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## The holidays are a time to reflect, slow our pace, and to enjoy family and friends.

With all of the holiday cheer and activity can come a little bit of that seasonal stress. Luckily, Porsche Okemos is in the business of making life easier. That winter tune-up or snow tire change is as easy as sitting down with a cup of coffee and your favorite book. Perhaps you'd like to head into town for a little shopping or lunch while we prepare your new Porsche to hit the road. Maybe you are looking for a squeaky clean canvas to make more laughs and memories with your children or grand children? Take a snowy stroll on campus while we detail your Porsche to perfection. Spend these holidays with family and friends and rest easy knowing we've got your transportation worries covered.

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## *President's Letter*

There is a definite windy arctic chill in the air this year. Most trees have lost most of their leaves. The sun is setting at 4:45 pm. Here in Michigan most households have switched off the air conditioner and switched on the furnace and the humidifier systems earlier than last year, although there have been a few 60- to 65-degree days this month. There is a smell of wood burning in wood stoves and fireplaces. When heading out, many people are piling on coats and sweaters to stay warm.

Many sports cars are being placed in their hibernated state for the balance of the year, although there may still some driving days left this year. If not being placed in hibernation, they are being winterized for cold weather driving. That would include steel wheels, winter tires, hard tops, battery and (for some cars) antifreeze check-ups.

Also, the fall season is a time to reflect on some things that have occurred this past motoring season. The autocross season went very well this year. Motor-Stadt was able to run three events this summer with no rain in sight, including the Porsche-Corvette Challenge! We hope that will continue into the new year, 2022. We also had a very successful, although late Spring Kick-Off that a raised significant donation for The Greater Lansing Food Bank. We will continue to work with Serra Auto Campus—Porsche of Okemos on joint venues with our members.

This time of the year is also great time to catch up on some reading to help pass the time and educate ourselves about our cars, new products, and projects we can do.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

As the phrase goes, "It's not just the cars, it's the people..." This is what PCA is all about...

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

Ken Jones  
Motor-Stadt President



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If you are interested contact the  
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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 October 2021:

Primary	152
Affiliate	77
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>
PCA Juniors	9

### PCA national membership as of October 2021:

Primary	93,449
Affiliate	49,830
Life	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,300</b>

*The largest single marque car club!*

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

Aleksander Halk, East Lansing, 2013 Boxster

Adam Horrocks, Grand Ledge, 1985 911 Carrera

Leonhard Sarosi, Saginaw, 1985 944

**Welcome to the Club!**



Dear Zone 4,

My article this month is more 'not around the zone' than around. Due to some personal commitments, I was not able to attend some of the fantastic fall color tour that I read about on your facebook pages and websites.

One commitment I had was to attend the Formula 1 race in Austin Texas, at the Circuit of the Americas - COTA. Since this was cancelled in 2020, was so great to get back to a sense of normalcy, as we are all enjoying in various aspects of our lives.

We met up with great friends Max and Mary Ann, and some of my former Maverick Region buddies, for our seats in the best grandstand ever – Turn 12. We had seats on the top row, with the rest of the Porsche Club contingent, about 20 of us.



*David Clardy and Max Willis at F1 COTA*



*COTA Formula 1!*

For those of you who haven't gone to a professional race, there are a few handy tips. First – if you can, pre-purchase parking in a designated lot near the track – and then be patient leaving. This makes the trip into the track so much easier and then you can go back and forth to the car if you need to – to drop off swag purchases, etc. Speaking of which, do you shopping on Friday and Saturday, cuz Sunday on race day is a zoo. So many people. This year, the crowd on Friday was amazing. I also recommend walking around the venue to enjoy the track from all angles, specifically at a road course. You'll want to do this during the

support race group sessions, which can be equally as exciting as the main event. The COTA race featured Formula W – all women drivers. Great open wheel fun.

A few weeks prior, Daniel Ricciardo who drives for McLaren, won a bet with his boss Zac Brown, McLaren CEO. The bet was that if Daniel got to a podium finish before COTA, he would get to drive a few laps with the Monte Carlo owned by Zac that Dale Earnhardt drove to the 1984 NASCAR championship. Dani-Ric as we call him, spun donuts in 4 corners in his final lap – hilarious.

Enjoy your fall events!

Lori



*Dani-Ric doing Donuts in Dale Earnhardt's car.*





## Have you signed up for PCA Juniors?

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

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

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

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

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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 DECEMBER 14**



## *Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar*

- No events currently are planned by Motor-Stadt Region for the remainder of 2021.

**SPECIAL HEADS UP—2023** will be **Motor-Stadt's 50<sup>th</sup> 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 or when an event has been cancelled.



## Buying a New Porsche

By Don Dickmann

On September 6 of this year I turned 80 years of age. I accept that I do not have many years left. And there are health issues to contend with. *C'est la vie!* So, I decided to give myself a really big birthday present. On a spring day in early May I sat down with Jay Douglas at Porsche of Okemos and ordered a brand-new Cayman GTS. Jay said I could expect delivery around Thanksgiving, well after my birthday—but close enough.

Ordering a new car today is relatively straightforward and fun, thanks to the internet. Here are the steps I took. After reading several reviews of the GTS online to reaffirm my decision, I began at the Porsche.com website. I clicked first on the 718 body type, then on “Build Your Porsche.” I chose the Cayman GTS model because I wanted a naturally aspirated six-cylinder engine rather than the turbo-charged four. Next up popped a color picture of the car along with a long list of options. Exterior and interior colors, wheel choice, transmission, and several other options are displayed in the picture as they are selected. I could see from six exterior and interior angles just what I would be getting with each option, a very cool feature. As I chose options the total price was computed on the top right of the page. When satisfied with my choices, clicking on

“Show Overview” gave me a complete breakdown of the base price plus the options I chose and other costs. I printed this page and took it to the dealership.

I will not list all the options I chose, but it was far short of all that were available. The major items were gentian blue exterior with black/Bordeaux red leather interior, silver wheels, PDK, and the Premium Package. It looked to be a really sharp car. After the deal was made with Jay and \$1,000 deposited, the wait began. I hoped I would have a few days to drive the car in late fall before the snows began. Actually, given the current parts supply troubles in the automotive industry, I did not expect the car until spring. But Jay said Porsche AG gives preference to customer-ordered cars. Then in mid-October Jay called and said that the car would be delivered at the end of the month. Whoa! What a nice surprise.

The delivery experience at Porsche of Okemos on October 28 was stellar. The first thing Kathleen and I noticed was a table in the corner of the delivery room with several attractively wrapped gifts...a nice touch. Although Jay had sent me several photos of the car being prepped in the shop, when he pulled it into the delivery room I was stunned. The car looked to be all I had expected it to be, even more. The special lighting in the delivery room really showed off the



color and sculpture of the car. After lots of oohing and aahing from everyone present, the business manager arrived to attend to the paperwork details. After signing multiple documents, handing over the check, and mounting the license plate, the car was ours. We drove out of the delivery room beaming like kids with a new toy.

So far, I have only put a couple hundred miles on the odometer. I will have to push that over 500 before I dial

in sport+ and drive the car aggressively, something I hope to be able to do before the snow and salty slush begin. Meanwhile Kathleen and I are enjoying the luxury of the Cayman GTS and beginning to learn the myriad electronic and safety features built into a 2022 automobile. The Cayman is light years more advanced compared to my 26-year-old 993 (which I just put into storage for the winter). But I love that “old” 993 just that much more.



Photo by Paula Zimmer



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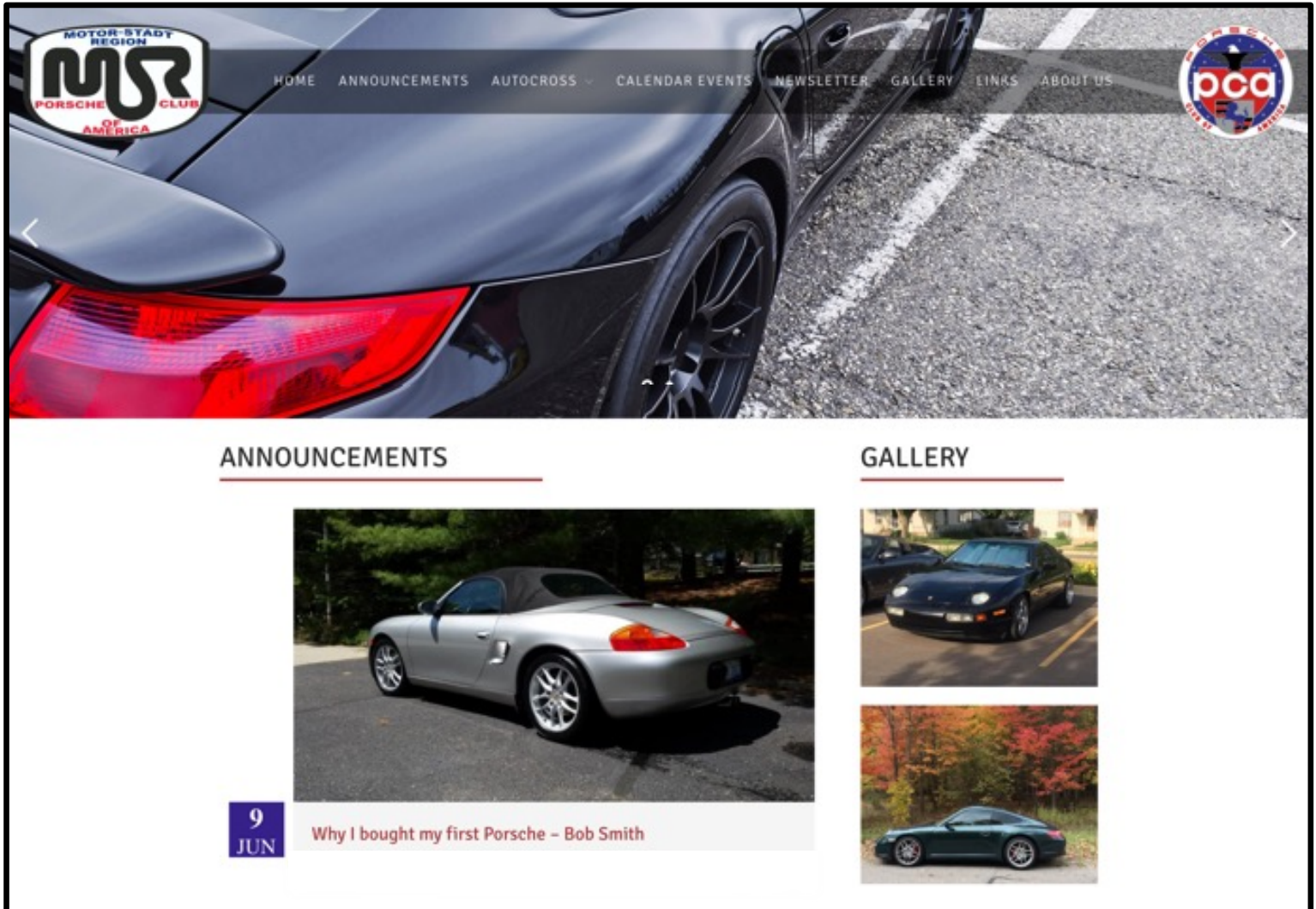


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## FOR SALE

Four mounted winter tires. Pirelli Sottozero Series II on Enkei NT03+M rims. 235/40 R18 front (-1 diameter, 50 mm offset) 265/40 R18 rear (-1 diameter, 60 mm offset). Fits a 997 911 and maybe other models. Little tread wear, purchased in 2018. Currently stored at Belle Tire. \$1200 OBO (PRICE REDUCED). Contact Don Dickmann—[dickman1@msu.edu](mailto:dickman1@msu.edu)





The November board meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.



## *From the Editor*

This is an interesting time to be buying an automobile. New cars are scarce in dealer showrooms and lots; there's not much to choose from. Good pre-owned cars are selling at record prices...but you have to act quickly because they are here today and gone tomorrow. Just check our local dealership, Porsche of Okemos. Their showroom lately has been mostly empty, with occasional nice, pre-owned cars on display. A few days later they are gone. Same is true on their outdoor lot. According to Scott McDaniel, General Manager, and Jay Douglas, Porsche Brand Ambassador, buyers are especially hyped on sports cars—911s, Boxsters, and Caymans. The COVID pandemic must have unleashed a wild and crazy streak in drivers!

The above trend represents lots of opportunities for prospective buyers and sellers of cars. For sellers of good, low-mileage cars, it is like finding oneself on the big rock candy mountain. For example, the used-car price index rose 9.2% in the last month and 38% in the past year. If you are thinking about selling or trading in, now is the time to do it. But don't delay. This bubble is probably temporary and will burst soon, and when it does prices will fall hard and fast. If you are in the market to buy a pre-owned Porsche, maybe it's best to hold off for a while and wait for prices to settle back down...unless you are willing to pay top dollar.

On the other hand, new-car buyers also have an opportunity coming up. The semi-conductor chip shortage combined with supply chain backlogs have reduced the supply of new cars. Hence the empty dealer showrooms. But loads of 2021 models have been built and are waiting for a part or to be unloaded from transport ships. Thus, when these 2021 models hit the market, good deals on them will be abundant well into next year.

On that optimistic note, I and the board of Motor-Stadt wish you a...

## *Happy Thanksgiving!*



Don Dickmann