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Front cover - A graphic juxtaposition of Curtis Howe's 2011 Cayman S and a delightful model version of it, that's now also his! The club owes most of 2025's drive events to Curtis' initiative and planning and presented him with the 1:18 scale model as a token of appreciation during the Winter Dinner.

Photo: Curtis Howe

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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.

 **Mar 10th**
Board Meeting @ Spag's in Williamston

Mar 21st
SEM PCA Sim Racing @ Superlap

Mar 28
RSR PCA Pontiac Transportation Museum Tour

Member PCA Anniversaries this month

Byron Gallagher	1 year
Brent Felton	1
Christopher Kittle	1
Brian Harston	2
Robert Hal	3
Julio Benitez	4
David Taylor	4
Samuel Webb	5
Kenneth Byington	5
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William Henry	18
Joseph Jacot	30 years

Congrats & Thank you!

You're invited to...

FOURBANGER FOURPLAY

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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!

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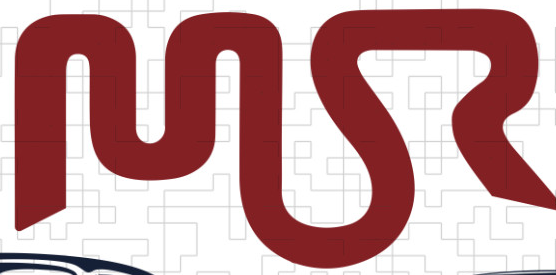
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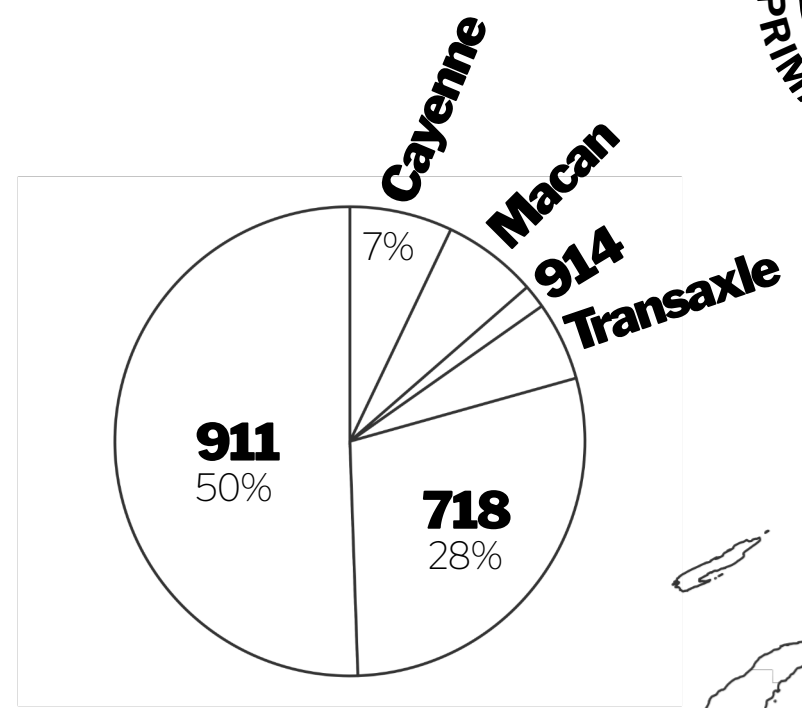
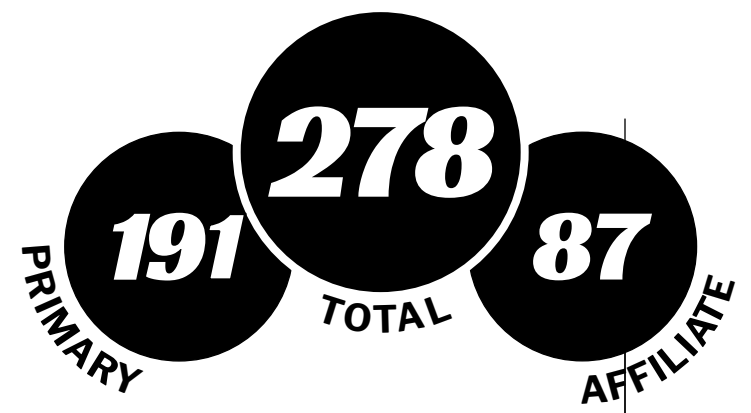
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Membership update

Pit crew



PCA National shares the "primary" listed car under your PCA membership with us. So, while this is not a distribution of ~all~ Porsche's owned by our members, it is an interesting factoid. It's likely safe to assume a good number of coupe owners possibly own a SUV as well, so take this distribution with a generous amount of padding.

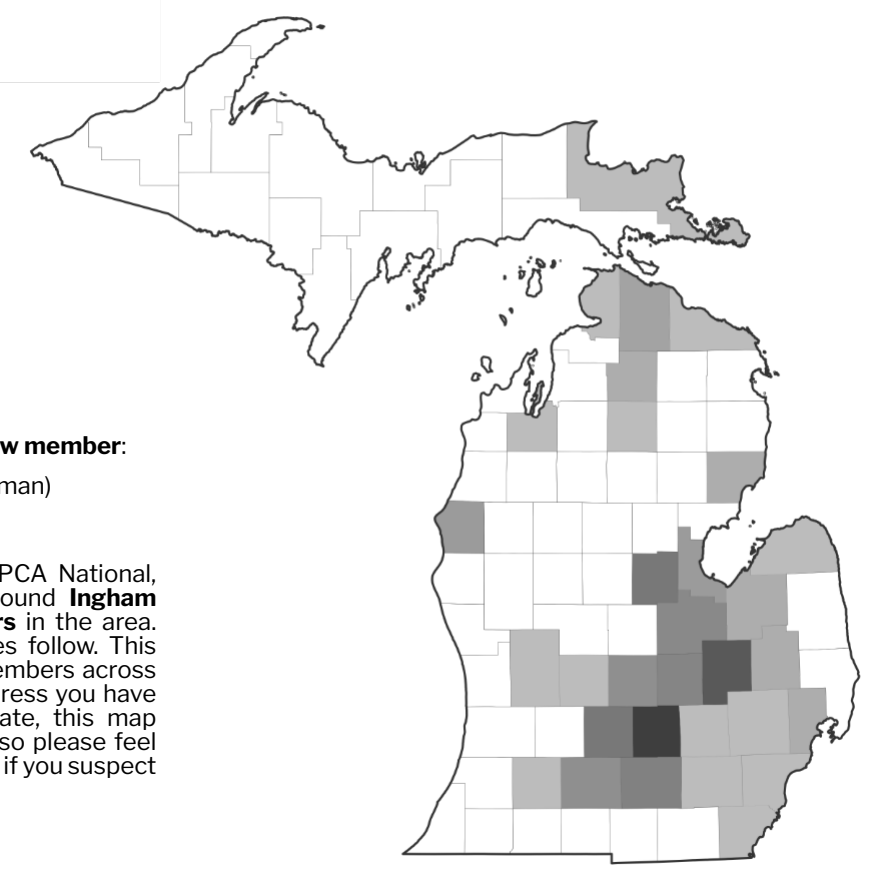
PCA National Membership

Primary	112,904
Affiliate	58,199
Total	171,103

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 62 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.





President's Lane

The Motor-Stadt Region held our annual meeting and winter dinner on January 24, 2026, and it was great to see the roughly 40 members who were able to make it out.

If you couldn't attend, you missed a fantastic presentation on High Performance Driver's Education events from Nathan Traxler, Joe Lavender, Joe Fialka, and Rick Christian. They shared their personal experiences and did a great job taking some of the mystery out of the HPDE world. We hope to see some of you at those events, or at our Motor-Stadt Auto-crosses this year. In fact, [registration is already open for our first autocross on May 16, 2026.](#)

We also had some great door prizes thanks to our MST partners, Porsche Okemos and Munk's Motors, along with a few generous donations from club members, including Don Helle.

During the evening, we took time to recognize two of our 2025 Board Members for their outstanding contributions. Curtis Howe was thanked for all his hard work putting together activities every month, and Beth Rogers was recognized for her dedication to the MST newsletter over the past two years. We're a small region, and we truly couldn't do what we do without volunteers like Curtis and Beth.

Like many of you, I'm more than ready for the snow and salt to clear so we can get back out on the road. As the season kicks off, we'll be hosting our annual Spring Kickoff with Porsche Okemos on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Along with our winter dinner, this is always one of our best-attended events.

Photos: **Adi**

We'll also be holding our charity auction at the Spring Kickoff. As always, we'd love your help—whether that's donating items, bidding on auction items, or both. A portion of the proceeds will go to local charities such as the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

One more exciting update: we'll be showing off Motor-Stadt's newest "wheeled member." Thanks to last year's fundraising efforts, we were able to purchase a trailer in January from Howe Equipment in Jackson to store our region's supplies and equipment. It will be on display at the Spring Kickoff, and we may even hold a naming contest... so bring your donations and your creative ideas in April!

Hope to see you there, and as always, maybe we'll see you at the next open board meeting on March 10 at Spag's Bar and Grill in Williamston.

James Yen

President

Motor-Stadt Region PCA



“ If you couldn't attend, you missed a fantastic presentation ...

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Zone 4 updates

Zeitgeist

Our snow is melting, Amelia Island Werks Reunion is a few weeks away, and registrations are coming in for this year's HPDE events. It's time to think about getting the treasures out of winter storage and taking the snow tires off the Cayennes and Macans, or whatever you use for your winter daily drivers. It's nearly time for us to get back together in the sunshine!

Stephanie and I have attended a few annual banquets over these last few months and at each stop I have mentioned that all PCA members are part of the same family and can attend events anywhere Porsches are driven, especially in regions on the doorstep. We all have busy schedules and we often have conflicts for events in our home regions, so to avoid Porsche starvation, I suggest you look at the schedules of your neighboring regions for fun and slightly different opportunities. I and some generous volunteers will be rethinking and rebuilding a Zone 4 website with easy links to Zone 4 regions and their events, so stay tuned on that.

Stephanie is the Art Show Coordinator for Porsche Parade again this year and she has been encouraging members to attend Parade in Lake Placid and to share some of the creative works that members have produced through the Hans-Peter Porsche Art Show. I guess her message has been received because this year's Parade will be the biggest ever, with over 2400 registered attendees and with over 130 from Zone 4. That's gotta be a record for the most Zone 4 folks at Parade since Traverse City in 2013.

Steph and I will be trying to take in as many events as we can schedule this season and we are hoping you will too. See you soon!

Dave Stetson

Zone 4 Representative

“ It's time to think about getting the treasures out of winter storage ...

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From the archives

Rearview mirror

“Why I bought my first Porsche”

Published March 21st, 2018

by Curtis Howe

All my life I have wanted a Corvette. I love cars and have had my share of classics through the years; 68 Charger, 69 Camaro and a 1957 Chevy Convertible (wish I still had any of them). But the Corvette had always eluded me. Something to do with a wife and kids I think. In the meantime, my friend at work (let's just call him Mr. Enabler) had purchased some Porsche thing. He had done the same type of longing, researching and traveled to Virginia or something like that to get it.

As chance would have it, I work just around the corner from the local Porsche dealer and drive by it quite often on the way to lunch, etc. One day I happened to notice this really great looking car setting on the end of the row and decided to take a quick look. I thought wow, Porsche actually makes a great looking vehicle. This Cayman, whatever that was, was way better looking than any 911. And the price was really much less than I would have thought. It was actually very competitive with the Corvettes I was looking at. I started thinking.....local, certified pre-owned warranty, lower mileage than most of the Corvettes, and really good looking.

“ Porsche actually makes a great looking vehicle...”

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To put an end to these heretical thoughts, I called my wife to come look at the car. Surely she would not condone such an action as buying a Porsche. She immediately decided this Cayman thing was way sexier than a Corvette and of course we should get it instead. BUT I WANT A CORVETTE!

This brings us back to Mr. Enabler. Since he knew all about Porsches and had done significant research I asked him to go on a test drive with me. I thought it would be impressive and help to arrive at the dealership in a 996 C4S (what is happening to me). He, of course, thought the car was excellent and what a great deal. The car drove fantastic and felt tight like it was hugging me. You guessed it, the test drive ended up with me owning a 2008 Porsche Cayman Base w/tiptronic— BYE-BYE CORVETTE

DREAM. Never did I think I would own a Porsche.

That brings us to today.

Mr. Enabler wants to go to lunch. He is looking at a great Porsche 930 Turbo clone in Arkansas and wants to show me some pictures, etc. We decide to go to Arby's. Guess where Arby's is? Right next to the Porsche dealer, so we have to cruise through the lot. And what just happens to be sitting in that same spot on the end of the row.....a 2011 Cayman S. We stop and take

a look. Great price, 20,000 miles, CPO, fully loaded (original sticker \$75,500). Someone hates me, I know it.

I can't resist the temptation to check out the Cayman S and go to the dealer site for the details. Everything is as it should be, all the things I have thought about over the last three years. I can't stop myself, I call my wife in a desperate hope that she will be saner than I am. "Honey, how would you like to bring the Porsche over? There is a 2011 S at the dealer and we could see what they would give us on trade." She has to say no...."Sure as soon as I am done...I'll bring it." NO! YOU ARE SUPPOSE TO SAY NO!

She picks me up at work and we head to the dealer. She, not being an informed Porsche person says, "It is exactly the same car except for the satellite radio antenna". I immediately go into are you kidding me mode, 75 more HP, true PDK, Sport Chrono, etc., etc., and red calipers! None of which phase her except the heated AND VENTILATED seats (it is black on black and does get hot inside).

At this point, we have to take a test drive or look stupid. And of course, we have to let them look at the old car to value the trade. So we hop in and take it for a spin. All the while I am trying to find things I don't like about it...the steering wheel just has a big round center instead of a cool triangle, it feels looser (never pushed the Sport or Sport Plus button), it's showing an error in the dynamic headlight alignment system. She says, "Wow this is

way quicker than the other one." Who is this person next to me?

My only hope is that they will low-ball me on the trade and I can walk away a disappointed (but sane) man. So here comes the general manager with his trade offer, get ready to look disappointed. "I rarely put a car in the excellent category, but you have taken good care of it and I want to do good by a good customer.....my mind is screaming don't do this to me.....top dollar." Then in a daze, I hear my wife say, "How can you turn that down?" A few moments later the papers are signed and I now own a 2011 Cayman S instead of a 2008 Cayman Base.



The car that started it all



And the current Cayman S

Above - Curtis Howe in his Cayman during Autocross #2, 2024. Photographed by Adi

Opposite - Photos from original article posted on mst.pca.org

Stop/watch

Call to Order – President James Yen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously (Moved K. Jones / Seconded C. Howe).

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

Membership Report – James Yen delivered the Membership Report. The club has 191 Primary members, 87 Affiliate members for a total of 278 members.

Treasurer’s Report – Mark Haas delivered the Treasurer’s Report. The club has \$3,470.50 in the checking account and \$11,797.69 in the investment account for a total of \$15,568.19. Advertising, Winter Dinner, and National Deposits were received. The largest of the cash outflows in January was for the trailer purchase. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted unanimously (Moved C. Howe / Seconded B. Goschka).

Advertising – Piotr Pawlak delivered the Advertising Report. No moving activities.

Insurance – Joe Lavender delivered the Insurance Report. No moving activities.

Newsletter – Adi Mathew delivered the Newsletter Report. There was positive feedback provided regarding the revised newsletter shared by the members. The February issue is being prepared for publication.

Web Page & Social Media – Adi Mathew reported that the website’s favicon has been updated.

Committee Reports/Activities:

Driving Events –Curtis Howe was appointed as the Driving Event Committee Chair with Brian Goschka, Joe Lavender, and Nathan Traxler serving on the committee.

AutoCross Committee – Joe Lavender was appointed as the Autocross Committee Chair with James Yen and Nathan Traxler serving on the committee.

Winter Dinner Report – The Winter Dinner was held at the University Club of Michigan State University. The minimum attendance is 50 again

this year. 40 individuals registered. Mark Haas delivered a financial report for the event. The initial approved subsidy from The Club was \$1,500. Due to the minimum attendance not being met, The Club had to subsidize an additional \$429.55. A motion to reimburse James Yen for printed materials (\$115.74) and gift costs (\$82) was approved unanimously (Moved B. Goschka / Seconded C. Howe)

Spring Kickoff –Paula Zimmer reported the Spring Kickoff event that Motor-Stadt is partnering with Porsche Okemos to host is scheduled for April 25th. Ken Jones was appointed as the Chair of the Spring Kickoff Event Committee. Brunch followed by the annual action is currently being planned for.

Current Business

Bylaws – The updated bylaws are in the finalization stages.

Equipment Storage – Nathan Traxler presented a report on the trailer purchase initiative. The Club has purchased and taken delivery of a 6x12 storage trailer for \$4,000 OTD. Discussions for removable signage were had.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:17 (Moved K. Jones / Seconded A. Mathew - approved unanimously).

Submitted by
James Yen

Attendance:

President: James Yen

Vice President: Joe Lavender

Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board members:

Brian Goschka

Curtis Howe

Ken Jones*

Adi Mathew

Piotr Pawlak

Additional members in attendance: 4

“*” 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



My 911 happens to be my first manual. It's not the first manual I've driven though. That would be my parents' car, which I promptly crashed because 3 pedals confused teenage me. Even calling it a crash is perhaps too much credit - I hadn't quite grasped slipping a clutch and wound up repurposing the garage wall as a parking brake.

My autodidactic path to (re)learning a manual transmission, let me realize just how much a sonorous engine and the auditory muscle memory it cultivates helps when shifting especially at high revs. I started looking for videos to watch when I wasn't driving just to "hear" proper shifts in Porsches. While there is no dearth of "How to drive a manual" or track driving videos online, there are surprisingly few long form videos of owners doing touring style drives. Those that do, often do so to make "content" to appease the almighty YouTube algorithm, which often amount to them waxing poetic about the car they're driving instead of just letting the viewer listen to it.

In trawling the algorithmic cesspit that is YouTube's search results, I stumbled into a (then) small channel whose mighty goal of finding the best backroads to drive on sounded very intriguing. The channel, TrueView, has since grown, but it's still a fun watch, especially since most drives include scoring and metrics on specific backroads. They even have a [community supported spreadsheet](#) and [map of roads](#) and suggestions. What sets TrueView apart is the pedagogical tint to even mundane drives, something their more recent videos have leaned into more explicitly. This has

seemingly also bumped their viewership, and while their newer video titles might flirt with hyperbole, the videos themselves are akin to the Bob Ross of touring drives, that is, if a sparingly used, soothing voice over a flat-6 being driven is the art you're looking for. From sharing the unspoken rules of backroad driving, to owning up to their misjudgements and sharing them as learning experiences, following the creator's driving adventures is a learning experience unto itself. Be warned though, as fun as these vicarious road trips are, watching will quite likely make you want to go for a nice drive.

I'll recommend two short videos from their channel - the first, "[Peak Sound and Peak Color](#)" is probably one that made me a subscriber and one of their more recent ones, "[The Backroad mistake that catches even good drivers](#)"

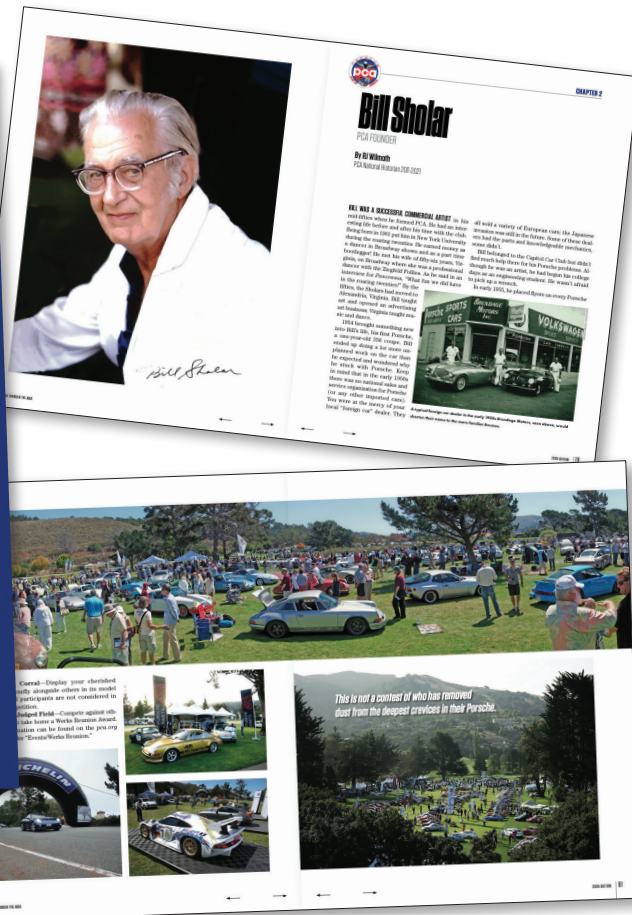
Thank you everyone that reached out with thoughts and feedback on the prior issue. It's been great to hear and work on accommodating most feedback in this follow up. If you have stories, photos or anecdotes, please email us at newsletter@mst.pca.org.

Facing - Jim Heisick's pristine 928GT is a delight to see and hear. It's for sale too last we heard. Photographed by me

Below - A screen grab of the TrueView Driving video "[Peak Sound and Peak Color](#)".
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWBk3ewp_g@1:22



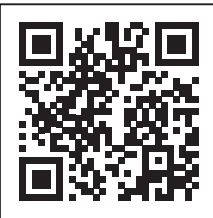
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PCA History Book

Updated for 2026, the Porsche Club of America History Book is online now. Inside, you'll find a comprehensive look at the club's journey, detailed sections on key milestones, a showcase of events, and prominent National Awards, complete with descriptions and past winners.

Read the updated book here: <https://ww2.pca.org/pca-history>



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