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## *From the President*

September 2023

Fall is here and the leaves are starting to change. What a great time to get out and explore the countryside in a Porsche!

As October approaches, we are required to seek-out interested parties to act as Motor-Stadt Region **board members**. If you are interested, please e-mail [motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) before 31 October 2023. An official nomination letter from our secretary will be published in this newsletter. See page 7.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **autocross** held on 26 August was another success. Porsches and other brands enjoyed good weather and some spirited driving. Thanks to all the volunteers that make these events a success.

On 9 September, Joe Lavender led our latest driving tour, this time leaving from Haslett. A group of **16 Porsches** enjoyed a destination drive to lunch near Gull Lake. Some of the attendees took advantage of the proximity to the **Gilmore Car Museum** and enjoyed an after-lunch museum tour. Thanks, again, Joe for organizing this event!

Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus is hosting a **dealership fall event** on Saturday, October 14th. We appreciate a great relationship with our local dealer, so plan to support and enjoy the event. A short club drive (~30 miles) will follow the event, so be sure to reserve time in your calendars. Look for event details in the newsletter and on social media. See page 11.

We'd love to hear from you, so send us an e-mail [Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) or just keep up to date on <http://www.MST.PCA.org> or the Face Book group page [PCA Motor-Stadt Region](#).

Keep searching for that perfect apex!

Steve Lee

## 2023 Motor-Stadt Officers & Board of Directors

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Piotr Pawlak  
Pat Senters  
Terrill Whitney**

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

[motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto: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



# Motor-Stadt



## Membership News

### Motor-Stadt Region Membership as of September 1, 2023:

Primary	193
Affiliate	89
Life	0
Total	282
PCA Juniors	15

### PCA National Club Membership as of September 1, 2023:

Primary	103,823
Affiliate	54,448
Life	23
Total	158,294

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

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

Matt Liponoga, 2016 Porsche Cayman GT4  
Claire Peterson, 1976 Porsche 911 S

**Welcome to the Club!**



**Porsche Club of America  
Motor-Stadt Region  
September 12, 2023**

## **ELECTION NOTICE**

Attention Motor-Stadt Members,

As the secretary for PCA Motor-Stadt, it is my honor and duty to inform you all that the 2024 board elections are coming soon and will be held in our December 2023 board meeting. The following 9 members at large wish to continue their commitment to the club and its membership:

- Steve Lee
- Ken Jones
- Mark Haas
- James Yen
- Piotr Pawlak
- Joe Lavender
- Terrill Whitney
- Nathan Traxler
- Don Dickmann

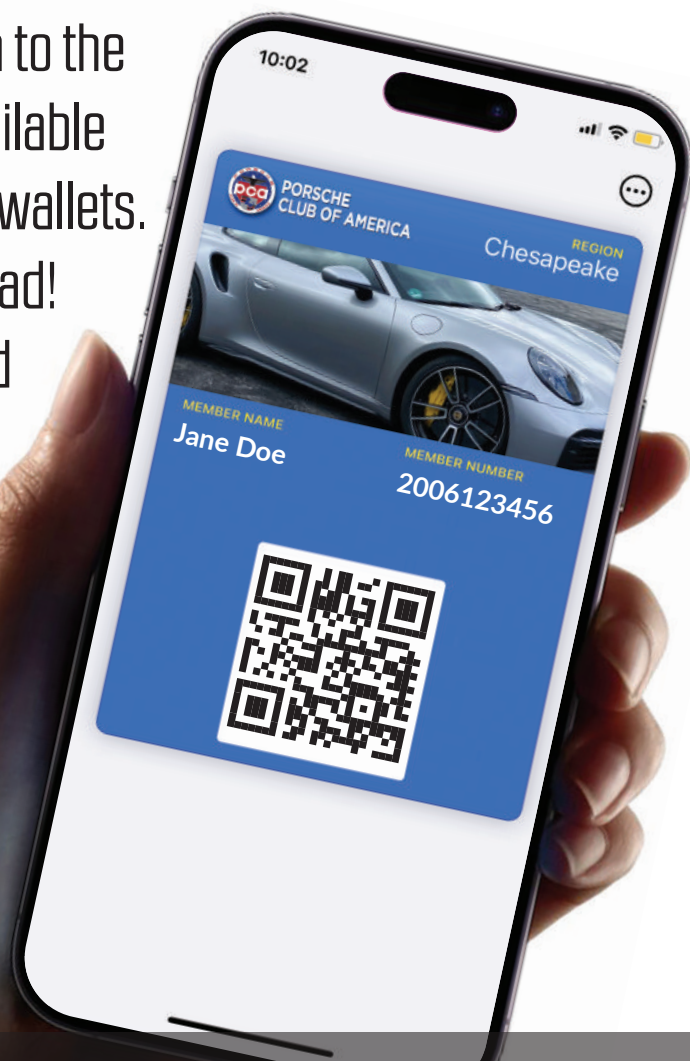
If you are interested joining our club's **12-member board in 2024** or obtaining more details, please voice your interest by emailing [motorstadt.pca@gmail.com](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) **not later than October 31, 2023.**

Respectfully,

Nathan Traxler  
Secretary

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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  
Okemos

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## NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10



Enjoy a drink and pizza  
on the club during  
regular meetings





## Events Calendar for Motor-Stadt Region PCA

- October 14**      Fall Event - Porsche Okemos at Serra Auto Campus  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
Club destination drive to a local orchard in Mason planned upon conclusion of the event.  
The drive route will be about 30 miles.  
*See page 11 for your invitation and details.*
- TBA**              Fall Color Driving Tour
- TBA**              Winter Dinner

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.

**NEW! ANSWER THIS MONTH'S MEMBER QUESTION:** Why did I buy my Porsche?  
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**Keep celebrating! Do you have photos or a story to share?**  
Thank you to all participants, and congratulations, again, to Motor-Stadt Region for 50 fabulous years and counting!

“It’s not just the cars,  
it’s the people.”



### **The Lansing Drive**

September 9, 2023. Motor-Stadt Region club drive. Superb weather day for a drive from Monticello’s Market & Butcher Block in Haslett to Pure Mex in Richland. Group photo at Pure Mex, some participants not in the photo.

Photo credits:  
Joe Lavender, Steve Lee, and Curtis Howe

## Motor-Stadt Region Joins PCA Version of IROC - History Part 3

By Mark Haveman

**Mark Haveman is a Charter Member of MSR-PCA and currently a 50-year PCA member.**

*The Motor-Stadt board and officers would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mark for his contributions made here in the club newsletter, and especially for his 50 years of club dedication and his part in forming the Motor-Stadt Region Porsche club into what it has become today for members old-and-new to enjoy for years to come. With our gratitude to you, Mark, we appreciate you.*

*- From your Motor-Stadt board and officers*

**In the August 2023 *Madness* newsletter edition, Part 2 of the MSR history story described some of the challenges the new board encountered and the success those efforts achieved. In this History Part 3, we take a look at MSR participation with other region clubs.**

One of the more significant activities that Motor-Stadt participated in was a copycat race series named after the famed International Race of Champions (IROC) created by Roger Penske and Mark Donohue. It was immensely popular when it was established in 1973 as it brought the best race drivers in the world to race together in identically prepared race cars. The series in 1973 featured multi-colored Carrera 911 RSRs. The series was a huge success partly because it was televised nationwide.

Someone in nearby PCA-land had the idea to establish a multi-region autocross series. The idea was accepted and in 1974 Motor-Stadt, Western Michigan, and Michigan-Indiana formed such a series where each region would host one autocross during the season and the series would end with a major year-end awards banquet. It was also called the IROC series (Interregional Race of Champions).

Participants could earn trophies at each event throughout the year as well as a year-end trophy based on a cumulative point system. The series was popular and actually encouraged participation at events sponsored by the other regions. MSR member, mad scientist, Robert Sprafka, a physicist at MSU, created the complex point system. I believe only he knew how it all worked but no one dared challenge him. The series proved to be very



popular and was celebrated at the end of the season with a grand awards banquet bringing members of all three PCA regions together. Not only were individual members eligible for trophies but another award was created for the region that garnered the best participation. For at least one year (1978), Chicago Region PCA joined in the fun. MSR won the first-year region trophy. A tongue-in-cheek floating trophy was created, a large orange pylon adorned by an engraved plaque denoting the regional champion each year. I would like to know where that pylon now resides. Check out the photos provided to show the creativity and skill of the people who created these attractive trophies and awards.

Mark Haveman, 50 year PCA member and charter MSR member

# Motor-Stadt Region Joins PCA Version of IROC - History Part 3 (continued from page 15)

By Mark Haveman



Images courtesy of Mark Haveman from his Motor-Stadt Region archives.





# GingerMan Raceway – Summer Track Days

Photo submitted by Nathan Traxler

Photo taken on September 2, 2023, by Nathan Traxler at GingerMan Raceway while participating at the Summer Track Days event by RevMatch and hosted by Nils Hartman. This track day event invited drivers of all skill levels with instructors available. In the photo, GingerMan’s well-known “track tower” serves as backdrop for two iconic vehicles of the same model in years 1999 and 2002: Porsche 718 Boxster.

No matter if you’re driving a Porsche from the 1990s or the latest GT model circa 2024, autocross events are opportunities for drivers to hone their car control skills and improve their driving abilities.



GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, MI, is celebrating their 27<sup>th</sup> year! Open Track - End of the Season Weekend Closer - is October 21-22. Registration for this event is required and can be found on the Motorsport Reg website.

# Visit the Motor-Stadt website

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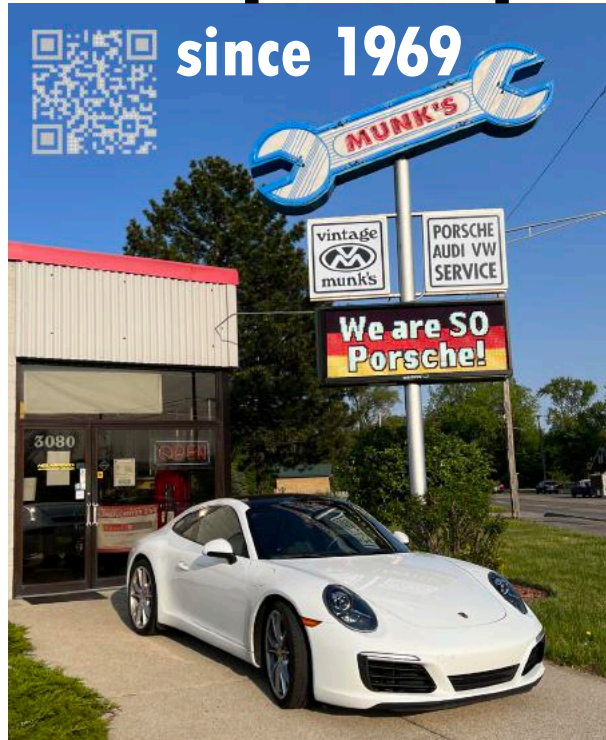


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PCA Motor-Stadt Region  
Board Minutes September 12th, 2023

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

**Present:**

President:	Steve Lee	Board Member:	Ken Jones
Vice President:	Joe Lavender	Board Member:	Pat Senters
Secretary:	Nathan Traxler	Board Member:	Paula Zimmer
Board Member:	Mark Haas		

3 Additional members in attendance                      0 Guests in attendance

**Call to Order** – President Steve called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**Approval of Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda for the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved unanimously. (Moved N. Traxler / Seconded P. Zimmer)

**Meeting Minutes** – The August 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes were previously approved via E-mail.

**Membership Report** – Steve delivered the membership report on Don’s behalf. The club’s current membership is 193 primaries, 89 affiliates (282 total) + 15 juniors.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Mark delivered the treasurer’s report. The club has \$5,266.04 in checking and \$8,351.15 in the investment account for a total of \$13,617.19. The treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted (Moved K. Jones / Seconded J. Lavender)

**Advertising** – James was unable to deliver an advertising report.

**Insurance** – Joe delivered the insurance report. Steve volunteered to complete the observer’s report for the group drive on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Newsletter** – Paula delivered the newsletter report. Last month’s newsletter was published and the September newsletter is expected to be sent out by the end of the month. There may be a new potential advertiser in the newsletter.

**Web Page and Social Media** – James was unable to deliver the web page and social media report.

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PCA Motor-Stadt Region  
Board Minutes September 12th, 2023  
6:30 PM - Spagnuolo's Restaurant (Second Tuesday of the Month)

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**Committee Reports / Activities:**

- Autocross 3 (August 26) – Joe delivered a report on the August 26<sup>th</sup> autocross event. The event went well and without incident. Matt took the lead and the new drive-up tech inspection process worked well. There were no issues finding volunteers and the club had a \$60 profit.
- Driving Tour (September 9) – Steve delivered a report on the September 9<sup>th</sup> group drive. 16 cars were in attendance for a total of 29 people. The event went well and without incident.
- Dealership Fall Event (October 14<sup>th</sup>) – Paula provided information on an upcoming joint event between Porsche of Okemos and Playmakers scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. This event will focus on speaking to women drivers and will also serve as the 2024 Cayenne launch for Porsche of Okemos. A drive after the event for club members is being discussed.

**Old Business:**

- Business cards for officers – Nothing to report. Moving to a later date
- Region Redbook – Will be addressed by the club during the Fall of 2023
- Equipment - Nothing to report. Moving to a later date
- Storage – Moving this topic to our January 2024 meeting agenda.

**New Business:**

- Elections – The secretary will be providing notice via the September newsletter of the current board members who are planning to run for reelection in 2024. This notice also invites those who are interested in serving on the 2024 board to campaign. The election for the club's 2024 board will be held during the December 2023 board meeting.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:24 (Moved N. Traxler / Seconded P. Senters) approved unanimously.

Submitted by N. Traxler,  
Secretary



## *From the Editor*

September 2023

16,737.

That's my current mileage on my Porsche Macan, Tubbs. If I ever doubt that I had a "busy summer," I look at the total miles on my odometer. At my last mileage update shared with you from July at 11,250, that's a 5,487-mile increase. The fall season has begun, and I am already anticipating the many miles-to-go to reach the end of this year.

Truly, these road miles behind the wheel of my trusted, four-wheeled companion feel symbolically added as life miles, not just as a countdown to my next oil change. Lately, I have envisioned our being more like The Blues Brothers. I think Tubbs is the Elwood to my Jake, we are on a mission, and we are definitely rollin, rollin, rollin. I will put on my sunglasses and hope for Sister Mary's blessing for what may likely total over 20,000 miles for 2023.

Porsche Okemos will be hosting our Fall Event on **Saturday, October 14**. It is an opportunity for an intimate look, and a test drive, of the 2024 Porsche Cayenne. This re-design is something to see and experience first-hand. We will be having our event catered by Foster Coffee Company. At the conclusion of the **Further Together** festivities, we will have a Motor-Stadt club destination drive to an orchard in Mason. Please see page 11 for your invitation with details, and I look forward to your RSVP.

I am not sure if this will become "a thing," but oddly I have published this month's newsletter from another Dunkin', location undisclosed. I have just realized that Dunkin' Donuts has rebranded itself as Dunkin', dropping "Donuts" from its signature name. Even the entry doors no longer have their signature "DD" door handle, only a solo "D" of brushed-silver in its place.

Let's drive "further together" in 2023: "Hit it."

~ Paula "Sonny" Zimmer and Tubbs, AKA Jake and Elwood