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# Delighted when the benchmark is our own family.

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## *President's Letter*

Is it spring/summer/fall for 2022? This season has really been a wild weather roller-coaster! The plus side, on the warm days many cars were out with the tops down enjoying the vacillating temperatures that occurred so far this season. The sun gods have blessed us with more sunshine and warmth than last year at the same time. There have also been a few days that the seat heaters were on along with the window defogger!

As I stated last month, this season our membership numbers are up from this time last year. We had four new members in May. Our total is 252 for our region, which includes 170 primary members. We also have eight PCA Juniors.

Joe Lavender, our Vice President, hosted the "Wilderness Drive" from North Branch Michigan on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 16 Porsches joined the event. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a great time! See pages 17 & 18.

Joe is planning another drive "To Hell and Back" on June 25<sup>th</sup>. See details on our web page, on FaceBook or page 15 of this newsletter.

The date for Motor-Stadt Autocross at Birch Run Speedway is July 9<sup>th</sup>. That event is a go! So please put that date on your calendar and come out and have some fun at this new venue! For more information on this autocross see FaceBook or page 16 of this newsletter.

50th anniversary celebration (2023) – The Bavarian Inn hotel has been reserved for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any member with old club photos, memorabilia, stories, or a desire to help please email the club at [motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com), post a message on FaceBook, or better still come to our monthly membership meeting the second Tuesday of each month (see page 13).

Stay safe, stay healthy.

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  
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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

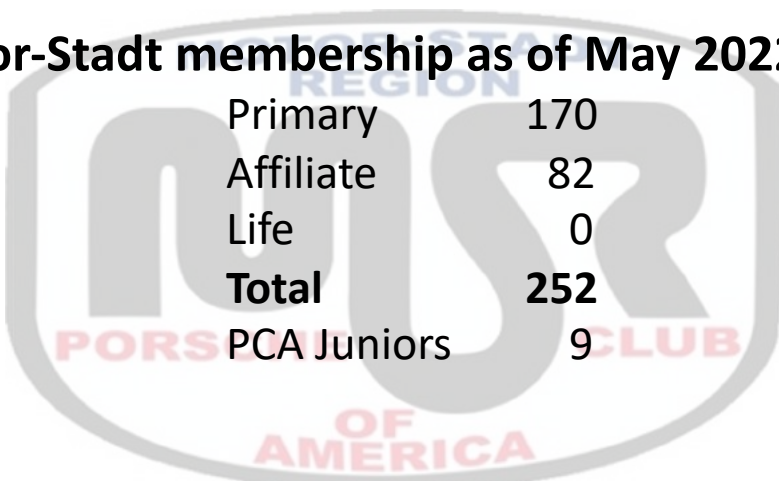


# Motor-Stadt



## Membership News

### Motor-Stadt membership as of May 2022:



Primary	170
Affiliate	82
Life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>
PCA Juniors	9

### PCA national membership as of May 2022:



Primary	96,368
Affiliate	51,288
Life	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,677</b>

*The largest single marque car club!*

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

Mark Bird, Okemos, 2015 Cayman

John Foguth, Fenton, 1980 911 SC

Michael Haislet, Fenton, 2016 Cayman GT4

Jeff Kreisler, Dimondale, 2016 Macan Turbo

# Welcome to the Club!

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# PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



Mark your calendars on July 15 - 16 for a special Porsche weekend of activities right here in Southeastern Michigan. There will be 3 marque automotive events and we are expecting some 100+ Porsches from Zone 4 to join us for various activities. For our out-of-town guests, we've secured room blocks at several local hotels. This should be a great weekend to socialize and enjoy fellow PCA and prospective PCA members in Ann Arbor.

**Introducing “Porsches in the Park” on July 16<sup>th</sup>:** We are expecting to have 100+ Porsches at our first “**Porsches in the Park 2022**” being held at German Park which is located just north of downtown Ann Arbor. We are inviting all Porsche members across Zone 4 to join us for a great afternoon and evening set of activities and socializing.

- **Details:** Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, located @ German Park from 1:30 – 9:30pm
- **Activities:**
  - Time Speed Distance Rally; Driving tours
  - “People’s Choice” car judging
  - A very nice dinner catered by **The Produce Station**
  - German band (Eric Neubauer Ensemble – Die Dorfmusikanten) and dancing
  - Socialize with fellow Porsche owners and enjoy the evening
- **Sponsors:** Hagerty Insurance & United Spinal Association of Southeast Michigan
- **For more information & Registration:**
  - **Event & registration link** <https://rsp.pca.org/bs/events/porsches-in-the-park/>
  - You will be directed to a MotorSportReg account to secure registration and payment
- **Entry fee:** \$60 / person and there will be an opportunity to purchase **tee-shirts @ registration for \$20 each**
- **Hotel Room Block for guests:** we’ve secured 3 hotel options around Ann Arbor and discounted rates for our out of town guests (see event link for room block)

**Rolling Sculpture on July 15<sup>th</sup>:** Each year the Ann Arbor Mainstreet Events organization blocks the streets of downtown Ann Arbor and **some 250+ cars line the streets**. There is always a great turn out of some pretty special cars including a number of Porsches. Stroll the streets and take in the cars and the wonderful places to eat and drink.

- **Details:** Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 2ish – 9pm in downtown Ann Arbor
- (Note: if you plan to show your car, you’ll want to arrive in the early afternoon as they stage the cars before people show up. Plan on arriving around 1-2pm)

**Ann Arbor Cars & Coffee on July 16<sup>th</sup>:** This is the 10th year of the Ann Arbor Cars and Coffee season which is held at Zingerman’s Roadhouse on Jackson Rd just west of downtown. This event started with a bunch of the local Rally Sport Region Porsche Club members and now has some 150+ cars each month. It meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month and there is always great people and fantastic coffee and breakfast. <https://www.facebook.com/AnnArborCarsAndCoffee>

- **Details:** Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, located @ Zingerman’s Roadhouse from 7:30 – 9:00am



## 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/>



## Schweinefiletring/Indiana Nurburgring Driving Tour

**August 6th, 2022**

SEMPCA is bringing you another overnight driving tour which we can drive our Porsches the way they were meant to be driven. This would be a perfect event to see what your Porsche was designed for.



### Indiana Nürburgring:

Named the Schweinefiletring by locals, it's a series of roads strung together in southern Indiana that resemble Germany's Nürburgring in shape.

The Schweinefiletring is made up of roughly 175 miles of twisting, turning, undulating roads. Route contains road best resembles Germany's Nürburgring with its near-constant corners, forested edges, and elevation changes aplenty.

<https://www.autoblog.com/2021/06/29/what-is-the-indiana-nurburgring/>

We would start the drive on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> morning. Group hotel rates available on Friday and Saturday night for participants (optional).

Register at: <https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/12427>



For more information, please contact:

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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.

A large pepperoni pizza with green jalapeños on a wooden board.

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## *Motor-Stadt 2022 Event Calendar*

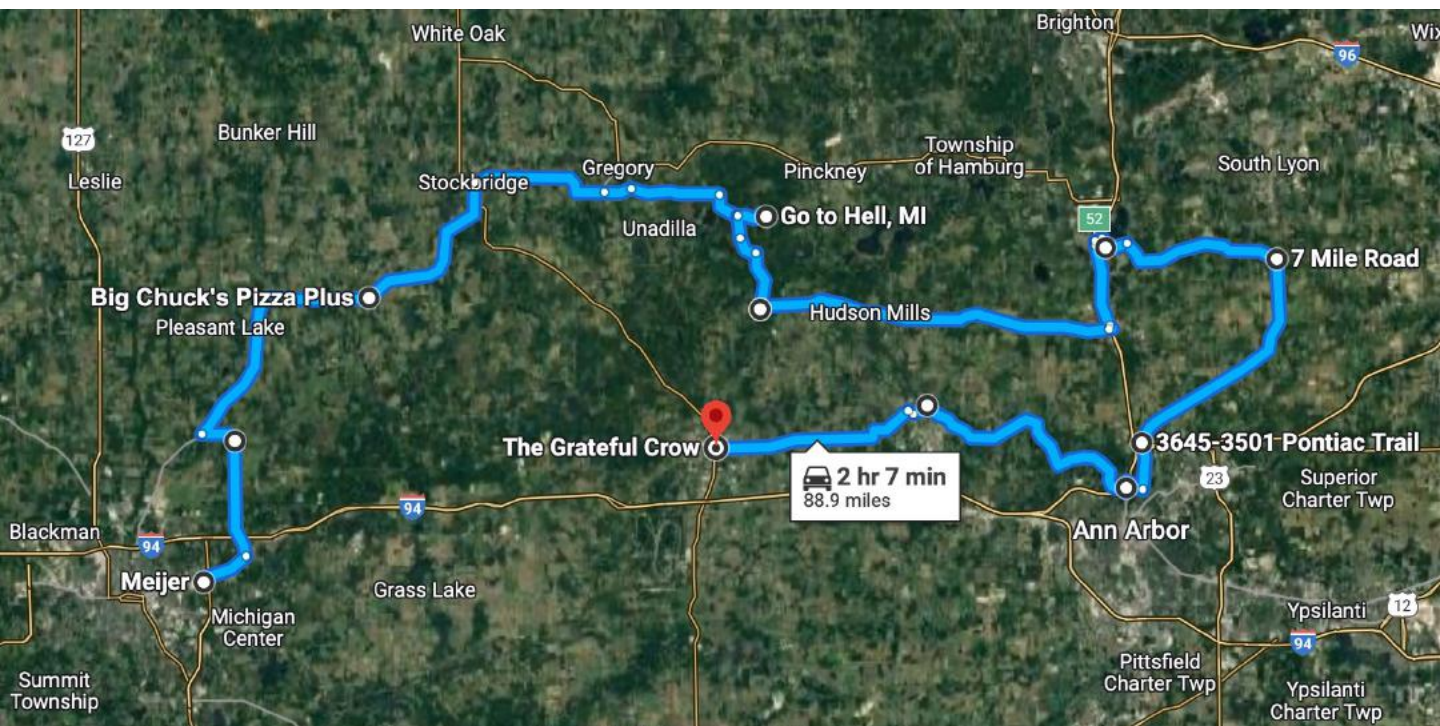
- Saturday, **June 25**. Board member Joe Lavender has organized another **driving tour**. The drive begins in Jackson and proceeds via back roads to Chelsea, with a stopover in Hell, MI. No cost except what you spend along the way. See ad on page 15 of this newsletter and on our FaceBook page.
- Saturday, **July 9**. The first **autocross** this year will be held at **Birch Run Speedway** from 11:30-7:00. The reason for the later start is that a local sound abatement ordinance is in effect until 1 p.m. The track rental fee is \$900, double what we paid last year at Corrigan. Thus, the charge for driving in the autocross has changed to \$50, with a \$20 discount for PCA members. Look for the ad in this newsletter for more details, in addition to email blasts, and on our Facebook page and website.

**SPECIAL HEADS UP: 2023** will be **Motor-Stadt's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** year as a PCA region, having been chartered by PCA on April 4, 1973. A committee has been formed to coordinate anniversary activities. Among the celebratory events during 2023 will be a banquet and other events during the weekend of June 3 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. Steve Lee is coordinating these activities. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

# Motor-Stadt Driving Tour II

## "To Hell & Back"



## Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

The drive will start at Meijer in Jackson (Exit 39, Hwy 127). After waiver sign-in and a driver's meeting, departure is planned for **10:00 a.m.** The drive will proceed east through the small towns and backroads of southern Michigan. A stop will occur in Hell, MI for facilities, ice cream, or souvenirs. From there the drive will travel towards Plymouth and then back west to reach the final destination in Chelsea, where there are several options for lunch. The route is approximately 90 miles. Please arrive no later than **9:30** for sign-in and the driver's meeting.

**See also our FaceBook page**

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# May 28 West Branch-Tawas City Tour, led by Joe Lavender & Ashley DeGroff

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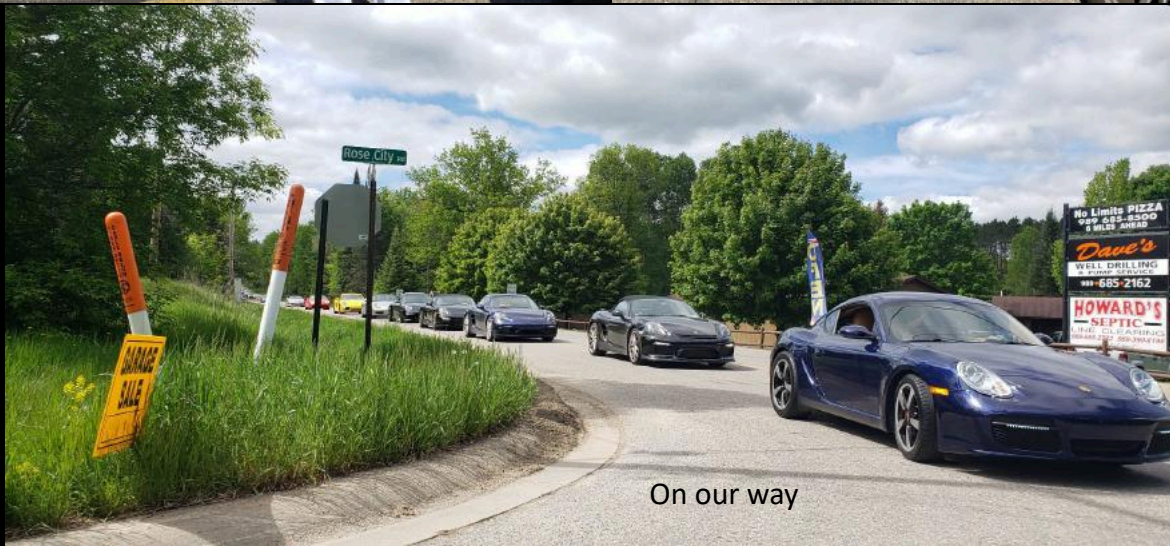
The lineup at West Branch Discount Mall



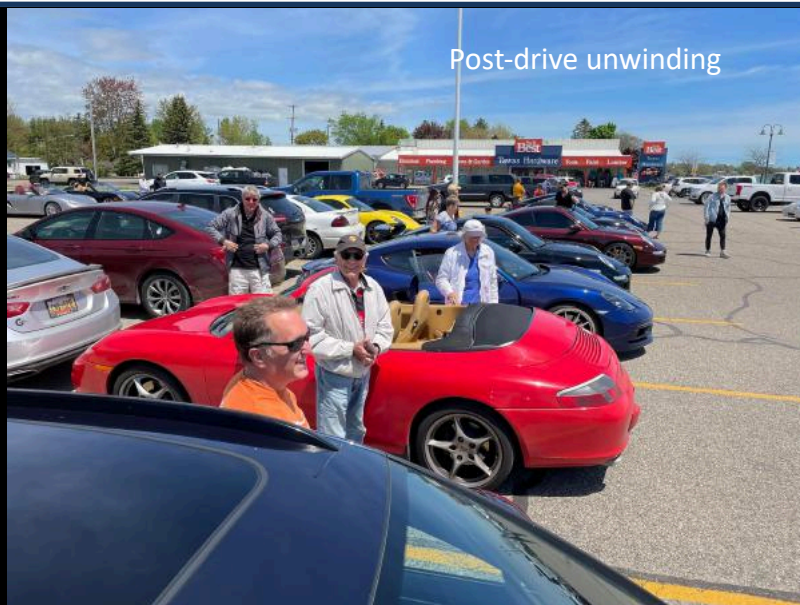
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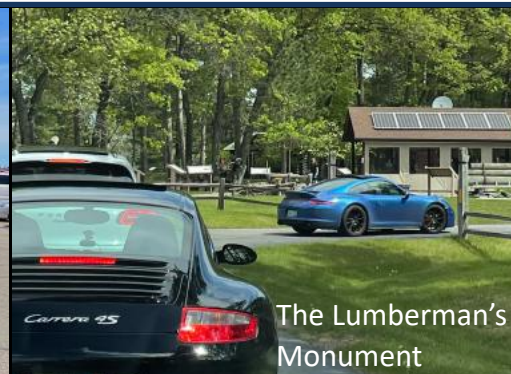
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On our way



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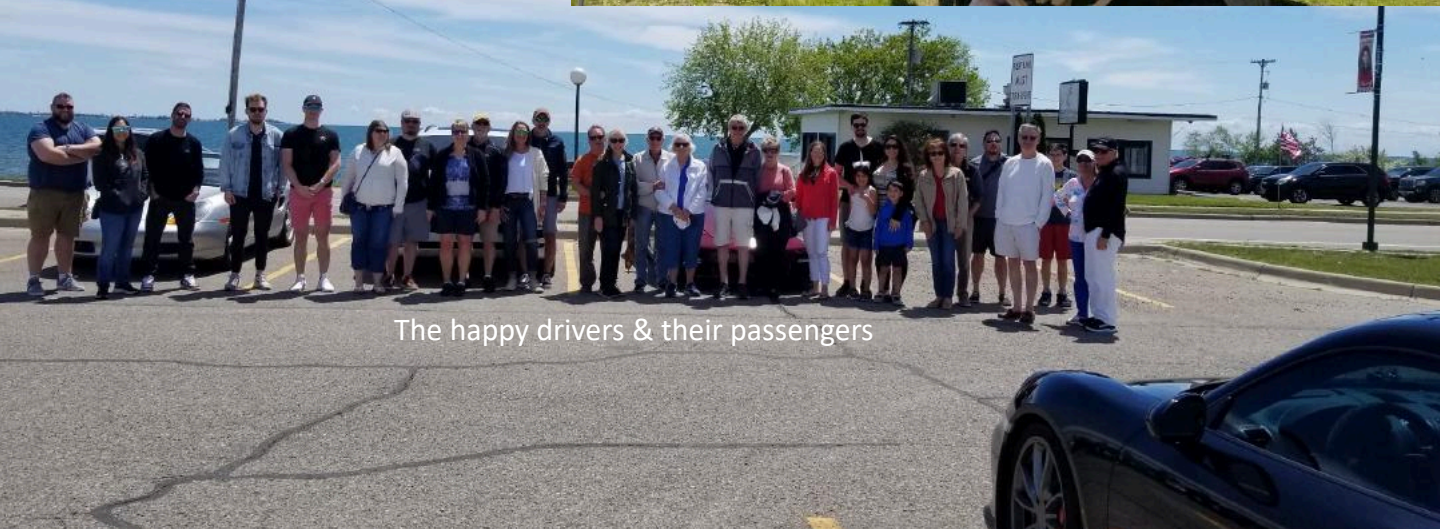
The Lumberman's Monument



Ashley & Joe pour a champagne toast



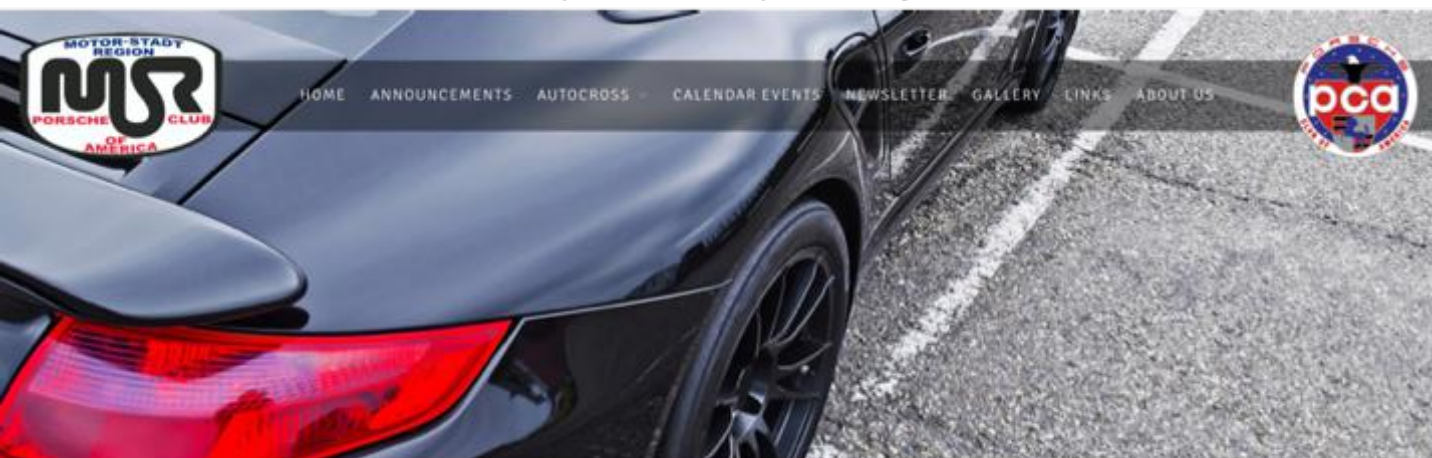
Lunch at Tawas City



The happy drivers & their passengers

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<https://mst.pca.org>



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#### Macan Event and Spring Kickoff – April 23, 2022

Please join the Motor-Stadt Region and Serra Auto Campus for a Macan Test Drive and Spring Kickoff on April 23, 2022. In addition to a chance to test drives the new Macan, we will have a charity auction benefiting the Lansing Food Bank. Please bring any auction donations to Porsche Okemos. From Por...

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





## PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes June 14th, 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: Charley Hagen  
Member: Dwight Mains  
Member: Ed Vartanian  
Member: Bill Roeser

**Proposed agenda** – The agenda for the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen)

**Meeting Minutes** - The May 10th, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

**Membership** – Ken reported that the current membership is 170 primaries, 82 affiliate (252 total) + 8 juniors.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark is on vacation and reported via e-mail he will have a report by the end of next week. Ken noted we have received refund funds from national. The board agreed to review and vote online as the report becomes available.

**Advertising and Insurance** – No advertising activity this period. Insurance waivers for the June 25<sup>th</sup> drive and July 9<sup>th</sup> autocross have been received from national.

**Publications** – Don will post the June newsletter pending receipt of these minutes and the president's letter. James will update our media for the Driving event and Autocross and continue to monitor e-mail along with Face Book and the website as necessary.

### Committee Reports / Activities:

- Joe hosted the "Wilderness" drive on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 16 Porsches joined the event. Everyone seemed to have a great time!
- Joe is planning another drive "To Hell and back" on June 25<sup>th</sup>. See details on our webpage and Face Book.

### Old Business:

- Autocross – Our first autocross at Birch Run speedway is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>. Track setup will begin after 9:00 AM prior to general participant arrival at 11:30 AM. PCA rules only allow passengers with designated instructors. A motion was made to designate Matt, Terrill, Don, James, Joe and Steve as instructors. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded K. Jones) approved unanimously.
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (2023) – The hotel has been reserved for June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Any member with old club photos, memorabilia, stories or a desire to help please leave a message on Face Book or our web page.

### New Business:

- A motion was made to purchase "Own a Porsche, join the club" business cards not to exceed \$50 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Lavender) approved unanimously. For members to encourage other owners to join.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:24 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded T. Whitney) approved unanimously.

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



## From the Editor

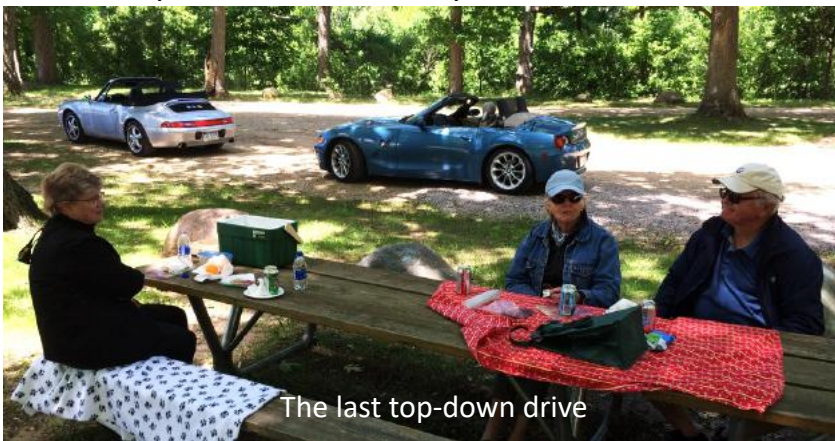
I love my new Cayman GTS. It is beautiful, luxurious, powerful, and handles fabulously, although I have not yet punched the pedal completely to the floor. That will be possible, however, during our first autocross of 2022 on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Birch Run Speedway. Why did I not order the equivalent Boxster? Well, because the hardtop Cayman seemed more durable, practical, and in my opinion it looks better. Besides, I also own a 993 911 Cabriolet for that wind-in-your-hair experience. Why own two convertibles in this climate?

I have a good friend, Irv (some of you have met him at our autocross events), who owns a beautiful 2002 Maldives blue BMW Z4 roadster. Often during warm weather we would take off together in our sports cars for top-down drives to some joint for lunch...the farther the better. Irv belonged to a motorcycle club for many years, and they would regularly embark for evening drives to some burger-and-beer place. So, Irv knew good non-local lunch spots. Often our spouses Kathleen and Judith would accompany us on these 993-Z4 jaunts, either to a restaurant or a picnic spot, always with the tops dropped. I look back fondly on these drives, both for the time spent with friends but also for the joint convertible experience.

Two and a half years ago Irv was felled by a massive stroke that left him permanently paralyzed on his entire right side and affected his speech. He is unable to walk and wheelchair bound. To add to his misfortune, his wife just died. The Z4 has been parked in a storage garage since the stroke and not driven. Our top-down days together are over. This unfortunate situation made me realize how important it is to share driving experiences with other people. Taking off in the 993 with the top down by myself is not entirely satisfying. I would rather do it with Kathleen, a friend, or a group of some kind. The feeling that you are on the road with other like-minded folks who share your passion for driving and people is the difference.

For this reason, I always try to participate in Motor-Stadt wheels-in-motion events, be they driving tours like this month's Jackson to Chelsea excursion, autocross contests, dinner drives, or Porsche on the Mac tours in the UP and northern Michigan. They are just plain fun. I encourage all of you to participate in these events. You will meet and socialize with great people and drive your car the way it was built to be driven. What's not to like about that? Yet for me, nothing will ever replace those those top-down drives with Irv.

Don Dickmann



The last top-down drive