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From the President

February 2023

Motor-Stadt Region is off to a good start for 2023. We've completed our first event and are planning more activities in this 50th anniversary year.

The winter dinner at Zynda's was a success with over 40 members in attendance. Good food and friends made an enjoyable evening. Thanks go out to Ken Jones and Joe Lavender (event coordination), James Yen (presentation on Porsche Track Experience), and Terrill Whitney (raffle gifts). Our trial-run using motorsportreg.com for registration was also a success.

Why motorsportsreg.com? We have learned that many other regions and clubs are using this method for event registration. We plan to use it for the 50th anniversary event and appreciate your willingness to register thru this site. It really helps a small club like ours manage registration, RSVP, finances, etc. Thanks, again, for the members who used the site.

Next up, is the Spring Kick-off. We are targeting April 29th but need to confirm with Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus. So, start looking for those automotive items to donate and set aside your bidding cash! Last year, we raised \$1,740 for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Let's see if we can beat that this year.

The Region 4 PCA president's meeting is in Toledo from February 24th-26th. Joe Lavender and I plan to attend. This event will be new for both of us, and we look forward to learning how we can better serve the membership.

We continue to hold our monthly board meetings followed by our club get-together on the second Tuesday of the month. Stop in and join in the comradery and enjoy a slice of pizza on the club. Check out <http://www.MST.PCA.org> for details.

With the spring kick-off, 50th anniversary, autocross, and driving events, we can always use help. If you would like to get involved drop an e-mail to motorstadt.pca@gmail.com and we'll be sure to reply.

Steve Lee

2023 Motor-Stadt Officers & Board of Directors

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If you have any questions or comments contact the board at:

motorstadt.pca@gmail.com



All Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Spagnuolo's restaurant in Okemos beginning at 6:30 p.m. All club members are invited.

2023 Board Meeting Dates

January 10	February 7	March 14	April 11
May 9	June 13	July 11	August 8
September 12	October 10	November 14	December 12



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Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of February 2023:

Primary	186
Affiliate	86
Life	0
Total	272
PCA Juniors	13

PCA national membership as of February 2023:

Primary	102,250
Affiliate	53,741
Life	22
Total	155,991

Porsche Club of America is the largest single-marque car club in the world.

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Region Members & Their Cars

- Jonathan Eklund, co-member Sarah Behnke, Battle Creek, 2009 Porsche Cayenne S
- Tanisha Sanders, Williamston, 2021 Porsche Cayenne Coupe
- Jeff Floyd, Fenton, 2014 Porsche 911 Carrera
- Erik Nelson, Williamston, 2009 Porsche 911 Carrera 4
- Sherrie Vossler, co-member Stephen Vossler, Lansing, 2017 Porsche Macan S

Welcome to the Club!

Don't Just Attend Porsche Parade... ...Be a Part of It!



An autocross is a closed-course driving event, and they are held in a large open area - such as a parking lot - where the objective is to safely complete the course in the shortest amount of time. New to Autocrossing? Parade is a great time to give it a try!



June 18-24, 2023
The LaQuinta Resort and Club
Palm Springs, California
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Winter Dinner 2022

Prost to all attendees and volunteers from this year's festive and fun annual Motor-Stadt winter dinner event on Saturday, December 22, 2022! The Porsche saying, "it's not just the cars, it's the people" was turbo-charged at Zynda's Food & Drink in Williamston!



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Monthly Club Meeting

You are invited to join the monthly “Porsche lineup” and welcomed to attend! The club holds an informal meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Spagnuolo’s Restaurant in Okemos.



Spagnuolo's

662 West Grand River Ave
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Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



NEXT MEETING MARCH 14



Events Calendar for Motor-Stadt Region PCA

- April 29** Spring Kick-off Event - Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus
- May 20** Driving Tour I – Hosted by Joe Lavender
- June 3** Motor-Stadt Region PCA 50th Anniversary - Frankenmuth - You are invited to join us for our 50th-year celebration as a PCA Region, having been chartered on April 4, 1973. A speaker has been confirmed for the June 3 banquet! There will be an evening banquet on Saturday, June 3, plus other activities during the weekend beginning Friday, June 2, through Sunday, June 4. Overnight hotel reservations will be available at **Bavarian Inn Lodge** in Frankenmuth. If you would like to help plan or coordinate activities for this spectacular event, a committee has been formed, please contact Steve Lee with your interest.
More event and hotel information will be forthcoming. Steve Lee and a members' committee are coordinating these activities.
- June 10** Happy Global 75th Anniversary, Porsche! Michiganders, get ready to celebrate! Details soon.
- June 24** Autocross I – Birch Run Speedway
- July 22** Autocross II – Birch Run Speedway
- August** Driving Tour II
- August 19** Autocross III – Birch Run Speedway
- September** Driving Tour III
- October** Fall Event - Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus
- October** Fall Color Driving Tour

NOTE: If an event has been canceled or added to the calendar, Members will be notified by the Board via email blasts, on our Web Page, Facebook Page, or in this publication.

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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. A project that I never got around to taking apart and tinkering with. Best offer over \$950 (price reduction). First come, first served, cash only. Includes wheeled platform dolly. PCA members only.

Charlie Hagen<cchagen@aol.com>





PCA Motor-Stadt Region
 Board Minutes February 7th, 2023
 6:30 PM - Spagnuolo's Restaurant (First Tuesday of the Month)

Present:

President: Steve Lee	Board Member: Don Dickmann	Board Member: Paula Zimmer
Vice President: Joe Lavender	Board Member: Matt MacFadden	Board Member: Ken Jones
Secretary: Nathan Traxler	Board Member: Terrill Whitney	Board Member: Piotr Pawiak

8 Additional members in attendance 0 Guests in attendance

Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda for the February 7th meeting was approved unanimously (Moved K. Jones / Seconded D. Dickmann)

Meeting Minutes – The January 10, 2023 board meeting minutes were approved via E-mail.

Membership Report – Steve reported that the current membership is 186 primaries, 86 affiliate (272 total) + 13 juniors.

Treasurer's Report – Steve delivered the treasurer's report in Mark's absence. The club has \$6,248.14 in checking, \$10,157.85 in the investment account for a total of \$16,405.99. A motion to accept the report was made (Moved N. Traxler / Seconded K. Jones) approved unanimously.

Advertising – Steve delivered the advertising report. The club's current advertisers are Munk's Motors and Serra Auto Campus.

Insurance – Joe informed the board that there were no updates to share for the month of January regarding insurance.

Newsletter – Paula delivered a report on January's newsletter. Paula thanked everyone for their patience on her first newsletter. She now has her new computer up and running and expects upcoming issues to go smoothly

Web Page and Social Media – James was not present to provide a web page and social media report. James has been adding photos and announcements to our social media as necessary.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- Winter Dinner – Steve delivered a report following the winter dinner that was held at Zynda's on January 28th. The club received positive feedback on the food from attendees and received negative feedback on the volume level and the crowded venue. A check was written to Zynda's by the club for \$1,413.64 to cover appetizers and pay Zynda's for the participants who prepaid for their dinners via MotorsportReg.
- 50th anniversary celebration (June 3rd 2023) – Steve reported that a speaker for the 50th anniversary has been secured. PCA national has also started to send materials for the 50th anniversary.
- Event Calendar – The following events and dates for the club's 2023 calendar were discussed in addition to the 50th anniversary in June. Spring Kickoff – April 29th at Serra Auto Campus (Tentative). Spring Driving Tour – May 20th hosted by Joe. Autocross #1 – June 24th at Birch Run Speedway & Event Center (Steve will confirm this date is available with the Track). Autocross #2 – July 22nd at Birch Run Speedway & Event Center (Steve will confirm this date is available with the Track). Autocross #3 – August 19th - at Birch Run Speedway & Event Center (Steve will confirm this date is available with the Track). Driving Tour #2 – August (official date TBD). Driving Tour #3 – September (official date TBD). Dealership Event – September (official date TBD). Fall Color Tour – October (official date TBD)

Old Business - None

New Business:

- President and DE meetings (Feb 24-26) – A motion was made to reimburse up to \$350 for travel and lodging costs related to the President and DE meetings. (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded K. Jones approved unanimously)
- Name tags & business cards of officers – Steve proposed getting the club officers magnetic name tags. Paula will investigate available nametag options.
- Dealership recruitment flyers – Don is updating the club flyers that are provided to Serra Auto Campus for the 2023 season.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:32 (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded T. Whitney) approved unanimously.



From the Editor

On any day, waiting at a red traffic light to turn green may be a frustrating experience, especially, if you have driven on this particular road many times before and know it to be a “long light.” However, on this day, I find myself waiting at “this” red light, and it feels like both time and traffic have stopped for just a little too long. Halted in this realization, hands gripped to steering wheel become suddenly loosened as breath puffed-out in shortened exhale lowers tensed-up shoulders.

It is during these extended seconds that attention turns from moving traffic, outside, to the interior cabin: instantly noticing the heat is blowing just a bit too hot, discovering several fingerprints on the console make patterns in heart-shapes, and in between crosswalk signal beeps, only silence is heard. It is this odd silence that reminds me I was in such a haphazard-hurry earlier to get going with the day, that I did not think to turn on any music that would now fill this void. Instead of tuning to music, it was the play and purr of motor shifting, accompanied in my mind by thinking through of what-all has been, and is, going on, mixed with my daily to-do list which is never fully-checked.

As the wait at the red light continues, adjusting a bit in my heated seat on this cold morning, a new thought comes to mind: does this extended wait at a traffic light slow me down or give me an opportunity to contemplate and see things around me from a new perspective? Another exhaled breath, this one longer and more like a yawn, the question is asked: why the rush, anyway? What is ahead will come in due time, but the present I am in, will not last. “Be in the present of this moment,” I tell myself. “The road will wait for you. When the light turns green, you will be ready to resume your direction.” Until then, paused at this red light, “present” decision is made to feel the too-hot air, admire but not clean the fingerprints, and sit in the silence.

Glancing to the empty passenger seat, I spy where leather seams meet, a large crumb is staring back at me like a tiny passenger. Just as I reach for this diminutive occupant, my guesturing is interrupted by the glint of green from above, reflected in my glasses. Looking up, I see the light has turned green. Reflexively, foot slides from brake to to gas pedal, and it’s time to drive on my way.

~ Paula Zimmer