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President's Letter

13.3 inches!! Wow, what a way to start off the month of February! That's how much snow we received in Lansing and surrounding areas on February 2nd. I believe that set a new record for snow on that date.

The Zone 4 Representative position has been filled. Chip Henderson was appointed as your Zone Rep for a two-year term. Chip completed several successful years of service as the Mid-Ohio Region President, Vice President and currently Region Club Racing Chair. In addition, he joined the National PCA Club Racing team as a new race steward for 2022. His term began on January 13th, 2022. Please join us in congratulating Chip on his appointment.

We also want to offer a huge thankyou to Lori Schutz after completing two terms as your Zone Rep. Lori did an outstanding job cultivating the values that define PCA. She has also been a valued contributor to national initiatives beyond her core volunteer responsibilities. We are joyed to have her as a friend through the fellowship of PCA.

Some housekeeping issues:

The club really could use an event chair. The volunteer can define their own role in this capacity! Please consider giving it a try. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com to learn more.

A few things to start the new year at Motor-Stadt:

- The yearly Winter holiday party/dinner is scheduled for March 2022, date and venue to be determined.
- The Spring-Kickoff will be held in late April at Porsche of Okemos.
- Spring Autocross. Due to a tripling of the daily rent at Corrigan Oil Speedway, we are considering other venues. Birch Run Speedway and Event Center may be a good fit. An Autocross committee will be formed.
- We continue to plan social, driving, and charity events that will be widely appealing.
- A committee has been formed for the 50th anniversary celebration for Motor Stadt Region in 2023. All members interested in helping please post to the Facebook page, Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com, or contact a board member with your ideas.

Hope to see you at a board meeting or a MST event this year!

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

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Ken Jones

Motor-Stadt President



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS 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.

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 January 2022:

Primary	157
Affiliate	80
Life	0
Total	237
PCA Juniors	9

PCA national membership as of January 2022:

Primary	94,657
Affiliate	50,375
Life	21
Total	145,053

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New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Brian Goschka, Dewitt, 2015 Boxster S

Christopher Rego, Linden, 2016 Cayman

Welcome to the Club!



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Every year across Porsche Club of America, members are making a difference with many amazing, heartwarming, and thoughtful acts of kindness. PCA is continually collecting stories of member's community contributions, and publishing articles for all to read in an effort to highlight what our club is doing and inspire other regions to help in their own way.

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Horsepower in Horse Country

The nineteenth annual Keeneland Concoeurs d'Elegance will be held on July 16, 2022 in the heart of horse country, Lexington, Kentucky. The venue is the historic Keeneland Race Track. The Feature Marque will be **Porsche**. Four of the 20 judged classes will be Porsche. In addition, the PCA Bluegrass Region (BGS) will be holding a Porsche Hospitality Park inside the dedicated Car Club Paddock area. On the day prior to the concours, the BGS will also be hosting PCA Friday at Keeneland. PCA events this day will include a morning Concours Appreciation Training Session and an afternoon drive through horse country. Other activities available for visitors to enjoy include self-guided Walking Tours of the venue, visit to Gift Shop, observing Morning Thoroughbred Workouts, Meals at the Track Kitchen, Back Scenes of Concours site prep and the Keeneland Library. Also, nearby attractions include the KY Horse Park, the KY Aviation Museum, Distilleries, the KY Castle and Horse Farms. You may want to spend the entire weekend!

To learn more about the Keeneland Concoeurs and possibly nominate a Porsche for competition, check out their website at

<https://keenelandconcours.com/>

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 MARCH 8



Motor-Stadt 2022 Event Calendar

- The Winter Dinner has been scheduled for March 19 at Zynda's restaurant in Williamston. Further details will be given in an email blast and in this newsletter.



- The traditional Spring Kickoff will be held at Porsche of Okemos in late April, date pending.
- Autocross events this year probably will not be held at Corrigan Oil Speedway due to a tripling of the daily track rental fee. Alternate venues are being explored.

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 has been formed 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.

One of the Best Decisions of My Life

By Bill Trevarthen

This is the story of how I came to be the proud owner of a beautiful white 2018 Porsche Macan (base model, 4 cylinder, 252 hp.) with its eye-popping red and black leather interior.

The story begins when we met Jane in the MSU library in 1971. That year my then girlfriend, Linda, (now my wife of nearly 50 years), and I were undergraduates at Michigan State University, and we both had work-study jobs that involved the library. Linda worked for the library itself in circulation. I worked for my advisor, a professor in MSU's residential Justin Morrill College, on two different bibliographies relevant to my major: English Literature. I did the work for these in the MSU library, both in a carrel on the library's 4th floor and in the stacks.

In those ancient days, you found books by using the card catalogue. There were no computers.

What the library offered instead of technology was a reference desk, a section of the first floor right in the center of things. The experts who worked the reference desk were people with advanced degrees in library science. They knew the library inside out. They were our guides and computers.

Jane worked at the reference desk, so it was there that we met her. She was older than we were, library-savvy, helpful, attractive, sophisticated, and witty. Linda and I and our good friend Doug (eventually my best man in our wedding) hung around Jane and the reference desk much more than we really needed to (all of us charmed),

and eventually we all became very good friends.

Jane lived at the time in the faculty apartments on campus known as Cherry Lane and owned a car, a luxury none of us had at that point. It was a black Volkswagen Beetle, certainly a car for its time. It was reliable, inexpensive to operate, and, let's face it, cute. There were no garages available to Cherry Lane's residents, so it sat outside year around.

Near it in that Cherry Lane parking lot, there was also a mystery car. Something low and sleek and completely encased in a snug, dark protective cover.

I forget exactly how we found out the secret of the mystery car, but we did. It was a Porsche 911-S. And it belonged to Jane.

This knowledge added layers of depth to our appreciation of Jane. Owning a Porsche belied undercurrents of daring, adventure, and power.

And fortunately, all four of us fit in her Porsche (very snugly), so Jane could take us places. Quickly!

It will come as no surprise to anyone that when Linda and I married in 1973, Jane was Linda's maid of honor, and that we have been friends with her ever since.

Perhaps even at that early date, the Porsche seed had been planted in me, but it was dormant for many years.

Linda's and my automotive history began modestly enough. In 1976, we bought our first car: a Ford Granada. We were thrilled finally to have our own transportation!

Years later we graduated to an Olds Cutlass Ciera. A very good-looking car (burgundy inside and out) that was loaded with extras. It seemed the very height of luxury.

In 1989, our automotive life took a dramatic turn—to Jeep Wranglers. In the fall of that year we made our first trip to Arizona, staying in Scottsdale. We fell in love with the state immediately. While at our resort in Scottsdale we booked an early morning “Wild West Jeep Tour.” The morning of the tour, we came down to the lobby to find a towering cowboy in a duster, cowboy hat, boots that came almost to his knees, and a gun belt with a six shooter. He introduced himself as “Crash,” loaded us into his Jeep Wrangler, and off we sailed into a stunning desert morning.

Crash, who had worked for years on horse ranches in the area, taught us about the beauty and the dangers of the desert. We learned about the history of the area and about its Native inhabitants. We saw petroglyphs. We drank beer and even fired the 6-shooter at the empty cans. Everything about that morning was thrilling.

Not too long after we got home from our trip, I bought my first Jeep Wrangler and was in love with it. I had never loved driving so much. I drove Wranglers for the next 25-plus years. And when the Cutlass Ciera gave up the ghost, we bought a Jeep Grand Cherokee for Linda.

When my second Jeep Wrangler was put to rest (after nearly 14 years), I made one of the biggest mistakes of my life. The first two Wranglers I had purchased new from a Jeep dealership. The third one I bought used from a Chevrolet dealership without doing the due diligence.

It was heartache from the start. It was a four door Wrangler with tires worthy of a Monster Truck Rally. It was also literally full of sand from its extensive use off-road. The turn signals and brake lights worked “intermittently.” The need for service and parts, however, was pretty much constant.

When I had finally had enough, I began to daydream about its replacement. Something smaller, reliable, and beautiful.

I should add that Linda and I had at this point been friends for decades with the editor of this newsletter and pillar of the Porsche community, Don Dickmann, and his wife Kathleen. Because of our earlier enchantment with Jane’s 911-S, Don’s beautiful Porsches triggered many happy memories.

At first I was thinking I might buy a Cadillac: a locally made car that was prestigious and beautiful.

But Don suggested that I at least take a look at Porsches. He thought the Cayenne or Macan might be what I was looking for. So, I started to investigate online.

Several days later, waiting at the traffic light at the intersection of Grand River Ave. and Hagadorn Road in East Lansing, I glanced over at the car in the lane next to me. What is that beautiful little car? I wondered. And then I realized: THAT is a Porsche Macan! And that, as they say, was that.

I told Don I was ready to act. He called the manager at the Porsche dealership and set up an appointment. I narrowed my search on the dealership’s website. On Friday of that week, Don and I drove to Okemos Auto Collection, met the manager, who introduced me to the Porsche sales associate, Linda Daub. The Macan I was considering was ready to go.

Don, Linda Daub, and I did the test drive and came back to seal the deal.

Dealing with the Porsche dealership and its staff that day and every visit since has been perfect in every way.

When the transaction was completed, Don and I joined our wives for a celebratory lunch. The following Monday I picked up my Porsche Macan.

Even now, three years later, every time I go into the garage and see it, every time I get in and drive (zero to sixty in under 6 seconds), I say, "Wow!"



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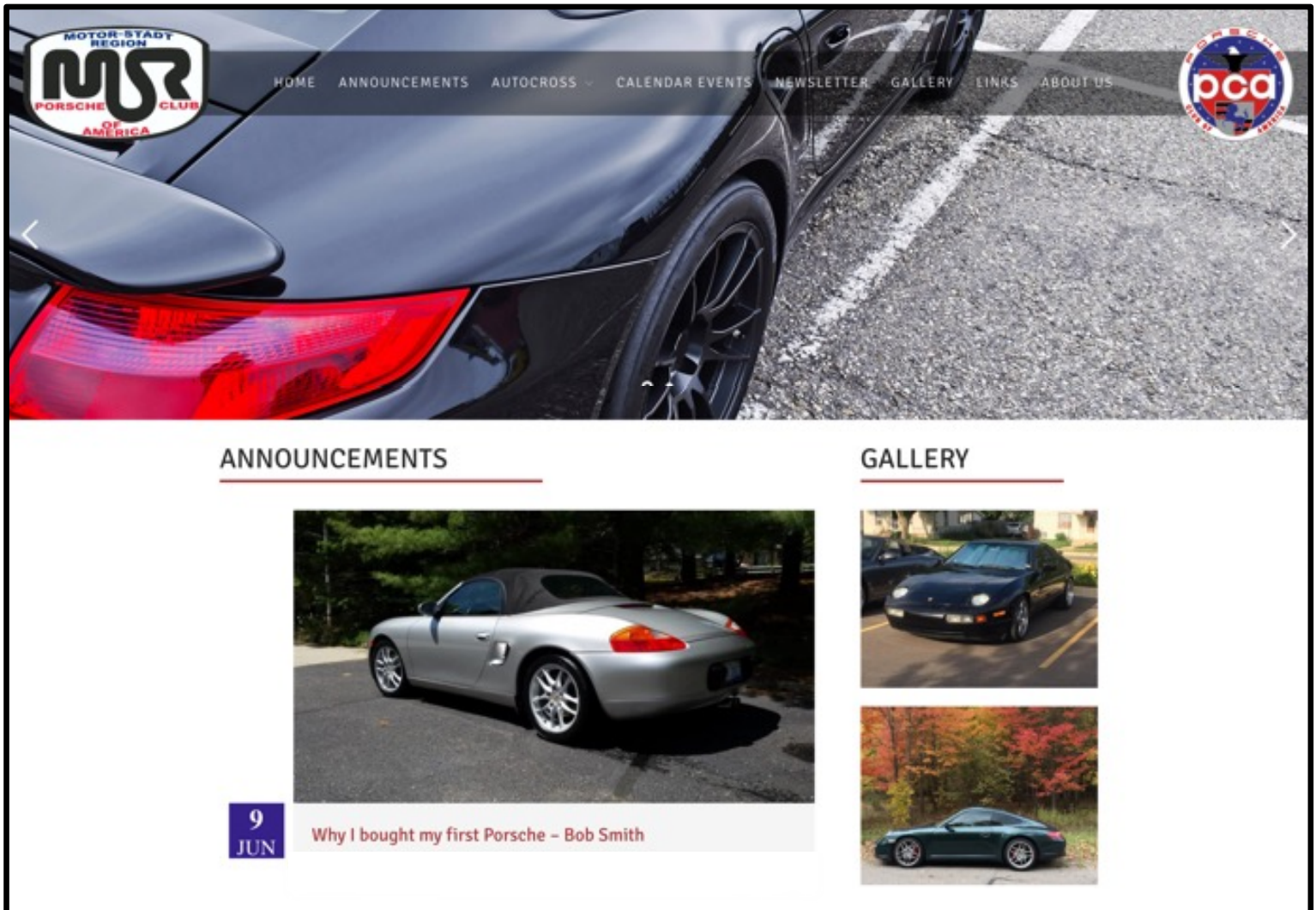


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PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes Feb 8th, 2022

6:30 PM - Spagnolo's Restaurant (Zoom meeting)
(Regular Meeting - Second Tuesday of the Month)

Present:

President: Ken Jones
Vice President: Joe Lavender
Secretary: Steve Lee
Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Don Dickmann
Board Member: James Yen
Board Member: ~~Ferrill Whitney~~

Member: Matt MacFadden (Zoom)
Member:
Guest:

Proposed agenda for the January 2022 board meeting – The agenda for the Feb 8th 2022 meeting was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas)

Meeting Minutes - The Jan 11th, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 157 primaries, 80 affiliate (237 total) + 8 juniors.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported a total of \$6,310.57 in checking and \$9,580.54 in the investment account for a total of \$15,891.11. The report was approved unanimously (Moved J. Lavender / Seconded S. Lee)

Advertising and Insurance – A check was received from Fick's Mobile Detailing to be deposited in our account. Look for the new ad copy in the February newsletter! No events required insurance during this period.

Publications – Don will post the February newsletter in the following days pending receipt of these minutes and the president's letter. James noted an e-mail received with potential articles for future newsletters. James will continue to monitor e-mail along with Face Book and the website as necessary.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- The club really could use an event chair. The volunteer can define their own role in this capacity! Please consider giving it a try. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com to learn more.
- Ken will meet with the dealership and discuss a target date of April 23rd for the Spring Kickoff.

Old Business:

- Ken and Steve will start a committee for the 50th anniversary (2023) celebration for Motor Stadt Region. All members interested in helping please post to the website, Face Book or contact a board member with your ideas.

New Business:

- Winter dinner - We have not given up on a possible dinner event. Zyndas in Williamston is the current top candidate due to the temp closure of the Spartan Hall of Fame. If we can work out a package, we will send out an e-mail blast and include in the March newsletter. A target date of March 19th has been proposed.
- Autocross – Corrigan Oil Speedway has more than tripled their price for our events. We are considering other venues and Birch Run Speedway and Event Center may be a good fit. An Autocross committee will be formed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:29 (Moved S Lee / Seconded M. Haas) approved unanimously.

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

It came as a shock when I read the January 24 email from Tom Hernly, owner of Corrigan Oil Speedway, informing me that he has raised the daily track rental fee from \$450 to \$1,500. Although \$450 was really a ridiculously low fee, I did not expect that it would be more than tripled! That announcement produced shock waves throughout our board. We quickly concluded that a tripling of the normal \$30 fee for drivers running in the autocross would not work. Traditionally driver's fees have covered the cost of the track, often with a bit left over to add to our treasury. We would like to maintain that outcome. Not that \$90 would necessarily be out of reach for our members, but most of the participants at our events have been students from the MSU Racing Club. We thought \$90 might be too steep and discouraging for many of them.

Autocross events have been year in and year out among the most popular driver events sponsored by Motor-Stadt. Sadly, that has not been due to participation by club members. Although about 30 cars typically run the autocross course on a given day, only a half dozen or so are Porsches. Without the participation of enthusiastic and eager MSU Racing Club members and other like-minded car owners, our events would be a flop. Although all Porsches are made to race, that fact apparently is a hard sell for most members of Motor-Stadt. Given that autocross is a relatively safe way to explore the high-performance capabilities of your car, few members are willing to try it. When I see the number of well attended autocrosses, club races, track days, and driver's education events held by other regions, I just shake my head and wonder why the reluctance by our membership?

We are currently exploring alternate track venues. We are not excited by running an autocross around cones in a parking lot. A racetrack with infield cross-overs is an ideal location to set up an autocross course, although there still will be cones. We currently are looking at the Birch Run Speedway about an hour north of Lansing. It is an easy-off Interstate 75 and looks like a real possibility. Apparently, their daily track rental fee is \$1,000, which is more reasonable and affordable than Corrigan. We are too early in the game to have reached a firm decision, but we hope to have a new venue identified soon. We definitely will let you know.