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Front cover - A Christmas eve drive took Danielle and I past Meridian Mall's High Caliber Karting. Unsurprisingly everything was closed, so we let the dogs out and I snapped this in front of the parking lot mural. On most days doing this would block the employee entrance to the business, but not today. Regardless, a few minutes go by and mall security pulls up, much to our chagrin. Turns out they just wanted to play with the shepherds. Everyone left happy!

Photo: **Adi**

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Please contact the board at board@mst.pca.org. The board meets on the second Tuesday of every month. We hope to see you at Spag's Bar & Grill in Williamston on **February 10th, 2026 @ 6pm**

Click through any of the following to get in touch with the region.



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Events this month

Around the corner...

The following are events from our region, other PCA regions, PCA and beyond. Some events in bold are links you can click through for more details. Motor-Stadt events are highlighted in green with our logo next to them.

Feb 6th & 7th

Sno*Drift Rally



Feb 10th

Board Meeting @ Spag's in Williamston

Feb 13th, 14th & 15th

CHROME & ICE™ Winter indoor car show

Feb 14th

Tech Talk with Nick (Rally Sport Region PCA)

Feb 27th

Detroit Autorama

Member PCA Anniversaries this month

Jim Silva	1 year
Erik Nelson	3
Sherrie Vossler	3
Jeff Floyd	3
Dave Weatherspoon	4
Brian Goschka	4
Jordan Bailey	5
Peter Cronk	6
Raynor Zillgitt	6
Kyle Kaminski	7
Steve Lee	11
Curtis Howe	12
John Gregg	16
Jim Houthoofd	27 years

Congrats & Thank you!

You're invited to...

FOURBANGER FOURPLAY

a 912/914/924/931/944/951/968/718

TECH SESSION

**Saturday, April 18th
10 am to 3 pm**

We love ALL Porsches, but on this day we'll celebrate the Fourbangers.

Exact topics still TBD; will include oil changes.

Is there anything YOU want to learn?

Let us know!

RSVP recommended to:
events@munks.com

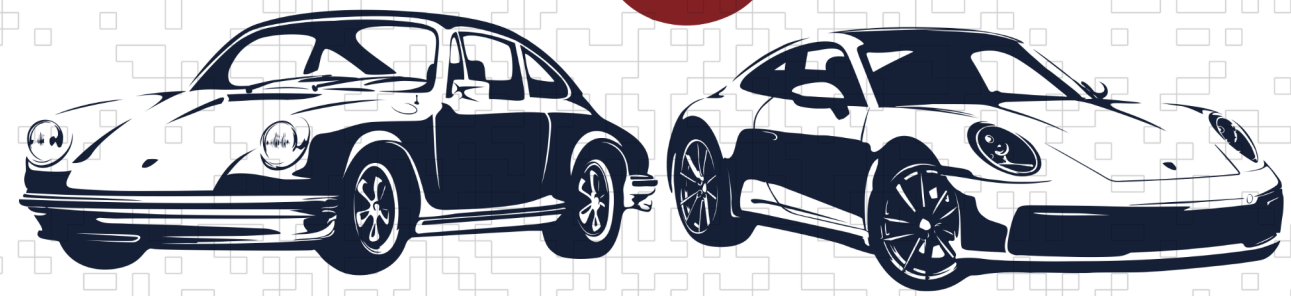
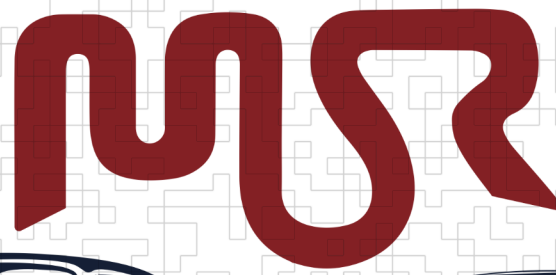


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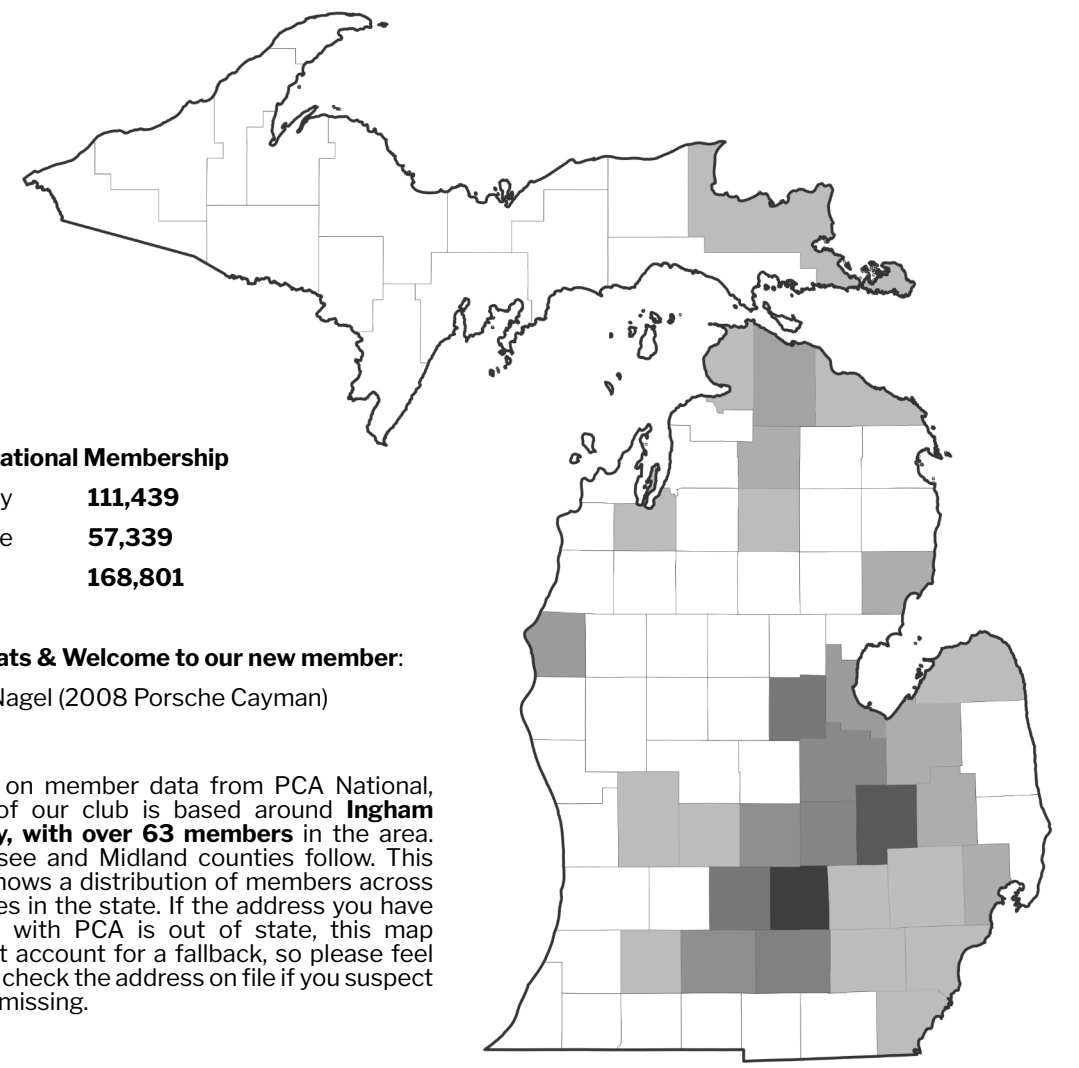
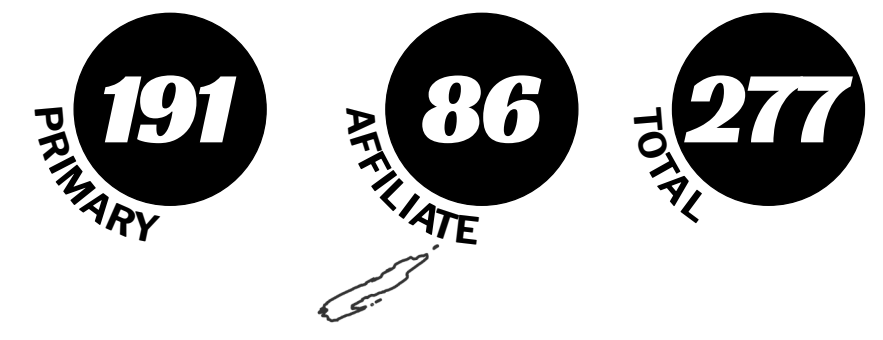
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Membership update

Pit crew



PCA National Membership

Primary	111,439
Affiliate	57,339
Total	168,801

Congrats & Welcome to our new member:

Chris Nagel (2008 Porsche Cayman)

Based on member data from PCA National, most of our club is based around **Ingham County, with over 63 members** in the area. Genesee and Midland counties follow. This map shows a distribution of members across counties in the state. If the address you have on file with PCA is out of state, this map doesn't account for a fallback, so please feel free to check the address on file if you suspect you're missing.



Joe Lavender's stunning Gentian Blue GT4RS sprints and snarls during 2025's second Autocross at Birch Run Speedway

Photo: James Yen

President's Lane

As we start the new year, the Motor-Stadt board is planning our events for this year. Our first event of the year is the 2026 Winter Dinner on January 24th. We are required to have one general meeting every year for our region and this serves as that meeting.

Even though it is a PCA region mandated meeting, it is a terrific way to spend a winter evening with some friends all looking forward to the driving season. These dinners are always a great chance to meet a few new people and enjoy a great meal at the University Club. Our event will start with a cocktail hour before dinner, dinner, and a brief presentation before a small door prize drawing. This year, our "in-flight entertainment" will be provided by Nathan Traxler and Joe Lavender.

In addition to our annual dinner, we will continue this year with dealership events in partnership with Porsche Okemos, autocross events, and social driving events. We have set our autocross schedule:

- May 15th
- June 20th
- August 8th

As always, all are welcome to attend the events and you do not need to have any experience to join in and have fun. Even if you do not want to drive, it can still be fun to come out and spectate.

Last year we had about 10 social driving events. We had some dinner drives, destination drives, we had a gimmick rally, and a rocket launch. We are always looking for more ideas and locations. If you have any suggestions for driving tours or would like to

lead one, please contact one of our board members.

We will also have a couple of events at Porsche Okemos. I think all of us enjoy the events that are hosted by our dealership partner. The schedule for those events is currently being developed.

I hope to see you at our Winter Dinner on January 24th and at some of our other events throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Yen".

James Yen

President

Motor-Stadt Region PCA

Board minutes

Stop/watch

Call to Order – President James Yen called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded C. Howe).

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

Membership Report – Steve Lee & James Yen delivered the Membership Report. The club has 193 Primary members, 87 Affiliate members for a total of 280 members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Haas delivered the Treasurer's Report. The club has \$8,053.13 in checking and \$11,547.13 in investment account for a total of \$19,600.26. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded K. Jones).

Advertising – Piotr Pawlak & James Yen reported that payment for 2026 advertising was received from Munk's Motors and Porsche of Okemos representing 2 of the 3 advertising invoices were sent to 2026 advertising privileges.

Insurance – No moving activities.

Newsletter – Adi Mathew reported that the January newsletter being prepared for publication.

Web Page & Social Media – Adi Mathew is making some updates to the website. Adi noted that the club's website does not have a favicon and the redesigned logo is too detailed to show up on a small scale. Alternative logos were presented and discussed. James Yen will follow up with PCA National regarding an alternate logo in addition to the recently approved club logo designed in 2024.

Committee Reports/Activities:

Driving Events – Discussion surrounding 2026 driving events were had. A Driving Event chair has yet to be designated. No motions were made.

Winter Dinner Planning – The Winter Dinner will be held at the University Club of Michigan State University. The minimum attendance is 50 again this year. 32 individuals have registered as of January 13th. The registration deadline was extended to allow for later registrations. A motion was approved unanimously to offer the dealership staff seats for the winter dinner (Moved M. Haas / Seconded K. Jones). The club will not be providing

door prizes this year. A motion was approved unanimously to request Porsche of Okemos and Munk's Motors provide door prizes if they wish (Moved C. Howe / Seconded B. Goschka). A notice to other regions was sent to help promote the Winter Dinner.

Financial Audit Committee – The bylaws require a financial audit. A motion to appoint Curtis Howe as the chair of the Financial Audit Committee was approved unanimously (Moved S. Lee / Seconded K. Jones).

Current Business

Zone 4 President's Meeting – James reported that the Zone 4 President's Meeting is set to occur on March 14th in Cincinnati. A motion was approved unanimously to reimburse for mileage (at 2026 IRA rate) and lodging (Moved M. Haas / Seconded K. Jones).

Bylaws – The club will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback at the winter dinner on the proposed bylaws. Suggested revisions for final draft were reviewed and discussed. 🗨️

Equipment Storage – Steve Lee and Nathan Traxler presented a report on the current trailer purchase initiative. The previously approved budget to purchase a 6x12 trailer is \$4,000. The search for the correct trailer is still ongoing.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:48 (Moved K. Jones / Seconded C. Howe - approved unanimously).

Submitted by

S. Lee

Secretary

Attendance:

President: James Yen

Vice President: Joe Lavender

Secretary: Steve Lee*

Treasurer: Mark Haas 🗨️

Board members:

Brian Goschka

Curtis Howe

Ken Jones*

Adi Mathew

Piotr Pawlak

Additional members in attendance: 5

* Indicates a past President

These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Spag's Bar & Grill in Williamston. See you there!



Photos: Adi

Editor's note

through my lens



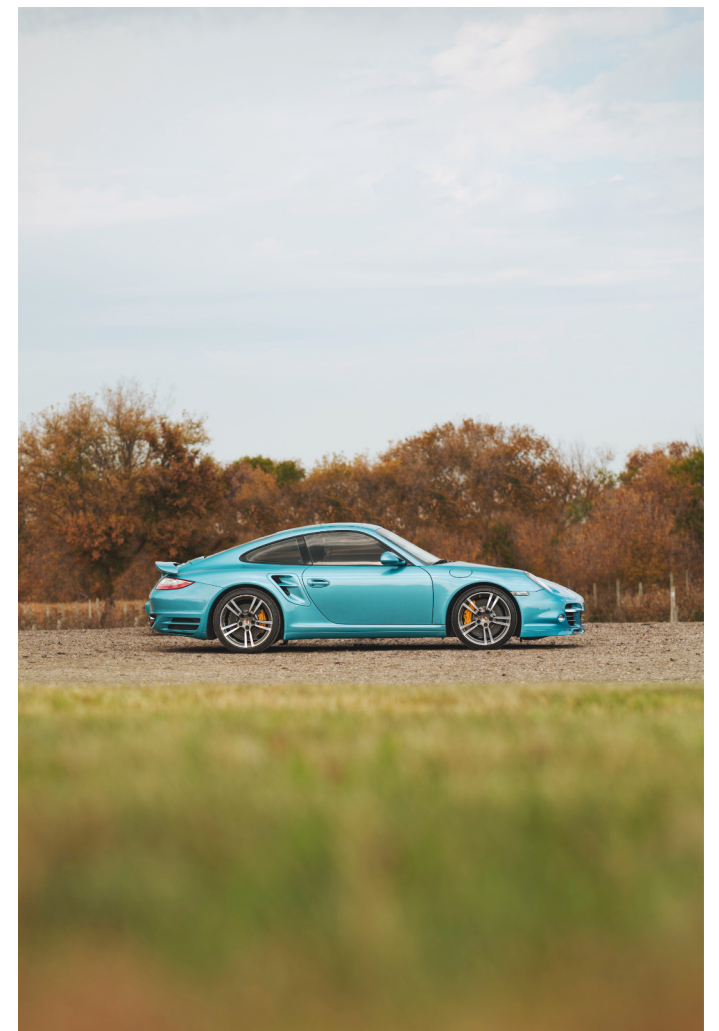
Last year was a fabulous and circuitous drive into my second year as a PCA member. I've been handed the wheel at the newsletter, so to speak and aim to continue driving it forward. I am indebted to Beth and past editors for keeping this outlet running. In putting this together, it's not only given me an opportunity to continue in their stead, but also surfaced an indelible appreciation for just how much work it takes to prepare a quality, compiled assimilation of club goings on. So again, to all past editors - a heartfelt thank you!

This month's issue was wrought with technical challenges as I reworked how each issue is made. I'd like to make this an outlet for short form media in addition to more traditional articles. If you have stories, photos or anecdotes, you don't have to edit a full, proofread story - please email us at newsletter@mst.pca.org. I will be happy to take what you have, even if it's a photo with a caption and work it in! I hope the updated design is easy to go through and if not, do reach out to let me know.

Facing - James Yen's Sapphire Blue 991 challenges the serenity of an early summer morning.

Top - We don't have a leaderboard during Autocross events, but Alex Villhauer and his 996 likely would be towards the top, if we did.

Right - Bruce Gearns' mesmerizing Ipanema Blue 997, spotted during the 2025 Fall Drive is art on wheels.





Porsche Design Unveils the Chronograph 1 – PCA Member Edition

Porsche Design honors the 70th anniversary of the Porsche Club of America with a new edition of the Chronograph 1. Exclusively made for a special community, PCA members now have the opportunity to customize Porsche Design's most iconic timepiece that was originally designed by F. A. Porsche in 1972.

Creating a special sense of community amongst members, this new timepiece features the PCA logo and "PORSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA" lettering, and optionally a personalized club region name stated on the case back. The made-to-order watch will not only come with a titanium bracelet, but also two sportive textile straps in vibrant Club Blau, one featuring the PCA logo and the other the PCA 70Y anniversary logo.



▶ Visit: pca.org/news/porsche-design-chronograph-1-pca-member-edition



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