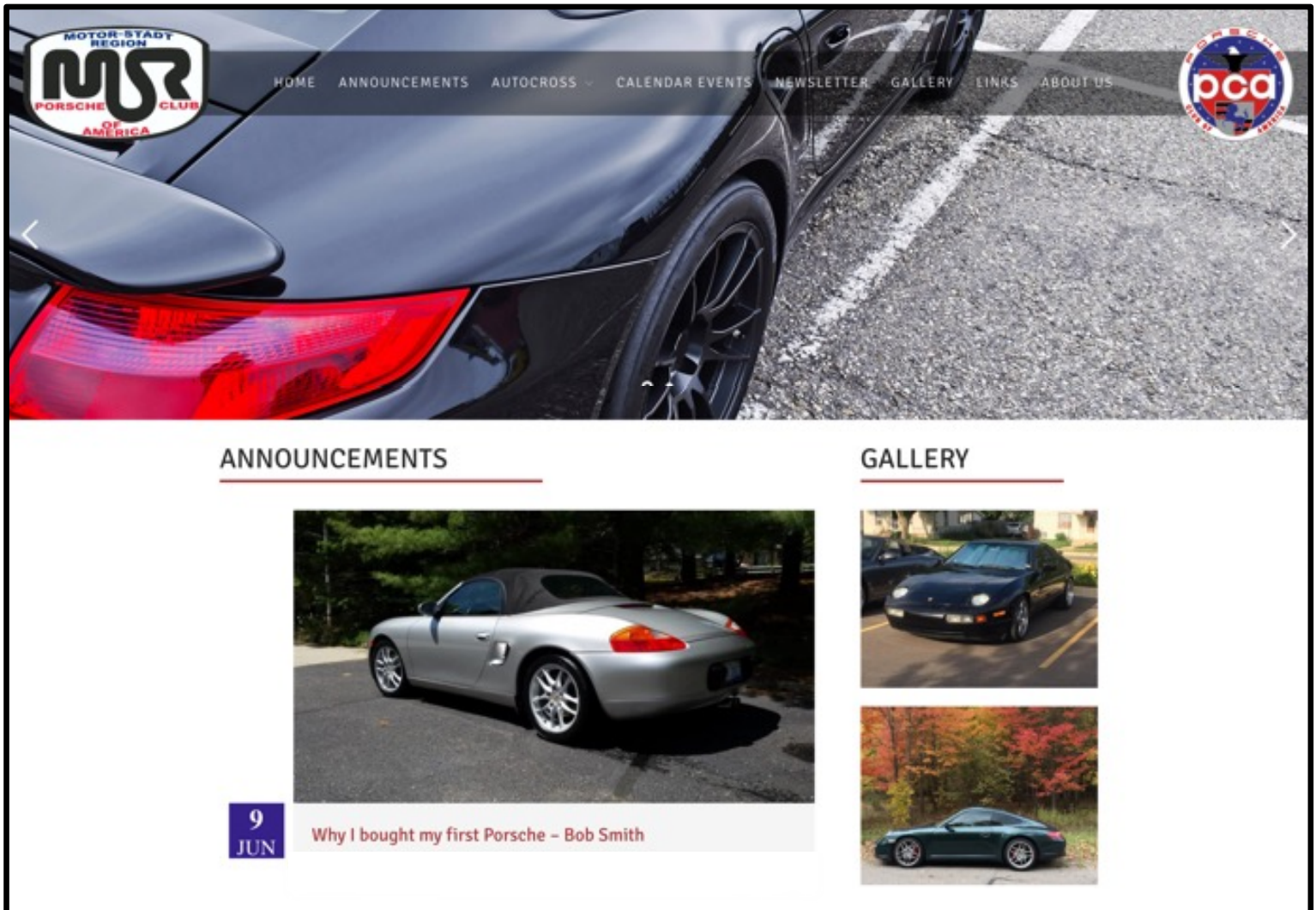
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2021 SUMMER
CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

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!

SAT • JULY 31

Ultimate Truck Show

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

SUN • AUG 1

GM/Chevy Show

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

SAT • AUG 7

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 14

Lincoln Homecoming Weekend

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

SAT • AUG 21

Relix Riot

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

SUN • AUG 29

Pierce-Arrow Gathering

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

SUN • SEPT 12

Muscle Cars

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

SAT • SEPT 18

Ford Model A Day

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

FRI • SEPT 24
& SAT • SEPT 25**Cadillac-LaSalle Fall Festival**

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

SUN • SEPT 26

Camaros At The Corners

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

SAT • OCT 9

DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest

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

SAT • OCT 16

Gilmore Fall Color Tour

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Contact Don Dickmann—dickman1@msu.edu





PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Sep 14th, 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: Trace Leffler
Guest:

Proposed agenda for the Sep 14th 2021 meeting was approved unanimously (Moved J. Yen / Seconded S. Lee)

Meeting Minutes The Aug 10th, 2021 board meeting was canceled due to scheduling but the club meeting was held.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 146 primaries, 76 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 \$5,806.96 in checking and \$10,859.62 in the investment account for a total of \$16,666.58. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen)

Advertising and Insurance – A detailing company inquired about advertising and asked if we include exposure on our web page. A motion was made to include advertising on our web page at no additional cost to our advertisers. The motion was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded D. Dickmann). Insurance observer and incident forms were submitted to PCA for the 28Aug2021 autocross. The PCA safety coordinator confirmed the reports were appropriate and we were thanked for running an injury free event.

Publications – Don has prepared the next newsletter for Sep publication pending minutes from this meeting and the Presidents letter. James has been posting our events on Face Book and monitoring the e-mail and website.

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

- Serra Porsche is planning their annual fall color tour. Save the date for 16Oct21

Old Business:

- Porsche on the Mac II was held in August. We believe Covid-19 and less than perfect weather reduced attendance to 56 cars. The event was still a success with everyone in attendance having a great time.
- The PCA flyers are "flying" off the dealers table top as they sell every car they can acquire. Don volunteered to print more copy and deliver to the dealership.

New Business:

- As we hold events we are continuously looking to improve and have received great feedback. Ken and Steve volunteered to meet prior to next months meeting to put members recommendations to paper.
- Exploring new events with the dealership – Ongoing discussion to continue to strengthen the relationship between Motor-Stadt and Serra Porsche continues.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:29 (Moved J. Yen / Seconded S. Lee)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

If you haven't seen the interview with Chris Harris on the PCA website (https://www.youtube.com/embed/9_rbQee36sQ), I recommend you watch it. Chris is a presenter on *Top Gear*, a British online motoring magazine and TV program. He is among the top automotive journalists on the planet and has driven just about everything on wheels, including many Porsches. He spoke remotely and off-the-cuff with Vu Nguyen, Executive Director of PCA.

Chris and Vu covered a wide range of topics in their 36-minute interview. I will highlight a few that I thought most interesting and thought provoking. Chris attributes his interest in cars to his mother, who was an autocross and rally driver, so it's in his blood. Early in the interview Chris established that he is a big Porsche fan. His first Porsche was a 911 G-series Carrera Club Sport that he drove for four years and 45 thousand miles. Asked what in his opinion was the best air-cooled 911, he responded without hesitation: a 1973 2.7 Carrera RS. He would sell all his cars to have one of these "Holy Grail" 911s. [But it would take at least a million dollars in today's market to own one! Ed.] The scariest Porsche he ever drove was a 964 911 3.6 turbo because of its wicked understeer/oversteer tendencies. But he admitted it was probably one of the best-looking Porsches.

Chris is disappointed in the politization of the motorcar industries, in particular the push towards electrification, which is much stronger in Europe. He does not regard electric cars as a solution. In particular, there has to be more to allure buyers besides ridiculously fast times to get to 60 or 100 mph and hands off driving. He stated emphatically that he would not own an E911, if such a car is ever marketed. In the end, however, he feels that common sense will prevail.

On the subject of the current horsepower wars, Chris feels many current cars are way too fast for normal driving. He doesn't need any more horsepower. [For example, the current 911 Turbo S clocks in at 640 HP, and that is at the low end of what is available from other supercar makes. How many drivers could even handle that much power at full throttle? Ed.]. He thinks Porsche management understands that their cars have to conjure up emotion, but that takes more than just horsepower.

Chris's final thought was to encourage people to use and work on their cars, even if only to change the wiper blades. Don't let your cars just sit in a garage.