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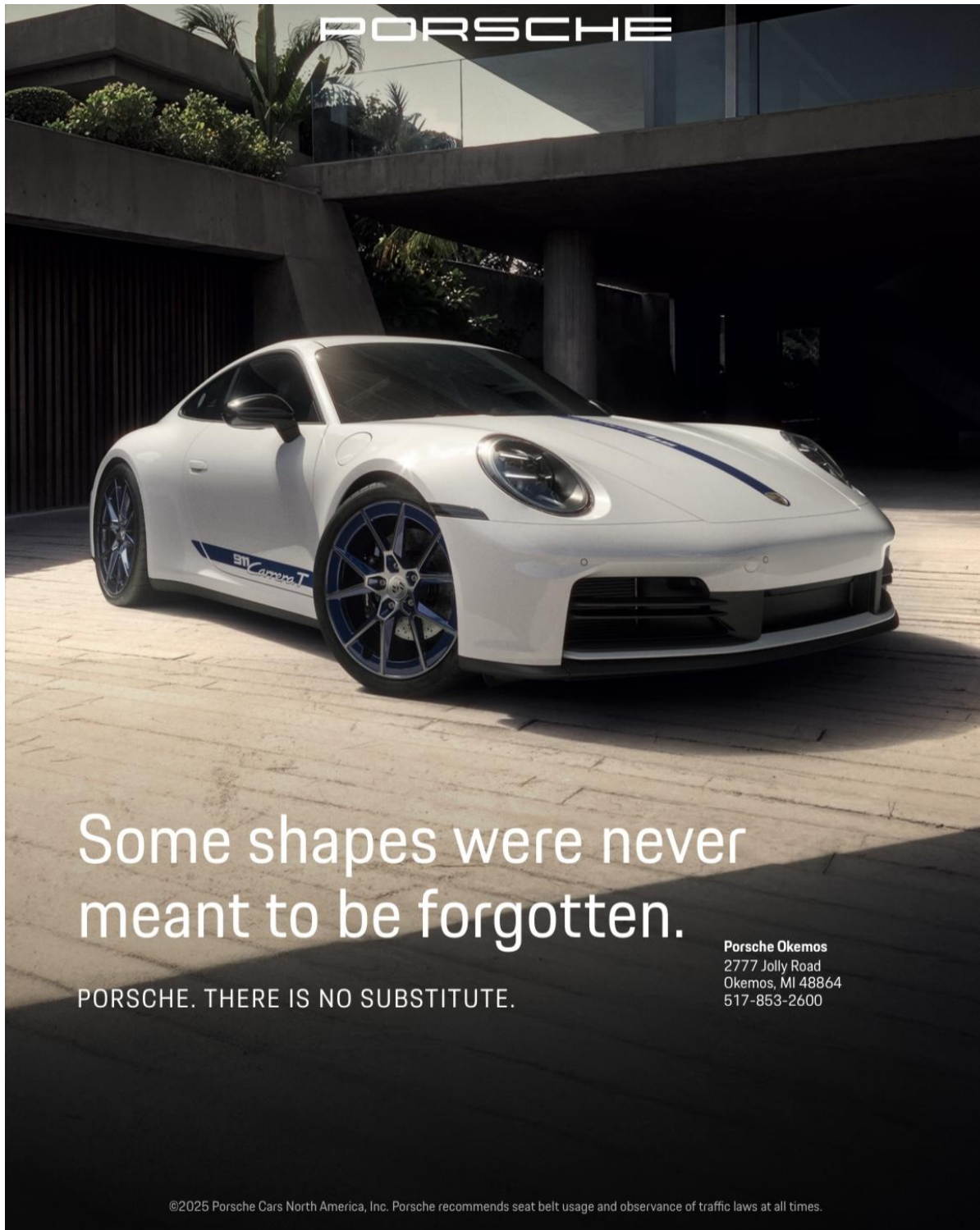


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From The President



On October 18th we had our last scheduled dealership event and drive for 2025. Thanks to Paula Zimmer and Porsche Okemos for hosting us again. We had a full house with around 25 cars and over 50 attending. It's great to see so many members attending both parts of the event. Our small region relies on the support of our members and from our partnership with Porsche Okemos.

I know I've written about it before, but it's truly a symbiotic relationship. They support the club's activities and we support them with business both in sales and service.

President's Letter Continued

On the topic of mutually beneficial relationships, hopefully you received my email regarding the Motor-Stadt Board of Directors. It's a small group and we've had a lot of help from members in the past. However, the activities we are able to hold are dependent on the board and these volunteers.

I started going to the board meetings as a reason to get out of the house and socialize. It's fun to get together with other folks with similar interests. We're always open to new folks and new ideas. And of course, we're always open for members to help with activities they are interested in.



President's Letter Continued

The board meeting is open to all additional members even if you're not interested in serving on the board, we would love for you to join us at our monthly meeting at Spag's Bar and Grill in Williamston on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. At the minimum, members attending the meeting get some free pizza and can contribute to the debate on black versus green olives.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,
James Yen



2025 Motor-Stadt Officers & Board of Directors

James Yen - President

**Joe Lavender – Vice President
Insurance Chair**

Steve Lee- Secretary

Mark Haas - Treasurer

Adi Mathews- Social Media Chair

Beth Rogers - Newsletter Editor

Curtis Howe – Driving Tour Chair

Piotr Pawlak – Advertising

Paula Zimmer - Activities Chair

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Charlie Hagen - Historian

Randy Kleiman - Legal Counsel

Board Members -

**Don Dickmann
Ken Jones
Steve Lee**

You can contact the board at:



All Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. This month it is in Spag”a Bar & Grill, Williamston beginning at 6:30 p.m. All club members are invited.

2025 Board Meeting Dates

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



Motor-Stadt



Motor-Stadt Region Membership as of May 1, 2025

Primary Members 187

Affiliate Member 86

Total 273

PCA Juniors 15

PCA National Club Membership as of May 1, 2024:

Primary 110508

Affiliate 56833

Total 167,364

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

Welcome New PCA/Motor-Stadt Region Members & Their Cars:

Clint William

2007 911 Turbo



Events Calendar for Motor-Stadt Region PCA

2025 Calander of Events

Event dates:

October 18, 2025 –

Dealer / Fall Event

Drive to Orchard

January – to be announced

Winter Dinner



Monthly Club Meeting

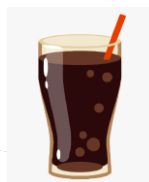
You are invited to join the monthly “Porsche lineup” and welcomed to attend! The club holds an informal meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This month’s meeting is at Spag’s Bar & Grill in Williamston.



NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2025
Spag’s Bar & Grill, Williamston



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club during
regular meetings



Rocket Launch

Hot, Breezy and Mostly Successful

by Curtis Howe, Drive Chair

Who would have thought that October 4th would be 85°, very sunny and have a good breeze, but so it was Saturday for the rocket launch.

LeNan and I started prepping rockets on Friday. Selecting and inserting motors, fluffing parachutes and checking their general condition. We chose 25 of the 53 rockets that I currently have ready to fly for this event. All shapes and sizes.

Saturday morning, we stuffed the chutes, gathered up the launch equipment and loaded the cars. We headed to the launch site at about 12:00 to get everything set up. We took our canopy along as protection from the sun and to keep everything in the shade. A short while later, my fellow Portlander and Club Member, Bill Roeser joined us in getting ready for the day of rocket launching.

As 1:00 o'clock rolled around we were it. Just the three of us. We decided to start the show. A short time later we were excited to see a Porsche pull into the lot. We were joined by a member from Fenton and his son. Sorry, I was so busy with the launch I forgot your name.

Throughout the event, I would set up the rockets on the launch pad and Mystery Guest, his son, Bill and LeNan would do the hard work of fetching the rockets after they landed.

The winds started picking up after several launches. As we watched the Bandito go sideways instead of down after chute deployment, landing deep in the corn field several hundred yards away, I decided to call it a day.



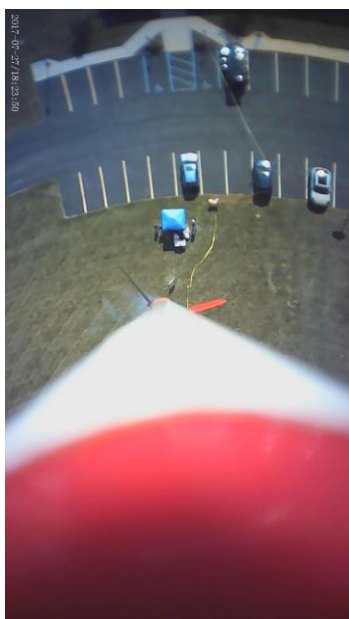
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We launched a total of 16 rockets. Of those, 11 were excellent and did what they were supposed to. Go up, discharge the parachute and float gently back to earth. Even the Astro Sat LSX flew beautifully, releasing both onboard satellites and all three returned intact. The AstroCam also did its job recording video footage of its equals 5. What happened to the other 5 rockets that were launched. Wflight. Video turned out well, and I grabbed several interesting frames.

16 minus 11 e already mentioned the Bandito which is going to end up in someone's Corn Flakes. Three others went up and came down. Just not like they were supposed to. The Riptide and Vagabond suffered separation anxiety, that is the shock cord broke, and the nosecone and body came down separately. We recovered all the rocket parts but unfortunately the \$45 altimeter the Vagabond was carrying was not recovered. The Dragonite lost a fin on the way up. Luckily, LeNan kept her I on it and was able to find it. And last but by no means least, the engine in the Firehawk decided to blow up as it left the launch pad causing some structural damage to the rocket.

The great thing about model rockets is they can all be repaired, if you don't want to keep a blown apart shell as a keepsake. And these will all be repaired and fly again.

That raps up this adventure. 5 people enjoyed it. And they were all very helpful, thanks.



Dragon's Tail

By Don Helle

Have you ever eaten frog legs, alligator tail, or rattlesnake? They each indeed taste like chicken, having traveled the globe twice and eaten everything along the way, the mystery and mystique of Dragon's Tail (Tail of the Dragon) piqued my interest for too long. Are the roads truly ribbons of asphalt or folklore created by over-exuberant enthusiasts who've never driven in Europe and Japan? Is it really the best road in America? I'm about to find out. I've never tested the temperament of the 2021 Targa 4S. Does the elegance and beauty really conceal the attitude of a beast? It's time to see what the hype is all about, the roads and the car... let's go!

I attended a conference in Richmond, VA at the conclusion, I changed into my dragon slayer polo shirt, shorts, and driving shoes. It's about to go down, topped off on fuel and Tic Tacs, and I head off into the hills. By the time I came upon the first caution, "Sharp Curves" sign, I switched to "Sport Mode and lowered the Suspension." What a lovely exhaust note on downshifts, the crackle brings a smile, acceleration is great, the speed at which the transmission shifts is flawless, confidence-inspiring, but for my soul, there is no better sound than the crackle of the downshift. There are 318 turns in eleven miles. Within a short distance, the tires are sticky, you have a driving rhythm, so it's time to lean into it a little more. What a phenomenal car, handling, acceleration, brakes, etc. It's a luxury rocketship, and the roads, as advertised, are wonderful and diligently maintained. Have you ever driven down a road, feeling the turns, cambers, elevation changes, and speculated that the local Road Commissioner must also be a car enthusiast? Watching the twists and turns coming up, I kept thinking about how those guys laying asphalt must have been smiling, knowing they were making a masterpiece.

Not only is the Tail of the Dragon a great road (US 129), but the entire region has memories waiting to be made: US 28 Moonshiner Pass, 143 Cherochala Skyway, 321 Foothills Parkway, and US 18 The Back of the Dragon. With all this enthusiasm, there also needs to be words of caution; other drivers and riders, the carnage is real, and in one corner, tragedy came real close. While I was enjoying a spirited drive up the mountain, a Ford Mustang was enjoying a downhill descent and exceeded the traction limits of the road, crossing over the double yellow line. Luckily for me, we missed by ten feet, but to hear his screeching tires and to see the look of panic in his eyes as he whipped the steering wheel to the right was a sober reminder that it's not necessarily your skill level; sometimes it's lacking in the other drivers/riders. The "Tail of the Dragon" is no secret; it was busy on Sunday and Monday. However, the other roads mentioned earlier are just as fun and much less traffic for concerns and distractions. In closing... the Tail of the Dragon was great, I'll do it many more times, I'll also save time to explore more, keeping the tires sticky and that exhaust note popping behind me while enjoying the minty fresh flavor of tic tac to cover the taste of chicken on my tongue.



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DINNER DRIVE TO METZGER'S EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

By John Yeager

It all started with the meet and greet in the Jackson National parking lot on September 11, 2025. Renewing friendships. Starting new ones. And the art show -- multiple shiny Porsches all in a line, for Adi and James to photograph.

Then Curtis declared start time and we went for the cars. I had arrived with the top up but noticed a red Boxster arrive with the top down and another was retracting the top when I went to get back into mine, so it was top down time for me, too.

We started south out of the parking lot, then went east on Sandhill Road. Lots of joy on the way to Ann Arbor. I turned off the CD audio to enjoy the music of the drive, and the optics of field corn at full height and yellowing. Much like a tunnel of trees experience. As the drive progressed, the air masses sometimes felt cooler as the sun retreated behind us, even a one lane bridge underpass for variety.

But the main event was the curves and corners on the route, lots of them, often labelled with lower speed guidance suggestions. Nothing like shifting down, then exiting a turn under full acceleration (to try to keep up with the Carrera ahead of me), in follow the leader style. Lots of corners and curves, to enjoy the many experiences of Porsche handling and when exiting turns, the upper tach muscle range. After a while I noticed that I was not driving with my hands at 10 and 2, but 10 and 4, my first time seriously using the thumb shift thing.

Soon, maybe even too soon, we were at Metzger's and parked in the far area and had a great meal with conversations. Then home, with my mind still smiling following a dine and drive event that exceeded my expectations in so many ways. Thanks, Curtis.



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Our Motor-Stadt Region website and club Facebook page will be updating their banner images for 2024! If you would like to contribute a favorite photo of your Porsche, image from a Porsche event or drive to be included in a photo montage, please email James Yen at motorstadt.pca@gmail.com for details.



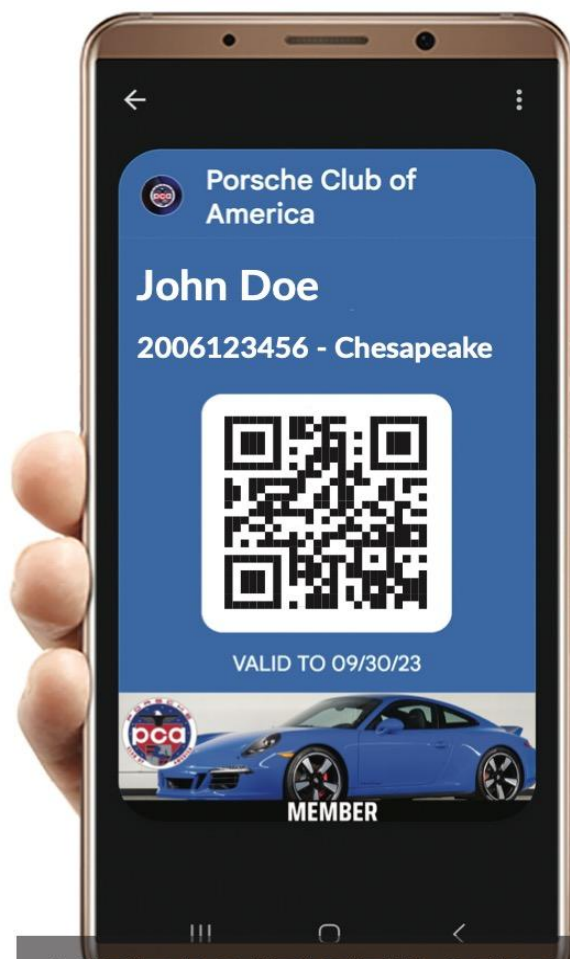
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More information: pca.org/news/fall-2025-raffle



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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!



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New Porsche 911 Club Coupe celebrates 70 Years of PCA — 70 cars for 70 members

The Porsche Club of America is proud to announce the third 911 Club Coupe, a collaboration with Porsche AG to celebrate our club's 70th anniversary. As with the 50th and 60th anniversary Club Coupes, this Club Coupe contains many unique features that one cannot not find on other Porsches. 70 units will be produced and exclusively offered for sale to PCA members through a raffle system.

Stay tuned to [PCA.org](https://pca.org) for more information and updates on this incredible opportunity for PCA members. Consider expressing your interest to become a PCA70 911 Club Coupe owner when the raffle opens July 11.



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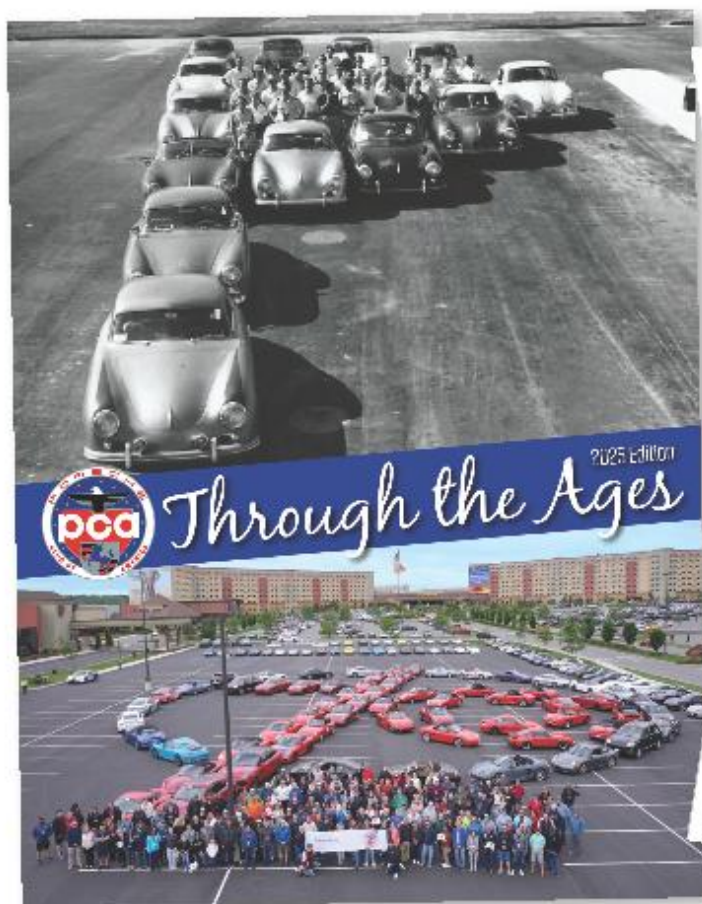
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PCA Motor-Stadt Region

Board Minutes: October14, 2025 6:30PM

Spag's Bar & Grill, Williamston

(Second Tuesday of the Month)

Present:

Vice President: Joe Lavender

Board Member: Beth Rogers

Board Member: Adi Mathew

Board Member: Curtis Howe

Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Piotr Pawlak

Interim Secretary: Steve Lee *

Board Member: Ken Jones*

3 Additional member(s) in attendance

** Indicates past President*

***Indicates current President*

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

Meeting Minutes – The September board meeting minutes were previously approved via E-mail.

Membership Report – Steve Lee delivered the Membership Report. The club has 187 Primary members, 86 Affiliate members for a total of 273 members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Haas delivered the Treasurer's Report. The club has \$7,921.85 in checking and \$11,250.84 in the investment account for a total of \$19,172.69. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously (Moved J. Lavender / Seconded B. Rogers).

Advertising – Piotr Pawlak reported that no advertising check was received from OS&K for 2025 advertising. The decision to shift focus to 2026 advertising was agreed upon. Invoices for 2026 Advertising are projected to be sent in October. No changes to advertising rates with the club are being implemented.



PCA Motor-Stadt October Region Board Minutes

Insurance – Joe Lavender reported insurance for the upcoming drive was obtained.

Newsletter – Beth Rogers reported that the October newsletter is nearly ready for publication.

Web Page and Social Media – Adi Mathew reported he has photos from prior events ready to be uploaded to the website. The board also discussed transitioning the club's Instagram account.

Committee Reports/Activities:

Dinner Drive 9/11 – Curtis Howe reported the dinner drive was a success and positive feedback on the event was received.

Rocket Launch 10/4 – Curtis Howe reported the rocket launch drive had an intimate sized group and a total of 15 rockets were launched.

Fall Color Tour 10/18 – The Fall Color Tour drive will begin at the dealership at 10:00. Refreshments will be served until 11:00 followed by the drivers meeting, departure at 11:30, and a 30–40-minute drive to Cottage Creek Orchard.

2026 Planning – The board discussed having a group attend the Northern Worthersee Event in Frankenmuth in 2026 was had. Joe Lavendar also mentioned that there is the possibility of collaborating with Rally Sport Region to secure registration slots for our members in one of their HPDE events next year at either Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course or Road America in 2026.

Winter Dinner Planning – Mark Haas will inquire to see if someone would sponsor the club to host the Winter Dinner at the MSU Club again. January 17th, 2026, was the proposed date to tentatively see if the MSU Club is an option for this event.

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PCA Motor-Stadt August Region Board Minutes

- **2026 Board Positions** – The secretary is preparing a letter to the membership notifying them of the current members at large who wish to continue their commitment to the club in 2026.

Current Business:

- **Bylaws** – Curtis Howe reported that the club needs to reply to PCA National with some clarifying details before the proposed bylaw provisions are approved by National.
- **Logo Update** – The updated Motor-Stadt Logo has not yet been approved by PCA National for use.
- **Equipment Storage** – Steve Lee & Nathan Traxler are in contact regarding desired trailer specifications. Trailers in the approved budget will likely have dimensions of 7x12 on a single axle.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 (Moved C. Howe / Seconded K. Jones)



Fall is finally upon us. The colorful scenery along with cool weather make for colorful drives. We had a great time on our fall drive and dealership event . Paula Zimmer and the Serra Okemos Campus provided a wonderful continental breakfast for everyone. The weather was beautiful and we had a big group attend. Curtis Howe, our Drive Chair, led a group of 25 Porsches on a pretty, fall, country drive. We ended up at Cottage Creek Orchard for apples, cider and merchandise. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to get a drive in when the weather cooperates. Enjoy before the snowflakes are here!

