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President's Letter

It is summer for 2022! This season has really been a wild weather roller-coaster! 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 was stated last month, this season our membership numbers are up from this time last year. We have six new members this month. Our regional total is 257, which includes 173 primary members. We also have eight PCA Juniors this month.

Our Vice President Joe Lavender hosted the "To Hell and Back" caravan drive on June 25th and 22 Porsches joined the event. It was a great drive even though some last-minute detours were made due to road construction. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a great time. On the top of everything, the Grateful Crow restaurant in Chelsea was the perfect ending for this driving event!! Thanks to all who attended.

Our first autocross at Birch Run Speedway on July 9th was a huge success. Approximately 36 cars passed technical inspection; about one-third of them were Porsches! The facilities and the track were excellent. Again, the weather was perfect and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy our first autocross event at Birch Run. I want to thank all who turned out for the event and all who volunteered to help to carry it off. Motor-Stadt also would like to give a big, I mean huge, shout out to Paula Zimmer from Porsche of Okemos. She volunteered at the event doing everything from setting up tables to shagging cones. Paula, THANK YOU! Stay tuned for more information on further autocross events.

50th anniversary celebration – The Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth has been reserved for June 3rd, 2023. Any member with old club photos, memorabilia, stories, or a desire to help please leave a message at our email address (motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) or on our Face Book page (www.facebook.com/groups/2133402886881201/).

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
board at this email address:

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 June 2022:

Primary	173
Affiliate	84
Life	0
Total	257
PCA Juniors	9

PCA national membership as of June 2022:

Primary	96,833
Affiliate	51,495
Life	21
Total	148,349

The largest single marque car club!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Dustin Bausch, Mason, 2017 Macan S

John Hansen, Webberville, 2000 Boxster S

Jason Valente, Jackson, 2001 Boxster

Silas Warren, Bay City, 2016 Macan S

Darrell Weisenberger, Midland, 2022 Panamera

David Zimmerman, East Lansing, 2021 Macan

Welcome to the Club!

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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 6th 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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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.



Spagnuolo's

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Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



NEXT MEETING AUGUST 9



Motor-Stadt 2022 Event Calendar

- Saturday, **August 13**. The second **autocross** this year will be held at **Birch Run Speedway** from 11:30-6:00. 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 50th anniversary** year as a PCA region, having been chartered 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.

Another chance to experience
what your Porsche was designed
to do

Autocross II



Saturday August 13, 11:30-6:00 p.m.

Birch Run Speedway

10945 Dixie Hwy, Birch Run, MI

Easy on/off 

Cost to run: \$30 PCA members

\$50 non-PCA members

**We need volunteers to help us safely
run this event. Spend the whole day
or part of it.**

June 25: To Hell & Back—Jackson to Chelsea Caravan Tour, led by Joe Lavender

Photo report by Don Dickmann



Rest stop in Hell



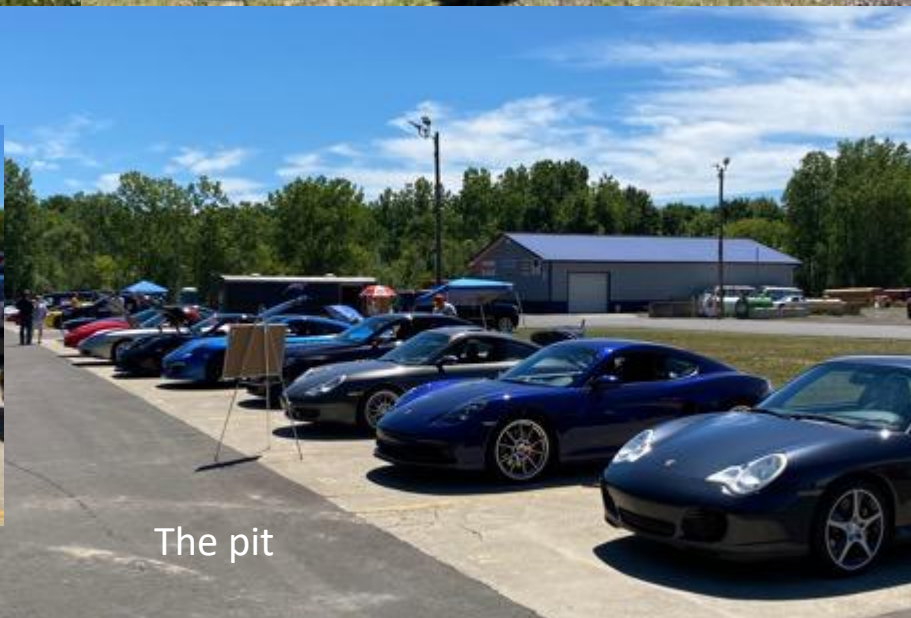
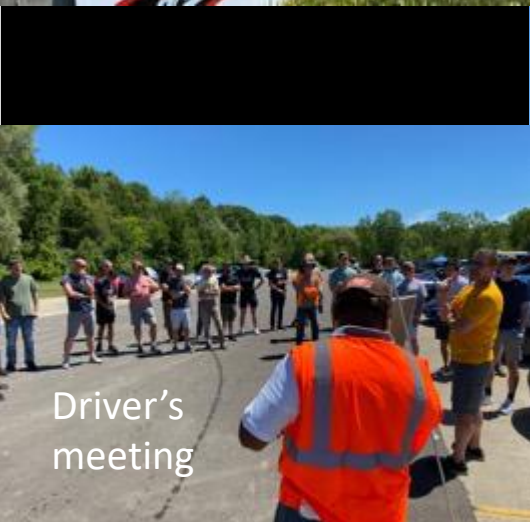
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Lunch at the Grateful Crow in Chelsea

July 9: First Autocross of the Season at Birch Run Speedway

Photo Report by Don Dickmann





911 on the course



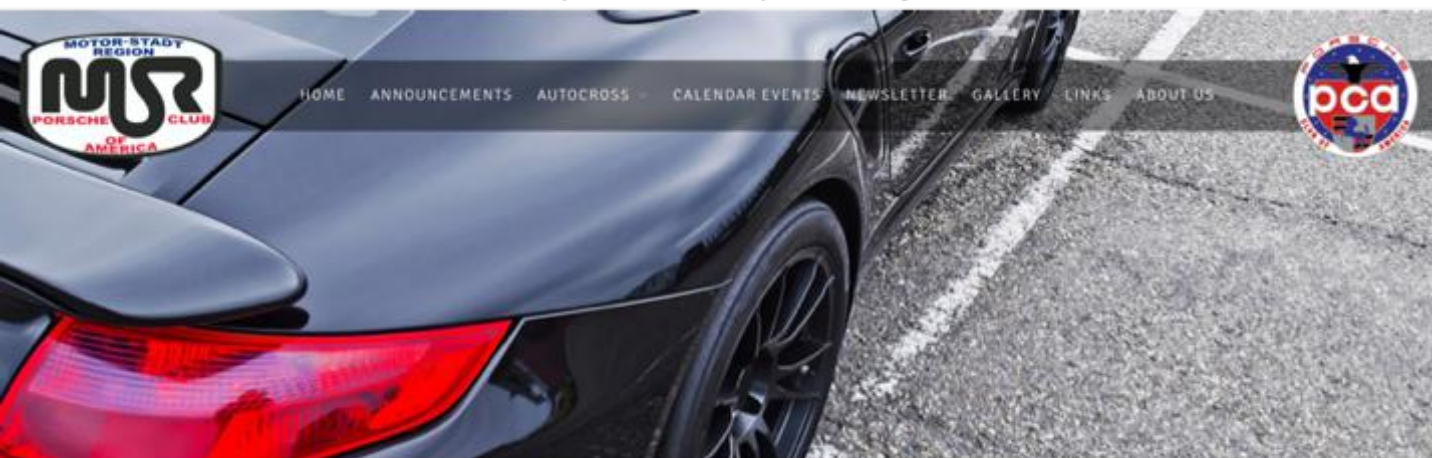
In the chicane



Hairpin to the final stretch

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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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Porsche 356 engine, 1959 vintage. Case number indicates a 1600N size. Has been stored in my garage with clean oil. Solex carbs with air cleaners, linkage. Turns by hand. I do not know the collector value of this engine, but I am not looking to make a fortune. A project that I never got around to taking apart and tinkering with.



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Member Message Board (continued)

FOR SALE

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- (2) 295/35 R 21. 103Y.

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PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes July 12th, 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 (Zoom)

Board Member: Don Dickmann
Board Member: James Yen
Board Member: Terrill Whitney
Board Member: Matt MacFadden

Member: Charley Hagen
Member: Brian Goschka
Member: John Mitchel
Member: Jim Herron

Proposed agenda – The agenda for the July 12th meeting approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded S. Lee)

Meeting Minutes - The June 14th, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 173 primaries, 84 affiliate (257 total) + 8 juniors.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported we have \$4,707.56 in checking, \$9,863.26 in the investment account for a total of \$14,570.82. Activity for the period was income from PCA national and board meeting dinner expense. A motion to approve the report was made (Moved S. Lee / Seconded James Yen) approved unanimously. A motion was made for AHP CPA's to prepare the annual 990-N form was made (Moved M. Haas / Seconded D. Dickmann) approved unanimously.

Advertising and Insurance – No advertising activity this period. All current insurance issues are closed.

Publications – Don will post the July 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. Promotional brochure has been revised and is at the dealership. Copies are available for any member.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- The June 25th "To Hell and back" drive was attended by ~22 cars. Lessons learned from the drive were to avoid expressway on future drives to help keep groups together.

Old Business:

- Autocross – Our first autocross at Birch Run speedway on July 9th was a huge success! Approximately 36 cars passed tech. Although track costs were double what we paid in the past, the club turned a profit. The board agreed we need to hold a separate pre-autocross meeting for all future autocross. As our events grows, we need to streamline operations. A motion was made proposing a second event in Birch Run with August 13th as the primary date and the 20th as secondary (Moved J. Lavender / Seconded M. Haas) approved unanimously. A motion was made to purchase 150 used cones from the Buckeye Miata Club for \$200 (Moved D. Dickman / Seconded M. MacFadden) approved unanimously.
- 50th anniversary celebration (2023) – The Bavarian Inn Lodge has been reserved for June 3rd 2023. We are seeking old club photos, memorabilia, stories or event volunteers so please make contact on how you can help.

New Business:

- A motion was made to make Paula Zimmer (Customer Experience Specialist at Serra Porsche) an honorary PCA member for all her hard work supporting MST (Moved S. Lee / Seconded J. Yen) approved unanimously.
- Jim Herron proposed organizing an October 22nd multi stop driving event ending with dinner. The board will consider support as more details come together in the next month.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:53 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded T. Whitney) approved unanimously.

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

If you read the car media you undoubtedly have come across a piece about tire wear and aging. This is something that we should pay attention to. Tread depth, the principal measure of tire wear, is easy to measure: just stick a penny upright in a tread groove. If you can see the entire head of President Lincoln on the penny, it's time to consider a new tire. No need to go any further; I think everyone recognizes the danger of balding tires.

Tire aging is a more difficult issue. According to what I read, if a tire is six years old or older, it should be replaced for reasons of safety, regardless of how much tread is left. Over time rubber naturally dries out, cracks, and stiffens, all bad things, especially for Porsche owners who tend to drive their cars aggressively. Plus, we are now in the midst of autocross season, and if you drive in these events your car should be running on the best rubber possible. But normal road usage, especially at freeway speed, can be dangerous on old tires, too.

How can you tell the age of a tire? Easy. Simply look at the sidewall where by Federal law the date the tire was manufactured—week of the year and year—is stamped. For example, the Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 3 tire pictured below is mounted on the right front of my 993 911. Note the date stamp: 4512—the 45th week of 2012. The tire on the opposite side has the same date stamp. These tires are 10 years old! Looking through my records I am reminded that they were purchased at Discount Tire in July 2013. Nonetheless, they still have excellent tread, show no cracks, and still seem fairly pliable. The rear tires were purchased several years later and bear the stamps 3116 and 4116, thus they still are marginally okay. I typically drive this car less than a thousand miles a year, and I do not drive it as aggressively as my Cayman GTS and no longer at autocross. It has always been garaged and is stored in a heated facility during the winter months. Am I willing to spend \$200-300 apiece to replace these front tires? Frankly, I should be, but I don't think so. Rather I will check them yearly to see how they are holding up. I guess that makes me a gambler. Anyone for poker?

Don Dickmann

