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At Porsche Okemos, we love our vehicles as much you do and we know that every detail matters. Whether you are looking for a quick spring tune-up, a new set of tires, or something a little more involved we have you covered.

We look forward to sharing the excitement with you.



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We especially want photos—your Porsches, events, drives, etc.

Send posts and photos to Don Dickmann at ([motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com)) or post them on our Facebook page.

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## *President's Letter*

Hopefully everyone in the Motor-Stadt Region is surviving the wonderful, beautiful Michigan winter weather!! We know that we are all looking forward to the hopefully warmer weather later in March.

This season, our membership numbers are up from this time last year. We have two new members this month. Our regional total is 238. We also have 8 PCA Juniors this month.

On March 19 the Motor-Stadt Annual Winter Dinner will be held at Zyndas in Williamston, MI. The address is 150 E Grand River Ave, Williamson, MI 48895. This is a change from past years. Our past venue did not survive the impact of Covid 19! The club will cover the cost of appetizers. The meal is expected to cost \$30-\$40 per person. Please RSVP by March 14th. You may use the following link to RSVP. <https://forms.gle/UuaHEgo4gZDzbs2s8>

It will be great seeing and interacting with many of the Motor-Stadt members!!

Other upcoming events that are upcoming this spring:

The Motor-Stadt Spring Kickoff and Auction is tentatively scheduled for April 23 at Porsche of Okemos. Also, the dealership will be launching the 2022 Porsche Macan on that date. So come check it out! And please don't forget that the auction is for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. So, look in that garage and see what you have to contribute.

Tentative dates and venue for Motor-Stadt Autocross are being planned, stay tuned!

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

Ken Jones  
Motor-Stadt President



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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS 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 February 2022:

Primary	158
Affiliate	80
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>
PCA Juniors	9

### PCA national membership as of February 2022:

Primary	95,021
Affiliate	50,442
Life	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,484</b>

*The largest single marque car club!*

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

Julio Benitez, Midland, 2005 911 Carrera S

David Taylor, Fenton, 2021 Macan

## Welcome to the Club!





## Did you know PCA has its own racing series?

Club Racing is a place for Porsche enthusiasts to race their Porsches in a friendly, competitive environment. Club Racing has a class for just about every sports car Porsche has made, everything from a converted 944 to a new Porsche Motorsport GT3 Cup is welcome. With Club Racing, you can race your Porsche on some of the most historic tracks in North America like Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, Road Atlanta, and Canadian Tire Motorsports Park.

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## e-Brake News

Dear e-Brake News subscriber,

Porsche Club of America delivers e-Brake News to your inbox every Tuesday. This is the August monthly recap.

Check out the [August issue of Porsche Panorama](#) and scroll down for the top e-Brake articles of the month.

Scroll to the bottom to vote for the Porsche of the Month, and to see July's winning photo.

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PCA—The Porsche market led the big 2011-2015 resurgence in the collector car market, setting trends that continued over the next slightly cooler five years.

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[2. Here are the Spring 2020 Member Only Raffle winners of a Taycan 4S](#)

PCA—Meet the members who won and find out whether they chose the car or the cash prize.

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### Griot's Garage e-Brake Photo of the Week contest

Are you a member and took a stunning photo you want to share? Submit your pictures to [potw@pca.org](mailto:potw@pca.org). Be sure to include your contact information, your Region name, and a few sentences about your picture.

Please note: You must have taken the photo and possess full copyrights to the image. We do not accept photos taken by non-PCA-members.

[Visit GriotsGarage.com](http://Visit.GriotsGarage.com)

### Vote for your favorite Porsche Photo of the Week

Each month, we will feature the Porsche of the Week photos from the previous month. Then we will tally the votes and crown a new Porsche of the Month winner. PCA, in partnership with Griot's Garage, will be giving away a Concours Lawn Kit to contest winners and a PFM Speed Shine Kit to randomly selected voters.

[Click here to vote for your favorite photo](#)

August 4



August 11



## Want to stay up-to-date on all the latest PCA and Porsche news?

Subscribe to the club's weekly email newsletter, e-Brake News, which includes news articles, exclusive stories, and video from all over the internet.

e-Brake News has a bit of everything, from tech to road tests to motorsports — and you don't have to be a PCA member to subscribe! Every Tuesday evening, e-Brake will have the latest on PCA National events and club programs and entertaining, informative content.

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# PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



## Horsepower in Horse Country

The nineteenth annual Keeneland Concours 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 Concours 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 APRIL 12**



## *Motor-Stadt 2022 Event Calendar*

- The Winter Dinner has been scheduled for March 19 at Zynda's restaurant in Williamston. Look for an email blast for details or at the ad on the next page of this newsletter.
- The traditional Spring Kickoff and Benefit Auction will be held at Porsche of Okemos on April 23. More information will be posted closer to the date.
- Autocross events this year probably will **NOT** be held at Corrigan Oil Speedway due to a more than tripling of the daily track rental fee. Alternate venues are being explored.

**SPECIAL HEADS UP—2023** will be **Motor-Stadt's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as a PCA region, having been chartered by PCA on April 4, 1973. 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 information.

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.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day





# 2022 Motor-Stadt “Winter” Dinner

## Saturday, March 19, 5:30 p.m.



**ZYNDAS**  
FOOD & DRINK

Zynda's is a locally-owned restaurant & bar serving up Southwestern classics and our very own premium slow-smoked meats in the heart of Williamston, MI, 150 E. Grand River Avenue

**Appetizers on the club; alcoholic drinks on your own**

**R.S.V.P. by March 14**

<https://forms.gle/UuaHEgo4gZDzbs2s8>

***You're invited to a...***

# **SPRING PORSCHE TECH SESSION**



**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
10 am to 3 pm**

Spring topics include:

- Waking up after hibernation
- Getting ready for the season
- Element fire extinguishers

**All Porsche enthusiasts are welcome  
regardless of model or club affiliation.  
Lunch will be provided.**

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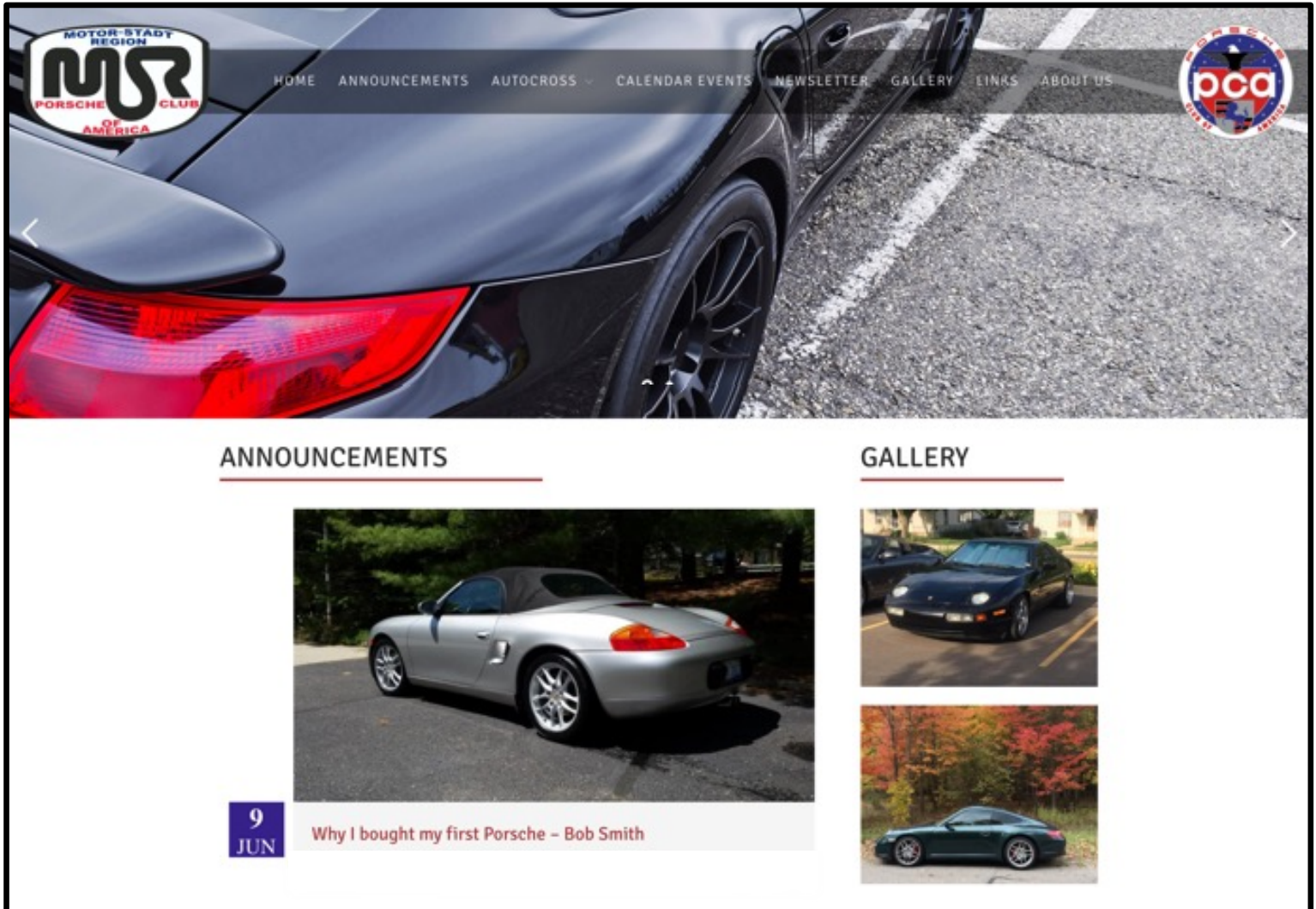
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## Member Message Board

**Need something for your car(s) or have something to sell of interest to PCA members? Used cars, body parts, interior parts, engine & drive train parts, tires, wheels, oil, posters, old copies of *Panorama*, model cars, etc. If you are a Motor-Stadt member post your ad here for free (no business ads or solicitations, please).**

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

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## FOR SALE

**Hard top for a 911 .** Currently mounted on a 2009 4S (997.2) cabriolet but will also fit an earlier 911 by changing out the mounting bolt assembly in the rear corners. The Yakima rack shown is included in the price. Headliner is in good shape with no tears or holes. Located in Saginaw, MI. Asking \$800 OBO. Contact [corcorand@chartermi.net](mailto:corcorand@chartermi.net) or 989-332-5581.







## PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes March 8th, 2022

6:30 PM - Spagnolo's Restaurant (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: ~~Terrill Whitney~~

Member: Nate Lantzy

Member:

Guest:

**Proposed agenda** – The agenda for the 8Mar2022 meeting was approved unanimously (Moved M. Haas / Seconded S. Lee)

**Meeting Minutes** - The Feb 8th, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

**Membership** – Ken reported that the current membership is 158 primaries, 80 affiliate (238 total) + 8 juniors.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark reported a total of \$5,839.47 in checking and \$10,717.92 in the investment account for a total of \$16,557.39. The report was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen)

**Advertising and Insurance** – No advertising activity this period. No events required insurance during this period.

**Publications** – Don will post the March newsletter pending receipt of these minutes and the president's letter. 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](mailto:Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) to learn more.
- Ken will meet with the dealership Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and discuss a target date of April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Spring Kickoff.

### Old Business:

- Steve submitted a proposal for the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration for MST. The board offered feedback and suggested we move forward. The proposed location will be investigated for availability in 2023. Details will be posted as plans solidify. We need and appreciate support of all members interested. Please post to the website, Face Book or contact a board member with your ideas and how you can help!
- Annual dinner – We currently have 28 RSVP for the dinner at Zyndas in Williamston on March 19th. A motion to approve the menu was approved unanimously (Moved J. Yen / Seconded D. Dickmann). A motion to cover the cost of appetizers was approved unanimously (Moved s. Lee / M. Haas)
- Autocross – Discussion as to rising venue cost resulted in a motion to charge Non-PCA members a \$20 premium to participate in future MST autocross events (Moved M. Haas / Seconded S. Lee), approved unanimously. The board agreed a track visit and inspection of the Birch Run Speed way is needed this month.

### New Business:

- Ken presented PCA's preprinted membership application forms. The forms will be supplied to the dealership.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 (Moved K. Jones / Seconded D. Dickmann) approved unanimously.

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



## From the Editor

I started reading car magazines in high school, whatever I could get my hands on. *Road and Track* was my favorite, but I also read *Hot Rod*. I was mostly interested in sports cars, not that I had any hope of purchasing or even driving any of them. But I could fantasize and endlessly yak about cars with friends. When it came to hot rods, I thought that most of them—style wise—fell short of the original car, the hot rodder's modifications gone amok. Sure, they might have a powerful new engine, a snazzy paint job, and be lowered almost to the pavement, but they mostly looked garish, ugly, and impractical. Plus, the original car was gone—how many unmolested 1932 Ford Roadsters or 1949 Mercurys are left?

I feel the same way about Porsche hot rods and "outlaws." A case in point is the featured "Rolling Sculpture" article in the February issue of *Panorama*. This issue features a car that exemplifies the extreme of Porsche hot rodding. In my opinion the owner of this car—originally a '79 911 SC—has gone way overboard in making it "his own." The result, although still recognizable as a Porsche, is jarring to my eye. I can't think of why I would want to own such a car. Admittedly the impact bumper 911 he started with was not the most attractive Porsche, but this was a design element forced on the company by government regulation not by the design department. Although a so-called perfect personalized Porsche that works for the owner, the so-called "rolling sculpture" creation featured does not get more than a passing shrug by me.

The January *Panorama* was the yearly design issue. In it the long-term thought and deliberation that have gone into the design of Porsche sports cars from the beginning were highlighted. I have always been impressed by the continuity of the company's designs; any car geek can instantly recognize a Porsche car regardless of model year, yearly upgrades and specials notwithstanding. The 911 GT3, Carrera GT, Boxster Spyder, and 356 Coupe featured in this issue are gorgeous, and any attempt to tinker with their body style will inevitably be a disastrous downgrade. These cars are top-of-the line models, but the same could be said for lesser Porsches. Race cars are an exception. They are modified to win races not concours, and bodywork modifications are made in the interest of performance, with looks secondary.

One last point. The modified Porsches created by Singer, Ruff, and certain other shops strike me as more tastefully done than those from the average back-street mechanic. The people in these shops have a good sense of design and choose their modifications with that sensibility in mind rather than just because they look snazzy. Slight modifications that do not alter the basic look of the car also are okay, if attractively done. Engine upgrades are fine, too. A modified car should strike you as tasteful, appealing, and well thought-out rather than as a piecemeal contraption. But, to each her/his own.

If you disagree with my opinion that is your prerogative. There are lots of hot rod shows where you can get your fill, maybe even of some Porsches.

Don Dickmann