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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

It's a very cloudy, cold, hot, wet, and dry December 2021! The weather has not been very bad for this time of the year, no snow to speak of! But the winds have been very incredible, often approaching near 60 mph. Wow!!

This December has allowed many Porsche owners to drive their cars much longer than usual. In the past few days there also have been many motorcycle riders out with their bikes. I know most of us are looking ahead to spring and warmer weather. In the meantime, most automobile-related things will consist of ingesting many issues of *Car and Driver*, *Excellence*, *Panorama*, *Motor Trend*, *Vintage Motorsport*, and other automobile magazines. Also, this is a very good time for planning any repairs.

For the past year, Covid-19 is still in the headlines in all the print and electronic media. It has affected the way all of us live and how we interact with one another. It has also impacted many of the events put on by PCA, Motor-Stadt, and others. It is not as bad as 2020, but the impact is still there. With a new variant of Covid-19 emerging, 2022 could be very interesting. Alert! Alert!

At our next Club meeting on January 10, 2021, live at Spagnuolo's in Okemos and on Zoom at 6:30 pm, the officers will be selected for the coming year. You are very welcome to join us for the conversation. The 2022 cast of characters will be published in the January 2022 *Madness* newsletter.

On behalf of the board and officers of Motor-Stadt, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas – Holiday Season.

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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*Madness* Editor

Joe Lavender—At Large

James Yen—At Large,  
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## 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.

## 2022 Board Meeting Dates

January 11	February 8	March 8	April 12
May 10	June 14	July 12	August 9
September 13	October 11	November 8	December 13



# Motor-Stadt





## Membership News

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

Primary	155
Affiliate	80
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>
PCA Juniors	9

### PCA national membership as of November 2021:

Primary	93,904
Affiliate	50,039
Life	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,964</b>

*The largest single marque car club!*

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

Michael Binroth, Cheboygan, 1977 911S

Miyoko Helle, Marshall, 2021 911 Targa 4S, 1988 911 Cabriolet

Gary Kughn, Grand Blanc, 2011 Panamera

Piotr Pawlak, East Lansing, 2003 Boxster

## Welcome to the Club!



*The Board of Motor-Stadt wishes you and your family a joyous Holiday Season*







Dear Zone 4,

Has it really been 4 years since I took over as Zone 4 Representative? YES, it has been a phenomenal time in PCA with our members and events. Each regions' membership grew thanks to the efforts of our membership

chairs finding new and exciting ways to reach out to more Porsche owners. Nearly every region hosts a New Member Party each year – or at least we tried! From chili cook-offs to fundraisers for animal shelters, the outreach was fantastic.

And what an interesting time in our history. I don't want to dwell in the pandemic, as this is front and center enough already. They say that adversity brings out the best of human nature, and this was so true for our regions over the past 2 years. Thanks to all of the officers, event chairs, and members for your contributions!

The Zone 4 High Performance Driver Education program grew stronger in the past few years. We always are happy to welcome PCA National Staff, such as John Krecek (far right) to visit our zone DE events, here with Dennis Okin (middle) and myself at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course with the Ohio Valley region in 2018. Despite the limited ability to coach new students for the better part of a year, we've added both new DE drivers and instructors to our distribution list. Thanks to the DE Committees!



Looking back, we had some great times together, especially at the Porsche Parade in July 2021 when Zone 4 welcomed the rest of PCA to our incredible part of our country, in French Lick. From concours, to rally to autocross and art show, our members were front and center of the competition and volunteer crews.

I am proud to be the most recent in a strong history of Zone 4 reps – we were all together at the Mid Ohio region celebration for Region of the year – Left to right – Jim Perrin, Steve Southard, Michael Soriano, me, and Ron Carr. Soon I will be passing the baton to your new Zone 4 Representative to carry on the leadership for our fabulous 12 regions. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Poconos Parade in June 2022. Take care and happy Porsche driving!

Sincerely, Lori Schutz





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**SPONSORED EVENT**

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## PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz!!

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



Presented by the

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***The event opens at 10:00 am and runs through lunch***

***(lunch provided by Nikolas Motorsport)***





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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 JANUARY 11**



## *Motor-Stadt 2021 Event Calendar*

- No events currently are planned by Motor-Stadt Region for the remainder of 2021 and the first months of 2022.

**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.





## When is the Last Time You Attended a Driving Event?

By Joe Lavender

My fiancé Ashley and I attended the Rennsport Dragon Rally this past October, our third time at this event. The three-day event is focused on driving the mountain roads in North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia. We enjoy driving hundreds of miles in our fantastic Porsche Cayman GT4, but that is only part of the reason we continue to attend these events.



Let's talk about the Dragon Rally. It is probably the largest Porsche event in the U.S. In past, there have been over 220 Porsches in attendance, although this past fall hat number dropped to around 140. All sorts of Porsche models and years. From air cooled to a GT3 RS to a Macan Turbo, all shapes, sizes and colors were represented. The event was separated in three different groups: spirited, touring, and cruising. You can choose your group prior to the event but can switch if you feel the need to change during the three days.

The roads are spectacular! Beautiful views of the Smokey Mountains with picturesque streams and small towns. A large portion of the drives are on winding country roads that are a blast to drive in your Porsche. It feels like the roads were made for these cars. Of course, we visited the Tail of the Dragon, an eleven-mile stretch on Highway 129 on the border of Tennessee and North Carolina. There are 318 curves and switchbacks in that eleven miles. Traffic usually is heavier in that area because of the popularity with sport bikes, slingshots, and every other vehicle you can imagine, even an occasional RV that took a wrong turn. But there are more than enough turn-offs during those eleven miles. Sometimes a sport bike may want to go faster than a Porsche on the Dragon, but normally even other sports cars are pulling off for us.





After each break or gas stop, most of your group is smiling and catching up about that great stretch of road we just drove. After each day of driving, we all meet back at the Fontana Dam and Resort for a social time where you meet amazing people with great stories and backgrounds. Lasting memories are made that you can cherish for years.



Which brings me to ask when was the last time is you attended a driving event? Over the three events Ashley and I have attended, we have met and made lifelong friends from all over the country. Whether you are a hardcore racing enthusiast or just someone who enjoys a Sunday drive, there is an event for you somewhere. I challenge anyone who has not attended a driving event to do so. Certainly, we have had a challenging two years with COVID-19. Nonetheless, I encourage you to check your local PCA events. If your local club doesn't offer an event that fits with your schedule, look outside your local PCA Region or search the internet. The people you meet are always the highlight of the event and of course, the drive! As Ferdinand Porsche once said, "Our cars are meant to be driven, not polished."

## A Porsche for Her

By Steve Lee

Some people hate shopping for cars. I tend to enjoy it. As an engineer I research the potential makes and models via magazine articles, manufactures web sites, and internet reviews. I then create lists and spreadsheets with all the advantages, disadvantages, cost comparisons, resale value, power to weight ratios, etc. And then and only then, I buy the vehicle I emotionally wanted in the first place!

If you would have asked me just 5 years ago if I would ever own a small SUV I would have said “No way!” We’ve always had a full-size SUV for towing duty so the small and mid-size SUV segment was just a glorified station wagon in my eyes...YUCK! But this vehicle segment just makes sense for so many drivers. Not too large, decent fuel economy, easy in and out, and quite utilitarian. I bit the bullet and bought my wife Jenifer a BMW X3. At the time the BMW was the sportiest of the segment but far short of “The ultimate driving machine” advertised.

As a daily driver her X3 was performing admirably, she loved the car, and it was our go-to road trip vehicle. I wasn’t planning to replace it for another 2 years. Then one day I scheduled service for my 911 and the dealership graciously offered a new Macan as a loaner car. I enjoyed the drive home and offered it to my wife for a test drive. I already knew it handled far better than the Bimmer and styling was a class above the X3. What was I thinking? Of course, she liked it and now she wanted one! It’s as if the dealership knew that letting me drive a shiny new Porsche would make me want one 😊

After a few weeks went by the right Macan arrived at the dealership and Jay Douglas graciously had it warming in the drive for Jenifer’s test drive. We drove around the Okemos countryside and on the expressway. Everything was as expected, the deal made, and delivery date scheduled. Upon arrival for delivery Paula Zimmer had prepared a very nice gift basket with snacks and Porsche-branded goodies. Jay dutifully performed the delivery instruction for the features and conveniences just in time for me to make the PCA board / club meeting on Tuesday evening.





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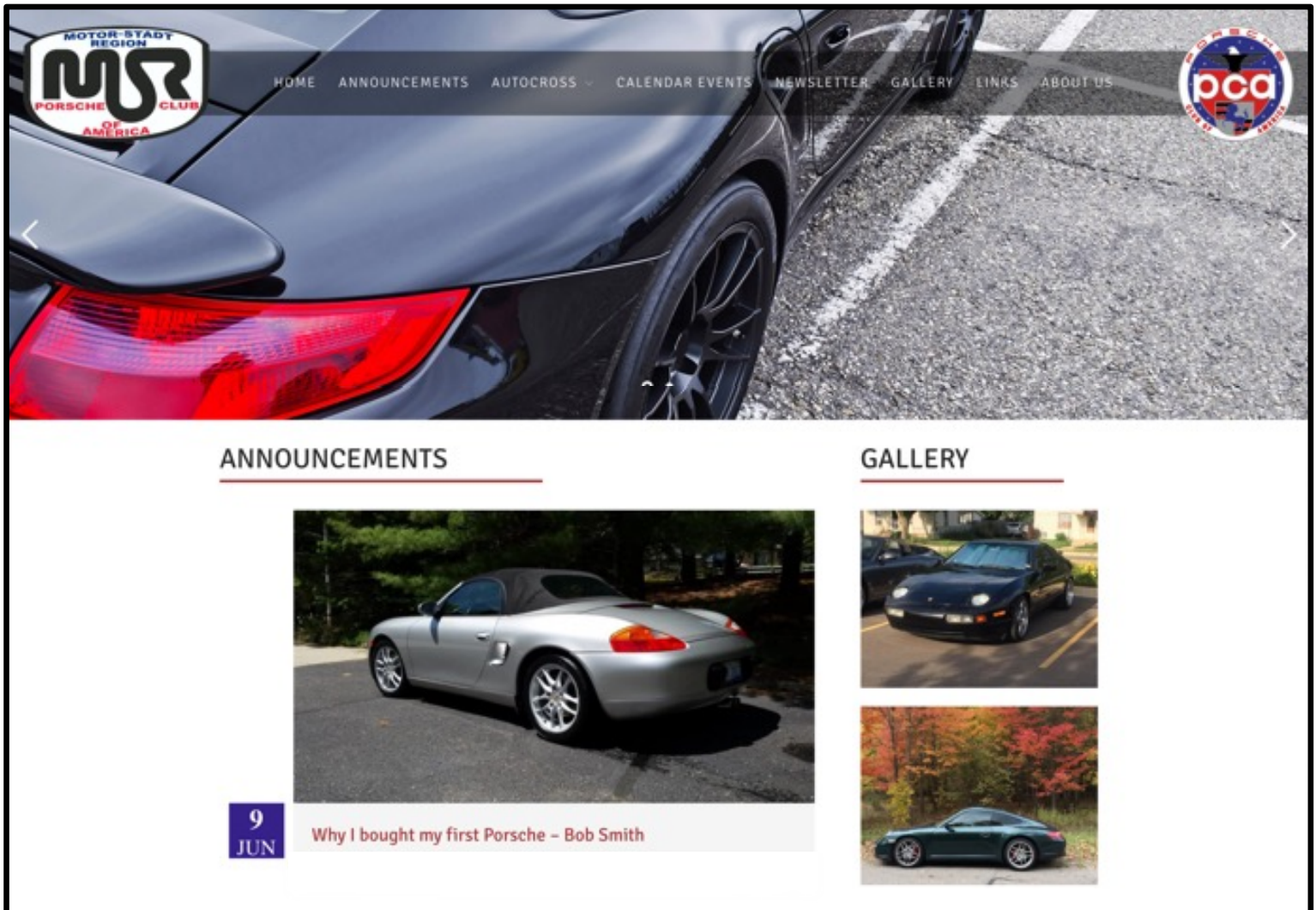
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## Member Message Board

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

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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)





## FOR SALE

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## PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Dec 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: Piotr Pawiak  
Member:  
Guest:

**Proposed agenda** for the Dec 14th 2021 meeting was approved unanimously (Moved M. Haas / Seconded S. Lee)

**Meeting Minutes** - The Oct 12th, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

**Membership** – Ken reported that the current membership is 155 primaries and 80 affiliate members.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark provided the report online prior to the meeting. The board reviewed the key data and we have \$5,270.47 in checking and \$10,792.99 in the investment account for a total of \$16,063.45. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded T. Whitney)

**Advertising and Insurance** – Checks were received from Munk's and Clear Bra for 2022 advertising and will be deposited in December. No insurance issues to report.

**Publications** – Don has prepared the next newsletter for the December publication pending minutes from this meeting and the Presidents letter. James will continue to monitor and update Face Book and the website as necessary.

**Committee Reports / Activities:** The club really needs an event chair. Contact [Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) to help.

- Ken stated the dealership showed interest in hosting a winter gathering at their location. Ken to investigate as a possible alternative to past events. If the dealership does not commit we will pursue the Spartan Hall of Fame.

### Old Business:

- The board agreed a committee should be created for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2023) celebration for Motor Stadt Region. All interested members please post to the website, Face Book or contact a board member.

### New Business:

- A motion was made to continue the Corvette / Porsche challenge. (Moved J. Yen / Seconded S. Lee) and approved unanimously. This time the Corvette club will set up the track and run the timing equipment.
- Volunteers are needed for board members as our bylaws allow for 12. The current 7 agreed to continue in 2022. A motion to reelect the current 7 was made (Moved J. Yen / Seconded D. Dickmann) and approved unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:56 (Moved S Lee / Seconded D. Dickmann) approved unanimously.



## *From the Editor*

Have you noticed that all new cars tend to look the same, especially from the rear? The only way to tell them apart is by looking for the company logo. Makes you wonder if there is a central design bureau somewhere that approves all these looks. The design homogeneity extends among American, German, Japanese, and Korean models, among others. Whereas radical changes are going on in the electronics and drive trains of cars, body styles are being churned out in homogeneous regularity. Part of this trend is due to the decline of sedans, wagons, and hatchbacks in favor of S.U.V.s, crossovers, and pickup trucks...must be but one way to design these vehicles! The only difference is that some are A LOT bigger than others. Farhad Monjoo of the *New York Times* recently commented: "Cars are growing brains...I just wish they weren't also losing heart, soul and personality." I tend to agree.

A notable exception to the above trend are Porsche sports cars—the Boxster, Cayman, and 911. Park a 1964 911 next to a new Porsche sports car and the DNA comes through loud and clear. Butzi Porsche's original design elements still are there: the roofline with the steeply inclined windshield, the gentle slope to the rear, the unique relationship between the lower hood and the pronounced front fenders, the sculpture of the rear fenders, the pronounced shoulders, the engine towards the rear. All these elements make a Porsche sports car of a post-1964 vintage instantly recognizable to anyone who knows anything about cars. Could you say that for any other marque, say when comparing a C1 with a C7 or C8 Corvette? I don't think so. Let's hope that Porsche AG sticks to the design success they have had.

Don Dickmann

