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From the President

October 2023

I'm hoping you have been able to enjoy the fall colors in your **Porsche!**

As the club grows, we need more volunteers and **members keep stepping up!** The new board will be announced and officers elected by years' end. Thanks to all who volunteer their time to keep this organization running smoothly.

On October 14th, Porsche Okemos hosted a local launch of the **2024 Porsche Cayenne** for their fall event. After everyone enjoyed gourmet coffee and pastries, a representative from **Porsche Cars North America** reviewed the features of the new car. Any interested party could sign up for a test drive. I took advantage and found the car well balanced, solid, and comfortable. The **back seat** passengers found the ride equally comfortable, thanks to the **air ride** suspension.

To wrap-up the fall event, Dave and Beth Rogers led a driving tour from the dealership to **Cottage Creek Orchard** in Mason. This orchard is a new venue and the owners have a real passion for their venture. Check them out and tell them you heard about them from **PCA**. Thanks to **Dave and Beth** for designing the drive and leading.

Save the date for the Motor-Stadt Region **Winter Dinner on January 27th**. We have listened to your feedback and have reserved a **larger venue**. Look for details in upcoming **Motor-Stadt** announcements.

Comments and feedback can be sent to our e-mail at Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com or just keep up to date on <http://www.MST.PCA.org> or the Facebook group page [PCA Motor-Stadt Region](#).

Take **full advantage** of every day!

Steve Lee

2023 Motor-Stadt Officers & Board of Directors

Steve Lee — President

**Joe Lavender —
Vice President & Insurance Chair**

Nathan Traxler — Secretary

Mark Haas — Treasurer

**James Yen —
Social Media & Advertising Chair**

Paula Zimmer — *Madness* Editor

Charlie Hagen — Historian

Randy Kleiman — Legal Counsel

**Board Members —
Don Dickmann
Ken Jones
Matt MacFadden
Piotr Pawlak
Pat Senters
Terrill Whitney**

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

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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 Region Membership as of October 1, 2023:

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Primary | 191 |
| Affiliate | 89 |
| Life | 0 |
| Total | 280 |
| PCA Juniors | 15 |

PCA National Club Membership as of October 1, 2023:

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| Primary | 104,157 |
| Affiliate | 54,589 |
| Life | 23 |
| Total | 158,769 |

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

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Region Members & Their Cars

David Durant, Fenton, 2023 Porsche 911 Targa 4S
Marc Furey, Grand Blanc, 2008 Porsche 911 Targa 4S

Welcome to the Club!



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

ELECTION NOTICE

Attention Motor-Stadt Members,

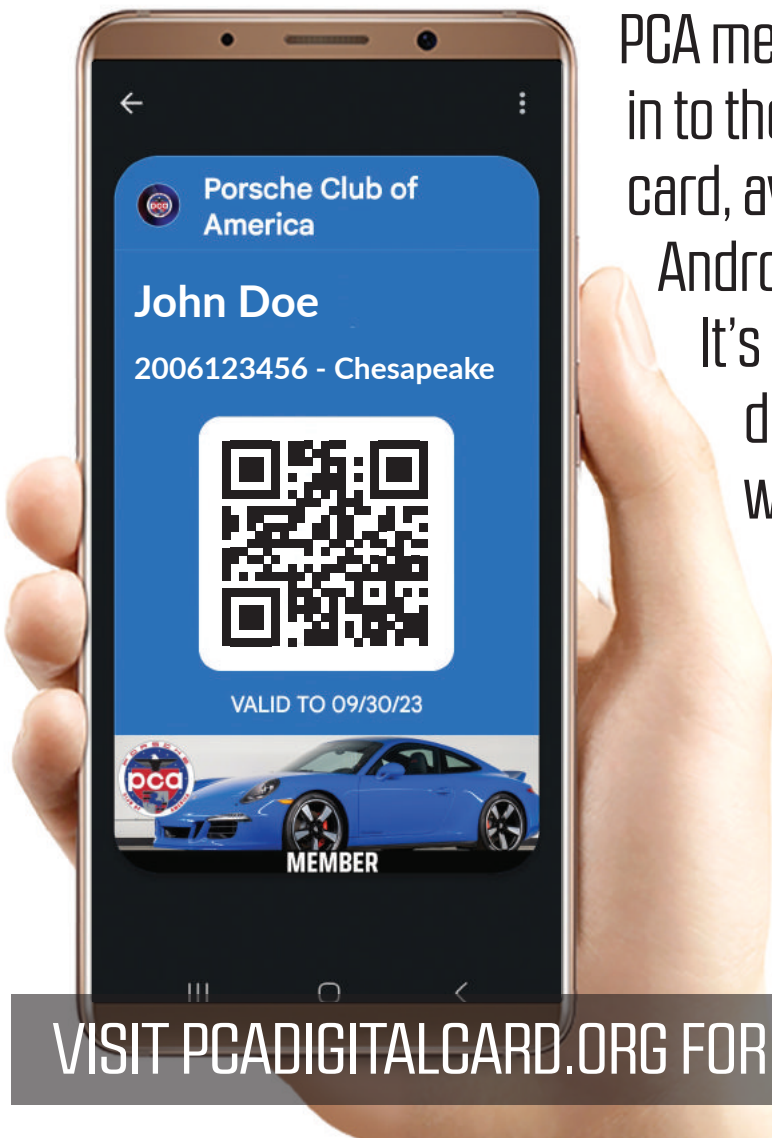
As the secretary for PCA Motor-Stadt, it is my honor and duty to inform you all that the 2024 board elections are coming soon and will be held in our December 2023 board meeting. The following 9 members at large wish to continue their commitment to the club and its membership:

- 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 **not later than October 31, 2023.**

Respectfully,
Nathan Traxler
Secretary

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Motor-Stadt Region

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Winter Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

January 27, 2024
7:00pm to 10:00pm

University Club

Michigan State University
3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910

Look for details to follow in future *enews* emails
and in upcoming editions of your
Motor-Stadt Region **Madness** newsletter.

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 NOVEMBER 14



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings





Events Calendar for Motor-Stadt Region PCA

- November 4** Porsche Tech Session at **Munk's Motors** in Waterford
10:00am to 3:00pm (see page 17 for details)
- January 27** Winter Dinner at University Club (see page 9 for details)

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:

What was one of your favorite drives in your 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.”

How I Bought My First Porsche

By Nathan Traxler

My love for Porsche began at the age of 20 after being a long-time Japanese car fan. In a world full of V8, V6, I6, and Turbo I4 engines, there is nothing quite like the NA flat 6 howl that comes from many of the most treasured Porsche models. I knew I needed one, so after finishing school and getting my first job outside of college, the search was on. The 987 Cayman and 996 Carrera were the two cars on my radar, but then, an unlikely contender entered the scene, the 986 Boxster.



Initially overlooked by many due to its controversial styling, interior quality, and being the 911's baby brother, the 986 went from being a car I never considered to the focus of my automotive desire. An affordable and reliable sports car with comparable chassis dynamics to the Cayman and a flat 6! How could I resist?

In March of 2022, I finally found 'the one'. A 1999 base model with the 2.5L in silver with a manual transmission. The car was purchased with 67k miles, and I am about to break 80k this month. I immediately got connected with MSR and started to learn about the world of HPDE. Later that summer, I went to my first-ever track day at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, MI. In stock form, the car performed flawlessly, but I knew I needed more if I were to consistently attend track days and hone my skills as a driver. Track tires, a more aggressive brake pad, high-temperature brake fluid, and a rollbar extension were the bare minimum upgrades that were made.

Since the purchase of my Boxster less than 2 years ago, I've driven 15 track days and made every session with zero mechanical issues. It goes as a testament to these vehicles and their reliability if they are looked after and maintained diligently. I don't know what the future holds for my little Boxster. Part of me wants to move on to something bigger and better in the Porsche world, while another part of me wants to develop it into an all-out track toy. Whatever the fate of my Boxster may be, the 986 holds a special place in my heart as the car that got me into the Porsche brand and that has connected me with so many wonderful people inside and outside of the Club.

~ Nathan Traxler ~
(PCA Motor-Stadt Region Member & Secretary)

Women Setting the Pace: A Visit to Pacific Raceway in Kent, Washington

By Beth Rogers

The Art of Racing in the Rain: A true story about a racing instructor which took place at the Pacific Raceway in Kent, in the State of Washington. I recommend the movie, and I also recommend their high-performance driving course.

I had the opportunity to participate with my daughter in the **22nd Annual Women Setting the Pace** event put on by Pacific Raceway and the local Porsche dealership. It was solely for women to get them interested in performance track driving. We had women from age 15 to 80 involved. Some were novice, like me, and some were certified to drive solo on the track, like my daughter.

The event was a full-day with training, track driving, and even a hot lap in the new Aston Martin DB 12! Our luncheon speaker was Lyn St. James who is a veteran of seven Indy 500s and a class winner at the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring. She gave us perspective about her 20 years in the sport as a woman driver.

It was a fun day enjoying women sharing a passion for cars. If you take a trip to Seattle, I highly recommend stopping in and seeing Donna and Don Kitch at Pacific Raceway, maybe you will see Enzo 2. (watch the movie!)



LeMay--America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Washington

By Beth Rogers

While visiting our daughter in Seattle, we took a day trip to Tacoma to the LeMay—America's Car Museum. The were having a **75th Anniversary of Porsche** exhibit. It is a beautiful museum and had a unique layout. We experienced some fabulous Porches along with other car exhibits. They had a full-size simulator where I raced F1 at the Silverstone Track. It is located in a beautiful part of harbor with several other museums within walking distance. It is definitely worth the stop.



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PCA Motor-Stadt Region
Board Minutes October 10th, 2023

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

Present:

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| President: | Steve Lee | Board Member: | Ken Jones |
| Secretary: | Nathan Traxler | Board Member: | Pat Senters |
| Board Member: | Paula Zimmer | Board Member: | Piotr Pawlak |
| Board Member: | James Yen | | |

2 Additional members in attendance 0 Guests in attendance

Call to Order – President Steve called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda for the October 10th meeting was made. Approved unanimously (Moved K. Jones / Seconded P. Senters).

Meeting Minutes – The September 12th 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 191 primaries, 87 affiliates (278 total) + 15 juniors.

Treasurer’s Report – Steve delivered the treasurer’s report on Mark’s behalf. The club has \$5,935.79 in checking and \$8,056.28 in the investment account for a total of \$13,992.07. The treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted (Moved N. Traxler / Seconded K. Jones)

Advertising – James delivered the advertising report. There is a new advertiser interested in advertising with the club. Invoices for existing advertisers for the year 2024 will be sent out soon.

Insurance – Steve delivered the insurance report in Joe’s place. Insurance approval for the drive on October 14th was obtained.

Newsletter – Paula delivered the newsletter report. Last month’s newsletter was published. Beth Rogers offered to assist with future newsletter issues.

Web Page and Social Media – James delivered the webpage and social media report. The September newsletter and information about the upcoming dealership event on October 14 were added to the club’s website.

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**PCA Motor-Stadt Region
Board Minutes October 10th, 2023**

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

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Committee Reports / Activities:

- Driving Tour (September 9) – Nothing to report
- Dealership Fall Event (October 14th) – The dealership event will begin at 10:00 a.m. As of October 10th, Paula reported that 40 people had submitted and RSVP. Dave Rogers reviewed the planned route for the drive following the dealership event.

Old Business:

- Business cards for officers – Nothing to report.
- Region Redbook – Steve reported that progress is being made in gathering club data for the region Redbook.
- Equipment – will be addressed in 2024 following the year-end budget review.
- Storage – Moving this topic to our January 2024 meeting agenda.

New Business:

- Elections – Secretary Nathan sent a letter to Paula notifying the membership of the upcoming election. This letter was published in the September newsletter. Pat Senters and Paula Zimmer were still interested in serving on the board in 2024 but were not included in the initial letter notifying the membership of the upcoming election.
- Winter Dinner – A tentative date was set for the winter dinner of January 27, 2024. The venues in question are currently Zyndas and The English Inn. Steve Lee will reach out to both venues in October for more information about cost and availability.
- By-Law Review – A by-law review is needed. Digital copies of the club's current by-laws are to be made following the meeting.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 (Moved K. Jones / Seconded P. Pawlak) approved unanimously.

Submitted by N. Traxler,
Secretary



From the Editor

October 2023

Instead of a search for fall color this day, it appears the fall color had found Tubbs at home in my driveway. This morning's rain had beaded all over Tubbs' glossy paint and a variety of leaves in array were sprinkled all over and stuck to the wet. The deep orange and brown leaf-hues contrasted nicely with its Miami blue, giving an overall glow to what was beginning as an otherwise dreary and rainy-looking day.



As "storage season" approaches, I sense a mood has emerged similar to a surfer's mindset: when I hear, dare I say "feel," the waves are good today, it becomes compulsory to grab your board and catch the next set of waves. And, so it is with driving your Porsche at this time of year: every drive is in search of the best fall color as soon as it appears and while it lasts. Each drive is an opportunity to find a tree

canopy stretched across two lanes, discover a gorgeous sunset alighting painterly beams shown through a tree line, or view a distant horizon its palette softened by veils of low-hanging clouds ready to reveal landscape magic in the miles ahead.

Thanks to all who attended the Porsche Okemos 2024 Cayenne Further Together fall event on October 14. I was amazed that even with rainy weather, we had a near-100 percent turn out! It meant a great deal to me to see each of you, and we hope you had enjoyable time! The drive to Cottage Creek Orchard in Mason was the perfect ending to the day!

This Saturday, November 4, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, **Munk's Motors** in Waterford is hosting a Porsche Tech Session. Please see page 17 for details and RSVP for their free event which includes lunch, plus discussion of many timely Porsche topics.

~ Paula "Sonny" Zimmer and Tubbs