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Go Green.

Join Us for our Fall Tailgate Event



There will be a Club Member/VIP Welcome Reception at 11 AM, lunch is provided by Saddleback BBQ. Porsche Okemos will have prizes and a raffle raising money and awareness for the Capital Area Down Syndrome Association (CADSA).

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022
 Time: 12 PM - 2 PM
 Location: Porsche Okemos
 RSVP: Paula Zimmer - pzimmer@serraautocampus.com

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President's Letter

It is late summer for 2022! This August the weather was another humid and hot wild roller-coaster. The sun gods have blessed us with more sunshine and warmth than last year at the same time. The month was also very dry. The rainfall total was much below the normal August amount.

As was stated last month, this August our membership numbers are up from this time last year. We have four new members this month, but some members have transferred out and some have not yet renewed their membership. Our total is 261 for our region, which includes 176 primary members and 85 affiliate members. We also have 11 PCA Juniors this month.

Motor-Stadt held our second autocross this summer at Birth Run Speedway on August 13. The weather was much cooler and cloudy for most of the day. But there was a big threat of rain hanging over the area as well, around 60%! But only around four raindrops fell at the event! Due to the weather, the event was not as well attended as our first one in July, but those that showed up were rewarded with plenty of bonus track runs. Motor-Stadt wants to give a big Thank You to all of the people who volunteered to make the event run smoothly. Also, a big shout out goes to Porsche Okemos and Paula Zimmer who helped with the event with refreshments and some Porsche materials. Our first auto crosses at Birch Run speedway have been successful. Let's keep the success going The money that was generated from the autocross was donated to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. They graciously accepted our \$500 check and thanked partners like us for supporting their cause. See their thankyou letter towards the end of this newsletter.

Porsche Okemos is planning a Tailgate Party on Oct 15th. Save the date and look forward to email updates.

Fall Drive – Joe Lavender has proposed an October 22nd Northern Michigan drive through the tunnel of trees. Look for an email blast with details if plans fall into place.

50th anniversary celebration—The Bavarian Inn hotel in Frankenmuth has been reserved for June 3rd, 2023.

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:

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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



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Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of August 2022:

Primary	175
Affiliate	86
Life	0
Total	261
PCA Juniors	11

PCA national membership as of August 2022:

Primary	97,564
Affiliate	51,857
Life	22
Total	149,443

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New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Greg Konopka, Linden, 2018 911 Carrera T

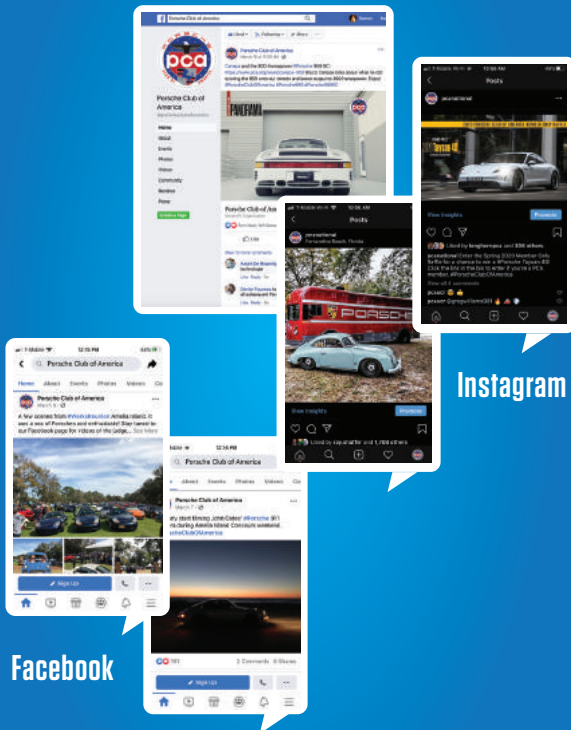
Dan Niles, Fenton, 2015 911 GT3

Chris Pangerl, Flint, 1975 914 1.8 & 1985 928S

Jeffrey Szpunar, Benzonia, 2013 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

Welcome to the Club!

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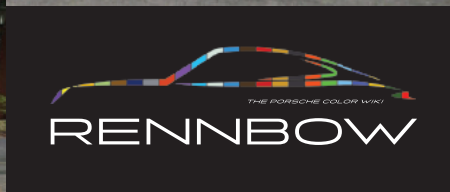
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Motor-Stadt 2022 Event Calendar

Saturday October 15. Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus is holding a charity **Tailgate Party** beginning at 12 p.m. at the dealership with all Motor-Stadt members invited. Look for more information on e-mail blasts and on our Facebook page, web site, and in this publication.

Saturday October 22. The last driving event of the season will probably be held in northern Michigan. Date, route, and lunch venue to be determined. Look for email blasts, and on our FaceBook, web page, and in this newsletter for more information.

SPECIAL HEADS UP: 2023 will be Motor-Stadt's 50th anniversary year as a PCA region, having been chartered 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.



August 16, 2022

Porsche Club of America, Motor Stadt Region
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent contribution of \$500.00. Your support is especially critical now as the Food Bank navigates significant increases in the cost of food and fuel to transport product in and around Michigan. Our neighbors are facing higher food costs, record gas prices and housing expenses that are all rising at a faster pace than they have in decades.

As we move into summer, our focus turns to helping children on break, when free or reduced-price meals at school are not available. The Food Bank provides free summer meals through traditional partner locations like Boys and Girls Club, and we go directly to where kids live and play with several mobile food trucks.

Expanding direct services at apartment buildings, parks and school-yards, our meals reach children who are unable to walk to or participate in a summer program. Our team of talented drivers not only feed children, but they also host an activity at each of their stops. At the end of the week, we provide take home packs at many of these locations, providing children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare food for the weekend.

We are thankful for partners like you that help us address hunger in so many innovative ways and it is comforting to know that our supporters remain vigilant in our mission. Thank you again for making a difference.

Sincerely,



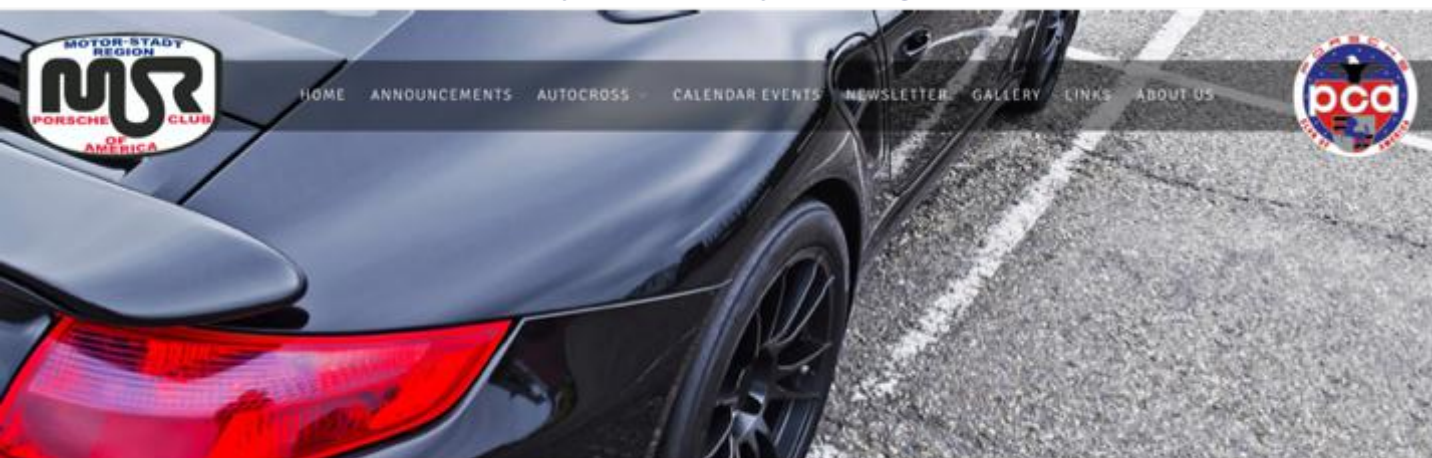
Kara Ross
President and CEO

*Thanks so much!
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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.

FOR SALE

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. A project that I never got around to taking apart and tinkering with. Best offer over \$2,500. Charlie Hagen—cchagen@aol.com



FOR SALE

A set of wheels and tires from a 2016 Boxster—two 245/35/20 Michelin Pilot Sport and two 275/35/20 General Max with spacers. The tires have about 10,000 miles on them. The wheels are in fair shape and have been in storage for about 2 years. \$1,200. Michael Michalak <mmichalak18@charter.net>



Member **Charlie Hagen** recently entered his 2019 Porsche 911 Targa C4S in the Southeast Michigan Region Concours d'Elegance held at Springdale Park in Waterford and came away with a second-place trophy! The event was held on Sunday August 21. Charlie sure looks happy about it, and well he should.



Photo by Paula Zimmer



PCA Motor-Stadt Region Board Minutes September 13th, 2022

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

Present:

President: Ken Jones	Board Member: Don Dickmann	6 additional members
Vice President: Joe Lavender (Zoom)	Board Member: James Yen	in attendance
Secretary: Steve Lee	Board Member: Terrill Whitney	
Treasurer: Mark Haas (Zoom)	Board Member: Matt MacFadden	

Proposed agenda – The agenda for the Sep 13th meeting approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded S. Lee)

Meeting Minutes - The Aug 9th, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership is 175 primaries, 86 affiliate (261 total) + 11 juniors.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported we have \$4,876 in checking, \$9,933 in the investment account for a total of \$14,809. A motion to approve the report was made (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded J. Yen) approved unanimously.

Advertising and Insurance – No advertising activity this period. Invoices for 2023 advertising will be sent out in Q3.

Publications – Don will post the September newsletter pending receipt of these minutes and the president's letter. James plans to update social media including the latest newsletter.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- Autocross – The event at Birch Run speedway on Aug 13th was not attended as well as the first. We believe threatening weather was to blame. Those that showed up were rewarded with plenty of bonus track runs! Thanks to the many volunteers that really stepped up and helped out. These events are running smoother as we acclimate to the new venue. An autocross checklist needs to be created and include event chair, safety chair and event observer. National rules require we mention no alcohol is to be consumed at our track events and Steve will e-mail national suggesting they include that in the PCA waiver form.
- Fall Drive – Joe has proposed an October 22nd Northern Michigan drive thru the tunnel of trees. Look for an e-mail blast with details if plans fall into place.

Old Business:

- 50th anniversary celebration (2023) – The Bavarian Inn Lodge has been reserved for June 3rd 2023. A five-member committee (Charley, Don, Ken, Joe, Steve) has been formed and will meet separately from this monthly meeting.

New Business:

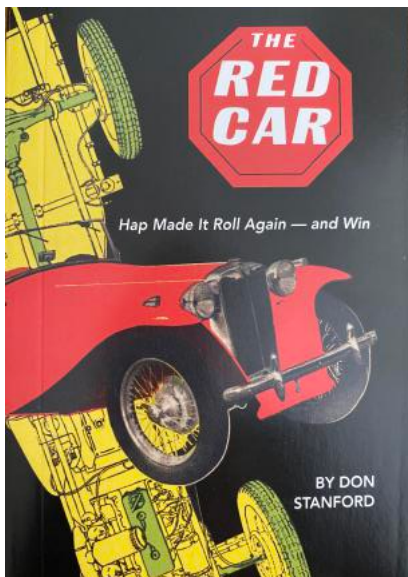
- Porsche Okemos is planning a Tailgate event Oct 15th. Save the date and look forward to e-mail updates.
- The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan graciously accepted our \$500 check and thanked partners like us for supporting their cause. Perhaps a future drive to their location in Flint with "frunks" full of food can be planned!
- Don reported the Saint Ignace event team may not be able to support Porsches on the Mac if we can not provide 200+ cars. We will investigate further before giving up on the event.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas) approved unanimously.

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

Nostalgia: a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations. Although it can become an obsession, I seem to have more nostalgic moments as I grow older. I recently had one because of a book—*The Red Car* by Don Stanford. This little book has become a minor classic among car geeks, so I have been keeping my eye out for it for years. I finally found it on the Moss Motors web site at the reasonable price of \$12.99, although you could pay a whole lot more for an early hardcover edition. When I received my copy in the mail and began to look it over, I suddenly realized that I had read this book before...in high school! I recall clearly sitting in the library of Solomon Juneau High in Milwaukee over 65 years ago reading *The Red Car* and loving it. What made it so engrossing at the time was that the protagonist is a kid named Hap Adams, about my age. He was living the dream of multitudes of teens...buying and repairing a crashed MG TC, then driving it. Not a Porsche, certainly, but who would not like to hop into the cockpit of one of these classic British roadsters?



Through various trials Hap does manage to repair the MG with help from his friend and employer Frenchy Lascelle, owner of a local garage. Procuring another wrecked MG for parts helps the process along, although the complex disassembly and repair does wrap up rather quickly. Frenchy is a retired race driver who emigrated from Europe following a fatal accident during a race. He teaches Hap how to exploit the peak of the power curve of the small 1.25 L engine and how to downshift and drive the car through a corner. Several subplots are woven through the story, including an exciting road race through Hap's hometown of Bullet, Colorado. Most of these subplots stretch credibility a bit, although not for young people. I certainly had no issue with them as a teenager.

The book is not great literature; you will sense this after the first couple pages. Stanford wrote it for pre-teens and up, which was why I devoured it at age 15. Nonetheless, even at my advance age, I still was engaged the second time through. Although his writing is aimed at juveniles, Stanford knew cars and had raced them. I believe he could have disassembled an MG TC and then put it back together. At 182 pages *The Red Car* is not a long read; you could get through it in a day or two. The typeface of this facsimile printing is small and a bit of a strain on my eyes, but this is a minor point. If you recall reading this little classic as a teen and are up for some nostalgia, or if you want to dig into it for the first time, I recommend that you pick up a copy. At \$12.99 you won't have much to lose.