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Also visit the up-to-date **Motor-Stadt web site** (<https://mst.pca.org>) for club news and activities.

You are encouraged to post items on our social media platforms that would be of interest to club members—no ads or nothing political, religious, or divisive, please; and no license plates.



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We welcome your newsletter submissions! Porsche vehicles, events, drives, tech-tips, etc. Please email posts and/or photos to Beth Rogers at motorstadt.pca@gmail.com along with your newsletter comments or suggestions.

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From the President

December 2023

I've been enjoying warmer than normal December walks, but it seems everyday **colder temps** are creeping in. I passed "some other brand" sports car just the other day, and I wondered why I put my 911 away so early. Perhaps those driving their sports cars **year-round** know something I don't!

During our December board meeting, we **elected officers** for 2024. I'm pleased to announce last year's officers agreed to stay on for a second term. I believe we have some great **momentum** built up and plan to do my part to **keep it rolling!** I can't thank enough all the volunteers for doing their part.

Timed perfectly after a break from the holidays, be sure to attend the **Winter Dinner**. Let's plan to make it the best attended dinner yet. We had **over 80** members at the 50th event, so why not 80 at the winter dinner? Mark your calendars and sign up now! **January 27th**, MSU University Club, register at <http://msreg.com/MSRwinter24> .

A special thanks to **Paula Zimmer** for publishing the newsletter in 2023. Paula will be continuing to support the club as **activities chair** in 2024. I always looked forward to her publisher's letter and her adventures in her Miami blue Macan "**Tubbs**". Look forward to Beth Rogers taking on publishing duties starting in January.

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 Face Book group page [PCA Motor-Stadt Region](#).

We'll see you at the winter dinner!

Steve Lee

2024 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 Chair

Piotr Pawlak – Advertising Chair

Beth Rogers – Newsletter Editor

Curtis Howe – Driving Tour Chair

Matt McFadden – Autocross Chair

Paula Zimmer – Activities Chair

Charlie Hagen – Historian

Randy Kleiman – Legal Counsel

Board Members –

Don Dickmann

Ken Jones

Pat Senters

Terrill Whitney

If you have any questions or

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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.

2024 Board Meeting Dates

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



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Membership News

Motor-Stadt Region Membership as of December 1, 2023:

Primary	189
Affiliate	88
Life	0
Total	277
PCA Juniors	15

PCA National Club Membership as of December 1, 2023:

Primary	104,638
Affiliate	54,843
Life	23
Total	159,504

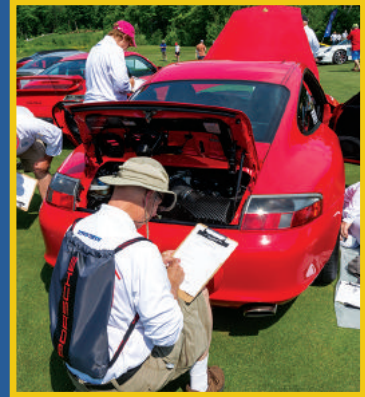
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New PCA/Motor-Stadt Region Members & Their Cars

No new members as of December 1, 2023

All are welcome to the Club!

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



Phase 1 Registration Opens Wednesday, 1/31/24 at 12:00 pm ET



June 9-15, 2024
Birmingham Convention Center
Birmingham, Alabama
www.porscheparade.org

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Motor-Stadt Region

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Winter Dinner

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<http://msreg.com/MSRwinter24>

\$55 per person

If you need alternate registration or have questions, please send email RSVP with Subject: Winter Dinner RSVP to motorstadt.pca@gmail.com

January 27, 2024
5:00pm to 10:00pm

University Club
Michigan State University
3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910

Cocktail Attire Recommended

You are invited to attend our annual winter dinner on Saturday, January 27, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Our new larger venue location will fit over 90 attendees!

Each dinner ticket purchased per-person includes:
appetizer, non-alcoholic drink, dinner & dessert
Cash bar available from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Menu

- Salad served to attendees at tables with bakery fresh rolls and butter
 - Buffet-style meal with three choices of entrees:
Maple Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Teriyaki, and Flank Steak,
plus a Vegetarian meal option
 - Side dishes include a starch and vegetable
- Choice of Dessert: Back Forest Torte, NY Cheesecake, or Lemon Cake
 - Coffee, Tea, Milk and Soft Drinks included

Free Showing of *Le Mans* at the Historic Howell Theater

Le Mans with Steve McQueen
January 20th at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. arrival)
Historic Howell Theater
315 E Grand River Avenue
Howell, MI 48843

On January 20th, member Joseph Fialka has the Historic Howell Theater rented for a very special one night showing of the iconic *Le Mans* with Steve McQueen!

Space is limited, so RSVP is needed.

We have reserved 50 FREE seats for Motor-Stadt Region members and guests. All we ask is that you RSVP with a total number of attendees. *The showing is FREE.*

Mark your calendars and spread the word to join us, free of charge, to see *Le Mans* as it was meant to be seen. Be sure to be early to see a special short feature to be shown before the movie!

Let the membership know this event is available to them and there is no cost other than any concessions they may purchase at the theater.

RSVP at this link, copy and paste:
<https://lemansathowellhistoricthe.rsvpify.com/>

This is a gift to car people to alleviate the winter blues and let everyone enjoy a classic movie as it was intended! If this is successful, we may have more special showings each month for a couple of months. It's going to be a great evening.

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.



662 West Grand River Ave
Okemos

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 9



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings





Events Calendar for Motor-Stadt Region PCA

- January 20** **Free Showing of Le Mans at Historic Howell Theater**
(see page 9 for details)
- January 27** **Winter Dinner at MSU University Club** (see page 8 for details)
- April 6** **Tech Session at Munk's Motors, Waterford**

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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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.”

Dreams Never End in Stuttgart, Germany

By Trace Leffler

Photo credits: Trace Leffler

Good morning from Stuttgart! (Actually, afternoon here.) Marsha and I have just finished touring the Porsche Museum and spent an amazing time walking through the Porsche history from 1898 to the incredible achievements of today. Here are a few photos.

- Trace Leffler



Das Porsche Wappen im Detail
bürstetes Edelmetall, dreidimensionale Wabenstruktur, aufgefrischtes Wappentier sowie dezente Goldfarbe – das sind bei genauer Betrachtung die Unterschiede zwischen dem modernisierten Porsche Wappen und seinem unmittelbaren Vorgänger. Mit viel Liebe zum Detail und in einem dreijährigen Prozess haben die Designer von Style Porsche zusammen mit den Marketing-Experten des Sportwagenherstellers das ikonische Logo behutsam modernisiert.

The Porsche crest in detail
Brushed precious metal, three-dimensional honeycomb structure, refreshed crest animal and more subtle gold colour – on closer inspection, these are the differences between the modernised Porsche crest and its immediate predecessor. With great attention to detail and in a three-year process, the designers of Style Porsche, together with the marketing experts of the sports car manufacturer, have carefully modernised the iconic logo.

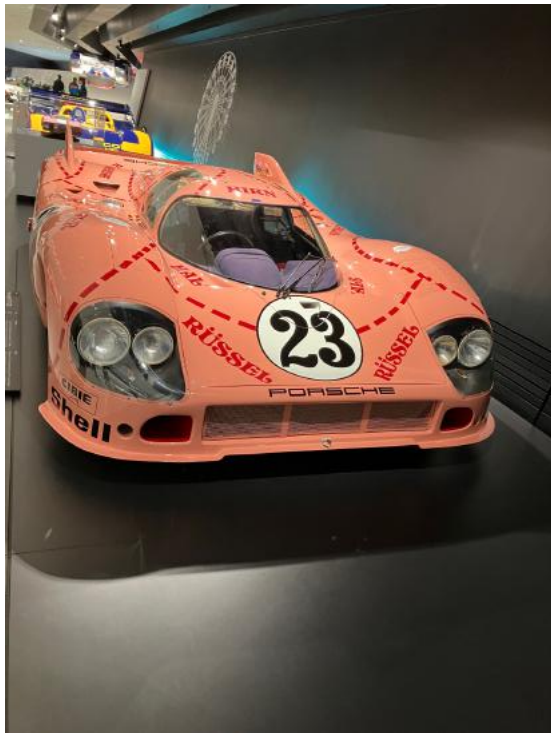


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PHOTOS REQUESTED FOR USE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Motor-Stadt Region website and club Facebook page will be updating their banner images for 2024!

If you would like to contribute a photo to be included in a photo montage, please email James Yen at [**motorstadt.pca@gmail.com**](mailto:motorstadt.pca@gmail.com) for details.

Types of photos we are looking for:
your Porsche vehicle, image from a Porsche club event or drive (autocross, spring/fall kick-off, driving tour, etc.)

Thank you!



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<https://mst.pca.org>



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Season's Greetings



from Munk's Motors



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Member Message Board

Do you need something for your Porsche or have something of interest to sell to our PCA community? If so, you can list it here for FREE to reach your local PCA members! As a Motor-Stadt member, you are invited to post your buy-or-sell ad on this message board page (no business ads or solicitations, please.) Item suggestions: used vehicles, exterior body parts, interior parts, engine & drive train parts, tires, wheels, oil, posters, old copies of *Panorama*, model cars, etc.

To Submit a Message Board Ad:

Please email your written description with up to 3 photos to Paula Zimmer at pzimmer@serraautocampus.com

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

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

Present:

President:	Steve Lee	Board Member:	Don Dickmann	Board Member:	Piotr Pawlak
Vice President:	Joe Lavender	Board Member:	Terrill Whitney	Board Member:	Beth Rogers
Secretary:	Nathan Traxler	Board Member:	Ken Jones *		
Treasurer:	Mark Haas	Board Member:	Pat Senters		

3 Additional members in attendance 0 Guests in attendance

* Indicates past president

Call to Order – President Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda for the December 12th meeting was made and approved unanimously (Moved K. Jones / Seconded M. Haas).

Meeting Minutes – The November 14th board meeting minutes were previously approved via E-mail.

Election of Officers – The 2024 Board was elected in November and Club’s Officers were elected in December’s board meeting. All 2023 officers agreed to a second term. A motion was made to reelect all current officers (Moved K. Jones / Seconded D. Dickmann). Other non-elected position holders include the following:

- Beth Rogers- Newsletter Editor
- James Yen- Social Media Chair (Continuing)
- Paula Zimmer - Activities Chair
- Matt MacFadden -Autocross Chair
- Joe Lavender - Insurance Chair (Continuing)
- Piotr Pawlak- Advertising Chair
- Curtis Howe - Driving Tour Chair

Membership Report – Don delivered the membership report. The club’s current membership is 189 primary members, 87 affiliates (276 total) + 17 juniors.

Treasurer’s Report – Mark delivered the treasurer’s report. The club has \$5,671.64 in checking and \$8,429.44 in the investment account for a total of \$14,101.08. The board voted via email in early December 2023 approving \$200 to be spent on the club’s annual 990-N form filing. A check was written to the University Club for appetizers and venue rental (Winter Dinner). A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made and approved unanimously (Moved N. Traxler / Seconded J. Lavender).

Advertising – Steve delivered the advertising report. James has sent advertising invoices to Munks and Porsche Okemos for 2024. Piotr Pawlak will begin acting as the club’s Advertising Chair in 2024.

Insurance – Joe delivered the insurance report—no moving activities.

Newsletter – Paula delivered the newsletter report. Last month’s newsletter was published. December 2023 will be the final newsletter published by Paula as the Newsletter Editor. Transition to Beth Rogers as the 2024 Newsletter Editor is in process.

Web Page and Social Media – Steve delivered the webpage and social media report. Winter dinner details and the registration link through Motorsportsreg.com has been added to the club’s Facebook and Web Page

Other:

- Curtis Howe will begin acting as the club's Driving Tour Chair in 2024.
- Submitting awards nominations to PCA National for PCA Region Of The Year, PCA Enthusiast Of The Year, and PCA Family Of The Year. Nominations are due December 31st.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- Winter Dinner (January 27th) – Mark & Steve finalized the Winter Dinner's location, menu, and cost. In November, the board voted via Email to chip in funds from the club's treasury for appetizers and venue costs. Venue costs include access to the attached bar, setup/teardown, and soda/fountain drinks. The price per plate for members is \$55. Joe Lavender will be the event's speaker. Door prizes have been obtained for the event. Registration via Motorsportsreg.com is live.

New Business:

- Bylaw Review – Board members are to review current bylaws before the January 2024 board meeting.

Old Business:

- Business cards for officers – Nathan to research costs for business cards for 2024 board members.
- Region Redbook – Steve reported that the data-gathering process for the region Redbook is 90% complete.
- Equipment/Storage – will be addressed in 2024 following the year-end budget review.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:25 (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded M. Haas) approved unanimously.

Submitted by N. Traxler, Secretary



From the Editor

December 2023

After the high of December holidays, three consecutive days of rain and pale grey skies this week have dampened my festive mood. Friday morning, while surveying the early-winter-outdoors from my desk in the showroom at Porsche Okemos, I shifted my point of view into a new gear that saw a resemblance to a range of familiar, comforting hues: GT Silver, Chalk, and Volcano Grey, to name a few. Seeing the sky as a broad canvas of Porsche paint colors was like activating Porsche Night Vision Assist: the once-perceived dreary-weather was suddenly alight and brightened with new information and clarity. So what began as another rainy day, was now a new route of thought I had not yet driven and Tubbs said, "Let's go!"

My thoughts throughout my workday were then fueled in Porsche colors: pondering how a Paint to Sample variety has defined the year of 2023, to be exact. In February, Tubbs was my Miami Blue surprise, and has since inspired oceans of confidence to go farther and (reasonably) faster on four wheels. In early June, Motor-Stadt Region celebrated in grand-style its 50th year in Frankenmuth, combining Porsche's country-of-origin palette of Racing Yellow, Guards Red, and Jet Black Metallic, with PCA Arctic Grey, and Shark Blue. October rolled out the new 2024 Cayenne available Arctic Grey plus two new distinctively-named metallics: Algarve Blue and Montego Blue, respectively. And, I learned that in bright sunlight, a Porsche 911 GT3 RS with a Weissach Package option gives high-performance in full-spectrum color all-at-once in exposed carbon fiber. It's magical!

Celebrations continue into 2024 as Porsche's 75th year of sports cars remains prominent, their promotions referencing a classic, vibrant palette of Irish Green, Lava Orange, Mint Green, Ruby Star, Riviera Blue, and Speed Yellow. Porsche has described 2023 as its "monumental anniversary year" which also included the 60th year of the Porsche 911 and Rennsport Reunion 7 event held in CA. All of these special occasions were wrapped in iconic colors like presents to be opened. To me, Porsche is always gift of joy and best viewed in vivid, iconic color. As the Porsche brand drives into the future, I see it bringing along its revered history with it, and on the journey, paying constant homage to its timeless design and engineering.

If you are looking to expand your prism of what Porsche has to experience in culture and art, I highly recommend the **Driven By Dreams** newsletter as an online resource found on the Porsche web site. The direct web address is <https://www.porsche.com/dreams/en-US> and is a lively read about people and perspectives. Did you know that Porsche has partnered with Backdrop (Porsche x Backdrop) and you can paint the walls in your house to match a classic Porsche in a collection of four stunning colors? No matter how you experience Porsche, whether under the hood, behind the wheel, or standing up as a spectator, I say, "Prost!" to you doing it all with gusto in 2024!

At this writing, Tubbs has 23,268 miles and is a testament to a year well-traveled. 2023 is now in the rear-view mirror, and its time to look towards the horizon line of the road ahead. I hope you are ready to jump-start your 2024 with two event opportunities in January: **Le Mans at the Historic Howell Theater** on January 20th (see page 9) and our Motor-Stadt Region annual **Winter Dinner** on January 27th (see page 8).

As my one year's time as newsletter editor has reached the Finish line, I am filled with gratitude to be part of such a wonderful club. Over the past three-plus years, Porsche has filled my life with colors of the most exquisite, unexpected kind. Thank you!

Paula "Sonny" Zimmer and Tubbs (2023 Porsche Macan)