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→ **NOTE:** Our web site (<https://mst.pca.org>) has been shut down for some time. But our new web site is almost ready to go live. Watch for it about April 1!

You are encouraged to post items on our social media that would be of interest to club members—no ads or nothing political, religious, or personal, please.



We especially want photos—your Porsches, events, drives, etc.

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President's Letter

March Madness

It has been a wild ride this past year! I hope everyone in the Motor-Stadt Region survived the Polar Vortex that Michigan experienced in January and February of 2020. At this point in time, since our club meeting on March 10, the nation and Michigan are dealing with the tsunami called Covid-19 or the Corona-virus. In the last 24 hours the impact of this virus has been tremendous. Michigan State, University of Michigan and other colleges are going to online classes, the NBA suspended its season, the Big Ten Tournament is being postponed, to name just a few things that have been affected. The safety of our members is always # 1!! We will keep you informed of any impact the Corona-virus may have on any of our events.

That being said some things I would like to touch on.

The Motor-Stadt Spring kickoff is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2020 at Serra Auto Campus/ Porsche of Okemos. We are looking forward to seeing you there! When you get a chance, you need to check the beautiful new Porsche sales and showroom in Okemos. It will WOW you!!!

The dates for Motor-Stadt Autocross are May 16th (30th the rain date), June 27th (July 25th rain date), and August 15th (22nd the rain date).

Porsche on the MAC II, is July 31 to August 2, 2020. Registration is now open:

<https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2020>

For lodging:

<https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2020>

Also look for the new Motor-Stadt website within the next couple of weeks!!

Until then, dream of that perfect drive, shifting gears, perfect engine temperature.....

Ken Jones
Motor-Stadt President



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NEW BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

If you are interested contact the
board at this email address:

motorstadt.pca@gmail.com



All Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Spagnuolos restaurant in Okemos beginning at 6:30 p.m. All club members are invited.

2020 Board Meeting Dates

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

Meet Your Board and Officers

Steve Lee



Steve, a long-time member of the Motor-Stadt Board of Directors, serves as **Secretary** to the board. He also handles advertising and insurance. He has been a PCA member since 2015 and is a real honest to goodness gearhead. He says his “cars of interest,” i.e., the cars he currently owns, are a 2006 987 Boxster, 2012 Corvette Grand Sport coupe, 1969 Corvette convertible, BMW 328 coupe, Jeep Wrangler, and a few daily drivers!

Steve grew up in a small town north of Flint, MI and loved anything mechanical. He bought his first car (a 1971 Chevelle) at age 14 with money saved from his paper route. It was about that time he met his high school sweetheart Jennifer, now his wife of 31 years. His gearhead tendencies led him to a career in mechanical engineering. He plans to retire from Bosch, his current employer, in 2020.

Steve and Jennifer enjoy a number of activities including Great Lakes boating, downhill skiing, Airstream events, and of course PCA. The common denominator in these events is the great people they meet along the way.



Steve's Boxster



Membership News

Motor-Stadt membership as of February 2020:

Primary	123
Affiliate	68
Life	0
Total	191
PCA Juniors	10

PCA national membership as of February 2020:

Primary	87,475
Affiliate	47,815
Life	17
Total	135,307

The largest single marque car club and continually growing!

New PCA/Motor-Stadt Members & Their Cars

Adam Myers, Jackson
2010 Panamera 4S

Welcome to the Club!



Around the Zone

By Lori Schutz

Hi Zone 4 Friends and Family,



Your region presidents and I met for our annual Zone 4 Presidents meeting on February 22nd in Toledo. I'm thrilled to share that all 12 regions were represented by your President, and in many cases, also your Vice President. This speaks volumes to the dedication of your leaders and solid succession planning. We spent the day with our National Treasurer Craig Kugler, who gave a presentation from the Executive Council of PCA National. Ron Carr,

our Region Procedures Chair, and Michael Soriano, our National Awards chair, also gave presentations. We ended the day with a great sharing session, and I'm sure they will all bring back a lot of ideas to our boards.

I had the pleasure of attending the Winterfest Banquet with Western Michigan Region and the Annual Banquet with Motorstadt Region last month. Fun times sharing details about up coming events this year. Amber Door from WMR shows off their Charity bucket, which is passed around at every WMR event and meeting. Since 2009, they have collected and donated over \$18,000 to their region charities-- \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 at a time. How about that! Are you doing the same?



As many of you know, I am a National Staff Scrutineer for the PCA Club Race Program. I worked my first race of the season in Austin at the Circuit of the Americas the last weekend in February. Zone 4 was represented by members of THE Mid Ohio Region drivers. Congrats to Chip Henderson (far right) for his 2nd place trophy in the Sprint races, and first in the Enduro.

Lori - Your Proud Zone 4 Representative - zone4rep@national.pca.org

**SPONSORED EVENT****PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz!!****Saturday, April 25, 2020****10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Presented by the

SEM,RSR and Motorstadt Regions

Featuring the 356 Motor Cities Group

Western Michigan, Michiana & Maumee Valley Regions are also invited

Hosted by Porsche of Farmington Hills

37911 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills, MI 48335

This event is rain or shine (or even snow)...It's inside

For tables contact Event Chair Michael Cohen

Fastkarz2@aol.com or 248-227-8604

***Set-up for swap participants begins at 9:00 am.
The event opens at 10:00 am and runs through lunch
(provided by Porsche of Farmington Hills)***

The Lingenfelter Car Collection

Join us on **March 21st. from 9:00 am to 11:30 am** at The Lingenfelter Car Collection Special Open House for our continuous support of the Special Olympics Program. An amazing collection of over 175 Exotics, Corvettes and muscle cars in one of the most significant collections of its type in the country. Meet and Speak with Ken Lingenfelter, a fantastic 'Story Teller'. It will be a "Once in a lifetime" experience! Compare this collection yourself with Jay Leno's Collection which consists of around 183 automobiles and 90 motorcycles, or Jerry Seinfeld's collection which has an estimated count of 150 cars. The Lingenfelter Car Collection is right in our backyard, located at

7819 Lochlin Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

which is between Detroit and Lansing, the capital city of Michigan. It is around an hour away from either city.



Visitors at The Lingenfelter Collection.

Please register for this great event at Clubregistration.net so we have a head count. This private collection is open for special events only. **Donations appreciated.**

Ken Lingenfelter is a SEM/PCA member and owns several Porsche.

This Event supports the Michigan Special Olympics Program. They are proud of the opportunities that are provided to them, not just for our impaired athletes but for their parents and siblings. They provide support and fun for family, friends, coaches, volunteers and of course the athletes with mental impairments. Thank you for supporting the Special Olympics Program. Because of our support they are able to continue to provide these programs and to expand to more sports offerings for the athletes with cognitive disabilities.

Thank you and I hope to see you on March 21

Chrissy Crowe

SEM Charity Chair

Chrissy@sem.pca.org

Beauty and the Bridge



Porsche on the Mac II

July 31-August 2, 2020

Registration is now open:

<https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2020>

For lodging go to:

<https://stignace.com/places-to-stay/>

Monthly Club Meetings

The club holds an informal meeting of members the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Spagnuolos Restaurant in Okemos. We meet in the back of the restaurant to the right of the bar. Come on out and join us!



Enjoy a drink and pizza
on the club



NEXT MEETING APRIL 14



Motor-Stadt 2020 Event Calendar

Maybe we can begin to believe in the arrival of spring. With that in mind here are some upcoming MST events to look forward to and to put on your calendar. Details to follow later.

- **The Spring Kickoff and Charity Auction.** Set aside Saturday April 18 for this traditional event. This year we will gather at the spectacular new Serra Auto Campus at 2777 Jolly Road in Okemos.



2019 Spring Kickoff

- **Autocross Practice I** will be held on Saturday May 16 at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason. Times will be measured but no prizes awarded. Come out and hone your driving skills!
- **IROC Autocross**, one of three inter-regional events, will be held this year at Corrigan Oil Speedway on June 27. Be sure to put his date on your calendar and come out to support our event.
- **Porsche on the Mac II**, July 31-August 2, St. Ignace MI. Registration is now open: <https://visitorsbureau.regfox.com/porsche-on-the-mac-2020>
- **Autocross Practice II** will be held on Saturday August 15 at Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason.

Remember also the monthly member's meeting at Spagnuolos the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The board will notify you via email blasts, in this publication, and on our Facebook page if any driving/social events come up. Hope to see you, somewhere, soon.

2020 Motor-Stadt Spring Kickoff & Charity Auction*

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 9:00-2:00

Where: Serra Auto Campus/Porsche
of Okemos, 2777 E. Jolly Road

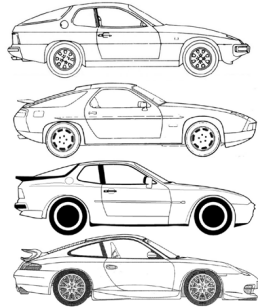
Spring is on the way! Shine up your Porsche, drive it to the kickoff, and show it off. Also bring auction items and be prepared to bid. Proceeds will be donated to the Lansing Food Bank. Lunch will be provided by Porsche of Okemos.

* As of this time the Kickoff will still be held. But depending on the spread of the corona virus, it may be canceled. We will let you know well ahead of time.



Join us for an...

OTHER NINES TECH SESSION



April 4th, 10 am to 3 pm

Details to be announced.

All Porsche enthusiasts are welcome regardless of model or club affiliation. Lunch will be provided.

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The 15th Annual...

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**Sat., May 9th
10 am to 3 pm**

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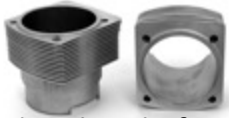
Get your vehicle ready for the summer season!
All Porsche, Corvair, BMW & Vintage VW enthusiasts are welcome regardless of model or club affiliation.
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Ask the **MASTER CYLINDER**

He's Chris Braden, head of **Munks Motors** in Waterford. These questions are real, and Chris, whose knowledge of Porsches is encyclopedic, takes them on.*

Q –My 1987 Carrera Targa was running just fine and then one morning it would not start. I went online and learned about the possibility of a failed DME relay, fuel pump relay, fuel pump, computer and so on. I ordered in some parts. I plugged in the DME relay and nothing happened. I then tried the fuel pump relay but when I pulled it out, the female terminal pulled out with the relay! Naturally I got excited and figured that I found it but when I jumped direct power to the fuel pump, the car still would not start. When I ordered I got Uro brand parts. What do you know about them and what should I do next. –Steve

A - It sounds like you picked all the “low hanging fruit” so you were on the right track. The DME relay is a good bet and you are wise to have a spare even though it did not fix the problem. Now that you know about the plug for the fuel pump, you can order that from Porsche and you might be surprised at how proud they are of that part. It is not cheap! To replace it you must splice it in.

This requires some expertise, so if you are not good with soldering or solderless terminals, leave it for a pro. That still might not get your car started. The next test is for spark and for that you have to be careful. The system can stop your heart if you do not take precautions. This too should probably be left to a pro. Things that I have seen which will stop your car cold include a failed temp sensor ground circuit caused by age and corrosion. If your car still has a “single terminal temp sensor,” replace it. If it already has been replaced, do not worry about it.

The next test I would perform would involve the crankshaft speed and

reference sensors. That test requires an oscilloscope since simple resistance tests of those sensors yields far too little information. With a scope test of the sensors you should see a strong and consistent signal from both sensors. If one or the other fails, they often do on starting rather than running. Perhaps an engineer can explain this to me, but my theory is that during starting available voltage (11 to 12 volts) is lower than charging voltage (13.8 to 14.2). Finally, if the scope test of the sensors passes both, you could have a problem with the DME which is located under your seat.

Since you have a Targa, is it possible that it got wet? I know it may sound crazy but I know of one car that was left out in the rain and ended up with two inches of water on the floor. It wouldn't start! After disconnecting the battery, removing the DME, removing the circuit board and drying it out with a hair dryer, the car started and ran! So if you think you have a bad DME there are a few options. Do you have a friend who owns a similar generation car as yours? If so, try your DME in his car and see if the problem follows the DME. If it does, Bingo! If it does not, then you will need to have it flat bedded to the expert of your choice.

As far as the Uro branded parts, most of them are made in China and I do not recommend Chinese parts for German cars. Now, having stated my general philosophy, several German companies are now sourcing their parts from China such as the original manufacturer of the fuel pump relays. Still, I would prefer German. Interestingly, the DME relays which are from an OEM manufacturer come from Hungary and many of the OEM

parts from Porsche are sourced from many European countries other than Germany. –MC

Q—My 2003 Carrera Cabrio sunvisor fell off the car while I was loading groceries into the back seat. I cannot see how it attaches or what holds it in place. –Mike

A - The visor fits into the latch bracket on the header bow and to figure out what happened, you will have to remove the bracket. It is held in place by two allen bolts which are secured by Loctite. When you remove them, be very careful not to tilt the bracket because you will find the clips, washer and spring sitting inside the bracket if you are lucky.

Once you have all the pieces you will notice that the clips were deformed when you knocked the visor off. These can sometimes be straightened and reused but be careful. They are brittle and easy to lose. Once you have straightened them, you can hold the visor arm in a vise and place the bracket onto the arm then assemble the spring, washer and clips by pushing down on the clips with a 6mm socket. Following the reassembly, remember to reapply Loctite to the threads of those two bolts. Screw them back in, torque them down and you are all set. –MC

Q –My 1978 928 is driving me nuts! It has been unreliable and I have really had a tough time getting someone to work on it who knows what to do. It starts then dies and it does this repeatedly. I took it to a local mechanic who I trust and he is pretty good but when I got it back, it was no

better than when I took it in. When I can manage to get it started and running, it will go about two or three miles then performance deteriorates, it misfires and sometimes stalls and won't restart until it cools off. I don't know how it could have even been test driven. –Bill

A – Mid-70s cars with Bosch K-Jetronic fuel injection can be challenging, especially since that technology originated in the 50's. To find someone who can diagnose it, you have to find a shop that was in business when these cars were new. The next criteria should be that they have techs that were trained by Bosch to service these cars. That part is tough since the majority of techs that I know who can diagnose these cars are retired! Finally, ask around and see who has done work for other club members. Diagnosing an old car is like peeling the layers of an onion. You just start at the outside and work your way in. If you have ever peeled an onion you know that you should expect some tears. As far as test driving the car, the shop that you choose should be unafraid to drive your car long enough to be utterly certain that the car will be reliable—20 to 100 miles should be expected. –MC

Got a question about your Porsche? E-mail it to service@munks.com with "Question for Master Cylinder" in the subject line.

* The advice in this column is Chris's alone. There may be other solutions. Motor-Stadt Region or PCA do not endorse any particular solution to vehicle problems.

Why I Bought My First Porsche



Maybe this was YOU at some point in the past picking up your new (to you) Porsche. There must be some interesting stories out there, yet I haven't heard from anyone in a long time. Come on folks; sit down and tell me about it. Ed



Member Message Board

Need something for your car(s) or have something to sell of interest to PCA members? Used cars, body parts, interior parts, engine & drive train parts, tires, wheels, oil, posters, old copies of *Panorama*, model cars, etc. If you are a Motor-Stadt member post your ad here for free (no business ads or solicitations, please).





PCA Motor-Stadt Region
Board Minutes Mar 10, 2020

6:30 PM - Spagnolo's Restaurant
(Regular Meeting - Second Tuesday of the Month)

Present:

President: Ken Jones
Vice President: Terrill Whitney
Secretary: Steve Lee
Treasurer: Mark Haas

Board Member: Don Dickmann
Board Member: James Yen
Board Member: John Hotchkiss

Member: Todd Lidell
Member:
Guest: Kyle Schumacher

Proposed agenda for the March meeting was approved unanimously after addition of upcoming survey . (Moved M. Haas / Seconded S. Lee)

Meeting Minutes of Feb 11, 2020 were reviewed and approved digitally prior to tonight's meeting.

Membership – Ken reported that the current membership total is 123 primary, 68 affiliate and 9 junior members.

Treasurer's Report – Mark reported \$418.50 was deposited from PCA refund. The status of the last quarter of the investment fund was discussed. Mark said he may propose another fund to reduce complexity and fees. Report was approved unanimously (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded T. Whitney)

Advertising and Insurance – No new advertising or insurance items to report.

Publications – The March newsletter is ready for publication pending the digital approval of these board meeting notes and the latest issue of the president's letter.

Committee Reports / Activities:

- Spring Kickoff - Apr 18 was confirmed at the new dealership. Peoples choice car show, charity auction and dealer supplied lunch. Ken will apply for the PCA charity event subsidy from national.
Autocross – Terrill confirmed the following dates: May 16th (18th rain date), June 27th (July 25 rain date), Aug 15 (rain date Aug 22)
Have an idea for an event? The club needs an event chair. Contact Motorstadt.pca@gmail.com for information.

Old Business:

- Web site design – Kyle joined our meeting and previewed the site. Links and new events will be loaded with the goal of an Apr 1st planned launch date.
Porsches on the Mac registration is open and the event details are taking shape. Up to 4 touring drives are being planned with a car show and tech quiz.
James said the survey is ready to go. The board unanimously approved offering a \$45 Porsches on the Mac registration or a \$25 gift card to a random survey participant. If 100 entries are made a second level gift will be offered. (Moved S. Lee / Seconded M. Haas)

New Business:

- 2020 calendar was discussed and dates from the Spring kickoff, Autocross and the Mac event will be added to the web site.

Motion to adjourn - 7:29 PM - (Moved D. Dickmann / Seconded M. Haas)

Submitted by S. Lee, Secretary



From the Editor

Recently while driving my 997 911 the dreaded “Check Engine” light suddenly appeared on the dash. I hate driving my car with that damn light peering at me, and because I had the time, I immediately drove the car to the new Serra Auto Campus/Porsche of Okemos service facility. Marlon Olivas, Porsche Service Rep, greeted me in his usual friendly manner and said “Leave it here and we’ll try to figure out what the problem is.” With that he handed me the keys to a new silver Macan loaner, and I was off. Soon I got a call from Marlon who said that during diagnosis they got a mixture fault code caused by conflicting readings from the two oxygen sensors ahead of the catalytic converters. He said that they would swap them from bank to bank and see what happened. I told him to go ahead and do what was necessary. After being held up by a day of snowy, slippery conditions, they drove the car and the fault followed the sensors. Two new O₂ sensors were ordered and installed, and a couple days later I picked up the car. So far so good, no repeat check engine light. Although the final accounting required a hefty hit on my credit card, I was very satisfied with the service I got from Marlon and his mechanic. Although the car stills looks “new,” it is now over 10 years old and the plain truth is that parts do wear out.

Meanwhile I drove the Macan around town. A nice car, to be sure. It felt familiar because my wife Kathleen’s car is an Audi Q5; same platform, same basic turbocharged four-banger. But the Macan was much more powerful and luxurious than the Audi and had all the latest electronic bells and whistles. I am in the market for a daily driver to replace my 2011 Ford Escape, and I would like to consider a Macan. But why have two very similar cars in our garage? Once winter’s last gasp is behind us, I will begin car shopping in earnest. I don’t have the foggiest idea what I will end up with. Maybe a hybrid to join the electric generation, but which one? Whatever it turns out to be, I look forward to the shopping trips...if this Covid-19 lockdown ends!

Don Dickmann

