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Annual Rally Sport Region Holiday Party & General Membership Meeting— 2025

Date: Saturday, December 6th Time: 6:30-9:30 PM

Where: Porsche of Ann Arbor 2575 S. State Street, Ann Arbor Dress: Business Casual

RSVP by November 29th to mor734@gmail.com

Please join with fellow members and friends for an in-person evening of Holiday Cheer brought to you by Germain Porsche of Ann Arbor and the Rally Sport Region. The evening will feature multiple dining stations, a cash bar, and lots of opportunities to mingle with friends old and new.

There is no charge for the party, but as in past years we are asking you to support two worthy charities. As we did last year, in addition to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital we are including the Southern Michigan Chapter of the United Spinal Association (USASM) in our charity efforts. We hope you can support either or both. We are suggesting a total value of approximately \$50/person.

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From the Front Seat

By RSR President John Thomson



Well, here we are with the last Bahn Stormer of the year, and therefore my last column of this term as your president. Elsewhere in this issue you'll see the ballot and candidate bios for this year's elections—please do take time to read and vote either by mail, by email, or in person at the holiday party.

I'm writing this on November 2, as the Polar Bear drive has just wrapped up as our final driving event of the year. In hindsight, my choice to spend a beautiful late fall day indoors watching the Lions underperform against the Vikings was not a great one—I've already seen some pictures and report from the drive and you folks definitely had a better day than I did! Whether it was scenic drives, TSD rallies, HPDE events, the Porsches in the Park concours, Cars & Coffee or Gathering, or any other form of driving, I hope you got to really enjoy your car(s) this year—and for those of you who use this time of year to swap on the winter tires instead of putting the car to sleep, I hope you continue enjoying it!

But the end of the "summer" driving season definitely doesn't mean an end to the club activities. Nick's Tech Talks at Stadium Auto are starting up, with a really cool "theme" this year where you'll get to see an engine go from blown up, through teardown and diagnosis, and then get reassembled. Of course none of us would wish a blown engine on anyone, but this is a great chance for everyone to learn from it.

On the social side, we've still got two big events this year. The annual Holiday Party on December 6 is always a wonderful evening of enjoying the company of the members while giving back to the community. And the Holiday Walk at Meadowbrook Hall on December 13th should be really fantastic—the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson gets decorated in spectacular fashion and really looks beautiful—followed by lunch at Rochester Mills. And the newest entry on the Rally Sport calendar, "Java with RSR" continues twice a month throughout the year.

Planning for next year is already well underway—if you ever think the region should be doing something new or different, or if you have an idea on how to do something better, now is the best time to bring those ideas forward while

the calendar and plans for next year are still somewhat fluid. Contact the relevant chair (contacts listed on page 3), or if you don't know who, contact me at president@rsp. pca.org. And if you want to find a way to participate more, please come to a board meeting, or reach out to me or any of the board members—there are lots of great ways to contribute and we always welcome new faces and new voices.

And for planning your personal calendars, I'll make the first pitch for blocking out time to attend Porsche Parade. It's a great experience every year, with an amazing cross section of people and cars from throughout the US and Canada, but 2026 may be particularly attractive due to the location. It's going to be in Lake Placid, New York, which is worth going just for the scenery—it's a truly beautiful area and only a one-day drive away. While we had a great time the last few years in Palm Springs, Birmingham, Alabama and Oklahoma City, we're certainly going to enjoy some cooler temperatures and scenic routes in upstate New York. Parade 2026 is June 14-20 (you don't have to do the whole week—lots of folks just do the first 2-3 days), which sounds very far away, but registration will open in January so it's not too early to be thinking about it. Registering that early isn't required, but it is the only way to get the best choice of hotels. Hope to see many of you there!

Finally, while I hope to see all of you at one of the remaining events this year, I want to take this chance to once again thank all of you for making this such a great region and club. The cars are undeniably great, but it really is the people who make this club special and I want to make sure you know how much I appreciate everyone in it.



Wishing you a merry and bright holiday season!





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RSR Calendar of Events

November 12 (Wed.) 7:00 PM: RSR Board Meeting
-- Sidetrack Bar and Grill in Ypsilanti

December 6 (Sat.): Holiday Party & Annual Meeting
-- Porsche of Ann Arbor (see ad on page 4)

December 13 (Sat.): Holiday Walk at the Dodge House & Get Together at the Rochester Mills Beer Company -- (see ad below)

January 10 (Sat.) 8:30 AM: Tech Talk at Stadium Auto, 2405 West stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor (see ad on page 23) February 14 (Sat.) 8:30 AM: Tech Talk at Stadium Auto, 2405 West stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor (see ad on page 23)

March 14 (Sat.) 8:30 AM: Tech Talk at Stadium Auto, 2405 West stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor (see ad on page 23)

Recurring Event

Second and Fouth Wednesday every month, 9:00AM: Java Time with RSR -- Whitmore Lake Coney Island (9457 Main St., Whitmore Lake) --Host: Matt Huber (see ad on page 29)

Other Events of Interest

Third Saturday of every month, 9:00 AM: The Gathering At Rennstatt (669 State Circle, Ann Arbor).





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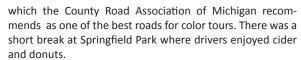
2025 RSR Color Tour

Story by Events Chair Dru Huber with pictures from the RSR SmugMug page

The RSR Color Tour, originally scheduled for October 19th, was delayed a week due to inclement weather. On Sunday, October 26th, 39 cars, 67 people, met at the Meijer's parking lot for the annual RSR Color Tour. It turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day.

After a brief driver's meeting, everyone headed to their cars to begin the drive. A new route was planned this year. The tour began at the Brighton Meijer's parking lot, heading west of US-23 and north of M-59. Drivers made their way around the GM Proving Ground, and north on Hickory Ridge. The route then took drivers along White Lake Road





The tour continued for another half hour after the break and ended in Holly, MI at the Holly Cafe for a late lunch, while others opted to have lunch at the Red Devil Restaurant. It was a great day to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and great company. Please visit SmugMug to view pictures from this annual event.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Dru and Matt for organizing a very successfull event and their continuing effort to bring engaging social events to the membership.











Co-host Matt Huber serving up cider and donuts at the drive break.

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2025 Polar Bear Run

By Editor Mike O'Rear

On the weekend following a perfect Color Tour drive the club was lucky enough to have another fabulous Sunday for the annual Polar Bear Run. As always hosted by Sebastian Gaeta but this year with a new route to the Eagle's Nest Bar and Grill on the shores of Clark Lake. The drive route was scenic, colorful and suitable for top down driving -- especially with heated seats.





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Ramblings From a Life With Cars

By Regular Contributor and SEM-PCA Member Tom Fielitz

Horns

You know your Porsche has a car horn, but do you know where it is located or even what it looks like? Your car horn is located on the passenger side behind the front bumper and pointed toward a grill opening. It is a electromagnetic device which means it consists of a vibrating coil acting on a diaphragm and the sound is amplified using a trumpet shape resembling a coil or tuba shape. It is usually constructed of heavy-duty plastic and a metal housing and is usually black in color although red is also a popular color.

Most Porsche horns are supplied by Bosch although there are other suppliers such as Denso, Hella, and FIAMM. It is common to have two horns, one high tone at 510 hertz and one low tone at 410 hertz and the musical notes represented are F and B. Legally the sound is limited to under 100 decibels. Although electromechanical is the most popular form of horns there are two other forms. One is the compressed air horn acting with a air compressor blowing air through reeds into trumpet shaped horns often found on high end sports cars especially those from Italy. The other is the electronic horn generating sound through speakers often used on high end luxury cars.

You might say that the onset of traffic necessitated the creation of the horn to warn oncoming traffic or pedestrians of an oncoming vehicle. Even today the guideline is that the horn should only be operated on a moving vehicle to warn against a collision. Obviously, it is operated in many other circumstances such as a greeting, but it is cautioned not to be used in contentious situations that might be construed as road rage.

Very early cars were often fitted with a manually squeezed bulb horn. The pre-1908 bulb horn was gradually replaced by

the exhaust driven klaxon horn. Then in 1930 Miller Reese Hutchison, a fellow inventor with Thomas Edison, invented the electric two-toned horn. Various musical horns came along in the 1960's until they were banned in 1971 as being too distracting. Other sound devices such as sirens are also banned with the exclusion of emergency vehicles as are train horns that can exceed 150 decibels.

Car horns have become such reliable automotive features that we rarely give them any thought. They are extremely low maintenance items. It is actually more common that the horn button on the steering wheel will fail before the actual horn itself. Trouble shooting a failure will often start with the horn button connections followed by the fuse to the horn and then the horn itself with wiring corrosion being the usual failure point. If the horn emits an odd or flat sound it will most often be the failure of the high note or low note horn. Replacement is best done in pairs and replacement horns can be found on the Internet or from local parts stores at reasonable prices.

The British term for the car horn is a Hooter. However, you call it, one of the more fun aspects of driving is the friendly use of the car horn in greeting. So, toot on or hoot with responsibility as you enjoy your driving.





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Or you can fill out the application form located in the forms section of our website -- http://rsp.pca.org. The cost is \$56 US per year. You will receive a subscription to both Panorama, the official PCA magazine, and the The Bahn Stormer, the Rally Sport Region newsletter. (Subscription to The Bahn Stormer is free to RSR* members. Non-members pay an annual fee of \$18 US.)

Send the application and a check (or Visa/MC), payable to Porsche Club of America, to the membership chairperson, Glenn Trapp (1834 Woodcreek, Brighton, MI 48114), for processing. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Glenn (810-599-3133 or membership@rsp.pca.org).

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Coming Up For Air

Story and photos by Member Steve Gross

It's Jeremy Clarkson's fault, really.

I was perfectly happy with my Boxster. Still am, in fact. It's a great car. But every time I drive my Boxster I have a niggling thought in the back of my mind put there by Mr. Clarkson that a Boxster is not a 911.

Yes, the engine is in the correct place in the Boxster, and it's in the wrong place in the 911. Yes, the Boxster has way more luggage space than a 911 for a long weekend away. But in the end, it's not a 911 and it's impossible to escape the feeling that Porsche has artificially crippled the Boxster, in order to ensure that the 911 is still a more desirable car. As a former Camaro owner, I always had a similar feeling pulling up next to a Corvette.

So it was probably inevitable that I would eventually get a 911. In late 2023 I started thinking seriously about buying one. The first step was to decide what 911 I wanted. With respect to the 991 and 992 owners among us, I ruled those out due to size. They're just too dang big. They are also too expensive for me.



Image source: https://www.stuttcars.com/is-the-porsche-911-growing-too-big-for-its-own-good-a-look-at-its-size-evolution/

I ruled out 996 cars, because they were too similar to my 986. I almost pulled the trigger on a green-over-tan 997.2 manual in early 2024, but between one daughter's upcoming wedding and the impending birth of our grandson the time wasn't right.

Then it hit me. 5 of my 6 motorcycles are air-cooled. I haven't owned an air-cooled car since the 1972 VW microbus I had in college. Why not get an air-cooled 911?! The next step was to learn about air-cooled cars. There is a lot of air-cooled knowledge in RSR and in early 2025 I started talking to the air-cooled brain trust to help me learn the ropes. Thanks a lot to Jay Fash, Sebastian Gaeta, Jon Heidorn, Peter Grant, Tim Pott, Jeremy Goddard, and the late Dave Walker for all their support.

I quickly realized that although I wanted a longhood (made before the 1974 introduction of the 5 MPH impact-resistant bumpers mandated by US regulations), so did everyone else. The law of supply and demand being what it is, a longhood would likely be over my budget.

Next after the longhoods are the so-called mid-year (1974-1977) cars. These have impact bumpers, but use magnesium for the engine block like most longhoods. Some people like the feel of these engines and say they rev easier and freer than the later aluminum block motors. Other people lament the poor corrosion resistance of the mid-year body. Mid-year cars are the lowest cost of entry to the air-cooled 911 market.

From 1978 to 1983, Porsche sold the 911SC in the US market. Nearly identical visually to mid-year cars, they came with a 3.0 liter aluminum block engine. These use Bosch CIS mechanical fuel injection, which has a reputation of being difficult to maintain although opinions on that vary. 1984 through 1989 saw an increase in displacement to 3.2 liters for the Carrera 3.2. Fuel management became digital with the Bosch DME system, and various other engine improvements such as hydraulic cam chain tensioners increased reliability. This generation of engine is considered to be highly robust. Although both the 911SC and Carrera 3.2 generations are more expensive than mid-year cars, they were still potentially in budget especially pre-1987 versions with the older 915 transmission.

Major changes came with the 964 generation of cars, produced from 1989 to 1993. These were out of my price range. Same with the final air-cooled cars, the 993 produced from 1994 to 1998.

With my model year range set to 1974-1989, now I could start searching. At first, I was only looking at coupes (vs. targas or cabrios) in interesting colors, meaning: not black, white, Arctic Silver, or Guards Red. But, the pesky budget topic raised its head once again. Interesting colors come with huge price premiums. PCA has even made a website (https://www.rennbow.org) showcasing all available colors and ranking them by rarity. I fairly quickly opened my search to any color car although having owned several black cars in the past this was my least-preferred option due to the PITA factor of keeping a black car clean. This is what we writers call foreshadowing.

I looked in all the usual places: PCA Marketplace (https://mart.pca.org), P-Car Market (https://www.pcarmarket.com), Bring a Trailer (https://bringatrailer.com), Cars & Bids

(https://carsandbids.com), and even Facebook Marketplace as well as enlisting the RSR air-cooled brain trust to find leads. I did look at some cars locally in late 2024 and early 2025 but didn't feel really ready to buy yet, having not progressed sufficiently in my air-cooled Jedi training program.

More foreshadowing: in the summer of 2025, I opened my search parameters a bit wider to include Targas, as these are a bit cheaper than coupes. My wife prefers open cars, while I do not really like the look of 911 cabrios. In some ways, a Targa seemed like a good compromise.

Enough preamble. In August 2025, I put in a lowball bid (about 70% of Hagerty #3 condition value) on a black 1985 Carrera 3.2 Targa on Bring a Trailer. I bid in the last two minutes, fully expecting to be outbid immediately. I was not. As the clock ticked down, I prepared myself for a nosale due to unmet reserve. I was simultaneously surprised, excited, and terrified when I won the auction and realized that I had not mentioned to my wife Suzanne yet that I was bidding! Oops quickly resolved with a phone call, where she reminded me that I gave her firm instructions several years ago to not let me ever buy another black car. Oops again.



The sleek black beauty

I won the auction on a Sunday afternoon and immediately got in touch with the seller in New Jersey, making plans to pick the car up on the following Saturday. In the meantime, I sent payment to the seller, got car insurance, and borrowed an open trailer from a friend. Bring a Trailer indeed! I also made an appointment at the Secretary of State to title and register the car, and another appointment at Rennstatt for a post-purchase inspection and to address any maintenance needs since the car had seen little usage for the last decade.

Early Friday morning, I began the 600 mile drive to New Jersey. If you like history, I highly recommend Dan Carlin's Hardcore History podcast (https://www.dancarlin.com/). He does deep dives into topics like the life of Alexander the Great or the Pacific campaigns of WWII. A typical series is four to six episodes, with each episode being about 4 hours long. Perfect for long road trips.

I arrived in New Jersey in time to park the truck and trailer and grab some Mexican food for dinner. Then I crashed for the night at a cheap motel. I should have spent just a little more on that, the bed was awful and the room was dingy.

I met the seller at a US Post Office at 7 AM the next morning. Seemed fitting, as I was picking up a package! He drove up in the 911, with some delicious Jersey breakfast sandwiches for me to eat on the drive home. After a quick drive through a local park to get the feel of the clutch this was only the second air-cooled 911 that I had ever driven we loaded the car on the trailer and the seller walked the 2 blocks back to his house.



Picking up a package at the Post Office

The drive home was mostly uneventful, although pulling 5000 pounds of trailer and cargo does make one sensitive to just how crazy drivers are today. The only hiccup came about 10 miles from home, when a truly torrential downpour started. It served as a good test of the targa top seals the interior did stay dry during the last 10 miles of the trip and the 45 minutes the car sat on the trailer in my driveway waiting for the rain to abate. I did not want to take the car off the trailer in a monsoon!



Too wet to unload

Next stops (after showing the car to the RSR air-cooled masters) were the Secretary of State and then Rennstatt. I had budgeted 10% of the purchase price of the car for deferred maintenance, including replacing the 24 year old

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tires. Sebastian and Tyler didn't find any real surprises in my post-purchase inspection, beyond one stuck spark plug (which was mentioned in the service records provided by the seller). Tyler got that plug out without incident, and also didn't find any broken head studs meaning we didn't have to drop the motor for further repairs. He also did a valve adjustment, oil change, brake service, installed a new battery, and replaced the degraded spark plug wires. All this came in at almost exactly my expected recommissioning costs.



In for a checkup

I still had some minor issues to deal with on my own. The car had a high key-off current drain, which I have since traced to the (non-working) aftermarket stereo. The previous owner clearly also had current drain issues. I found several of the aftermarket stereo power wires cut, and he had also installed a battery cut-off switch. I am still using the battery cut-off when I don't have the car on a battery tender, just in case there's still more to the phantom current drain story. The windshield washer pump doesn't work, neither does the odometer. I will fix both over the winter, as well as installing a more period-correct sound system. The suspension squeaks like an old bed, but the car handles well despite the noise. The A/C has been converted to R134a but needs at least a recharge. I am keeping my fingers crossed that when I refill it in the spring it works and doesn't immediately lose its charge again.

Like to see your car in the Bahn Stormer — perhaps, even on the cover.

Well submit a picture, the more "artsy" the better, and see what happens.

My first real test of the car's legs came in October, when I drove the two hours to DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest at Gilmore Car Museum, and then back home again. The car performed perfectly, the only issue being some wind noise from the targa top which they all have. Both the automatic climate control and the cruise control functioned correctly although the cruise control speed steadily drifts upwards by about 5 MPH over a 20 minute span.



Lined up for the DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest Color Tour

So far, we are enjoying being a two Porsche family although parking is getting a little tight since we also bought Suzanne a Ford Flex (as part of the negotiations for me to get the 911). The Flex is her absolute favorite car in the world. This one is her third. We traded in the second one on an EV about 18 months ago. She still has the EV for her daily work commute but really missed having the Flex for road trips.



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I may have been influenced by 1980s advertising.





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The 944 Chronicles

By member Skip Kuhn (see other articles by Skip at http://exclusive.multibriefs.com/author/skip-kuhn)

Holy guacamole is it November again? Time really seems to pass faster than it did a few years ago. Then again, that seems to be a feature of getting older. So, what did I write about for my November article last year, oh yes, working on your 944 over the winter. Well, unlike last year I don't have an extensive winter work list for the 944. I've been sidetracked by the other race car and the project 924S which continues to try and persuade me that it is not a basket case and just needs a little more love and attention here and there to be a lovely driver. For example, the fuel tank sending unit. It did not work, or so I thought. A replacement unit from Pelican Parts ranged from \$175 for an aftermarket Dansk unit to \$470 for a factory Porsche part. That's a lot of money to spend for one part that in theory one could do without if need be. My fix, take the sending unit out and shake it like a Polaroid picture. Guess what, problem solved. It works, at least for now. Of course, the 924 said see, easy fix, free, and I'm fine, why would you sell me? Yes, I talk to my cars, and they talk to me. Fortunately, my significant other now acknowledges this behavior as "normal" for me and doesn't question why I talk to the cars, mine or hers.

Which brings me back to first principles. In your zeal to rip through your winter maintenance list don't just start buying parts before you know for certain what the problem is. I have a shelf full of "spares" that I purchased thinking that I knew what the problem was when in fact I did not. Start with the basics when you are working on your winter maintenance. Is a connection loose? Are dirty electrical contacts potentially involved? Did you know that many electrical problems are just loose wires, particularly ground wires? Little British cars are an endless sea of loose ground connections. In fact, the left front marker lamp on the 924 didn't work until I gave it a couple of raps with the old knuckles. Voila, let there be light. Loose and/or dirty bulb contacts were the culprit. Easy fix, no money involved, just some time and effort to do the root cause work.

Then there were the cooling fans on the 924. They didn't seem to work. A little poking around with a flashlight revealed that the radiator fan switch wasn't plugged in. The handiwork of the prior owner. (A Miata guy BTW). If you own a 944 you know that plugging those wires back in requires hands roughly the size of a 5 year old. So, after much struggle and cursing we got the wires plugged back in and discovered that in fact the cooling fans did work. The problem was that they would not shut off, ever. An obvious battery slayer. Apparently, that was why they were unplugged

by the prior owner in the first place. But, before purchasing another switch, I borrowed a spare switch from the Porsche wizard to verify it would in fact shut the fans off. It did, so repairs ensued. As a consequence of this repair, I discovered that it is actually faster and easier to change the switch by first removing the parts Porsche says to remove i.e. the cooling fans. It was also much less painful. Again, first principles, try reading the shop manual before you begin. It can be quite helpful.

I can't imagine any of this is news to you. But take your time, don't be in a hurry, and don't have an answer in search of a problem. Check the obvious first. Winter is a great time to troubleshoot and maintain your 944. And don't forget, in the words of one of my favorite YouTube vehicle presenters, "scheduled maintenance that is deferred will eventually schedule itself."





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Rally Sport Region -- Porsche Club of America 2026 Election Ballot

The President and four board positions are up for election this year. Each member and affiliate member may vote in this election. Please return the ballot, printed on page 27, by using one of the following methods:

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	Clarkston, Michigan 48348-5157	
Email	secretary@rsp.pca.org	12/4
In person	RSR Holiday Party	12/6

The Candidate For President is:

John Thomson: It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your president for the last two years, and I humbly ask for your vote to serve another term. I feel like the region is in a really good place at the moment, with a very active social calendar, an outstanding track program, and a lot of engaged and active members both as participants and as organizers and workers helping to make our events happen. I look forward to continuing to work on further building on these strengths, as well as trying to improve some of our weak spots-- most particularly trying to improve our member communications and trying to continue bringing in some more folks into leadership roles. I was very impressed with our region before becoming your president, and have only become more impressed since. Thank you for letting me serve my first term, and I hope you give me the chance to serve again.

The Candidates for Board Positions are:

Nick Bleau: I am very excited to run for a board position in this election. I have been with the Rally Sport Region roughly a year and a half now and have truly enjoyed all of the social and track events along with meeting everyone who enjoys these cars as much as I do. I grew up in the Ann Arbor area and graduated from Huron High School in 2006. I then joined the Marine Corps as a mechanic and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Upon leaving active duty I stayed in the Reserves while I attended Universal Technical Institute in Chicago and was accepted into the Porsche PTAP program. I then finally returned to Ann Arbor to work as a Porsche Technician for roughly seven years before moving on to Stadium Auto about two years ago. I have owned a Cayenne for roughly seven years but finally purchased a 1999 911 to

enjoy track events last year and I wish I had done it earlier. I have attended every HPDE since joining the club and plan to continue. This winter I will bring back Tech Talks hosted by me at Stadium Auto starting the second Saturday in November and continuing through March. I am the current Tech Chair for the Rally Sport Region and would love to serve on the board to continue helping this club and its members.

Steve Gross: I am running for the Rally Sport Region board because I find that RSP membership has provided my wife and I with a lot of enjoyment over the last six years, and I would like to contribute more to the future direction of our region. After becoming empty-nesters, Suzanne and I bought a 2001 Boxster S in 2018. We joined PCA right away, although National assigned us to another region where we didn't feel that we fit in. In 2019 we transferred to RSP and found that the "fast, fun, and friendly" tagline described the region perfectly!

I have been very active with the club as a member. I have contributed to Porsches in the Park since 2023 by running the Peoples Choice Awards, shopping for supplies, tending bar, announcing, setting up, and tearing down. I regularly join the Hankerd Road cleanup crew. With a ton of help from Suzanne, I hosted one of the Garage Tour stops this year. I often join the scenic tours, whether around SE Michigan or further away like to Gilmore Car Museum (where I am a member). Finally, I have contributed multiple newsletter articles over the years—usually on technical topics. Although I have not yet attended an RSP HPDE, I have done hundreds of laps at Grattan on motorcycles—and a few dozen in my former minivan to help dry the track after a sudden squall back in the late 90s! Perhaps 2026 will finally be my HPDE year.

I would like to take my support of RSP to the next level as a board member. My vision is to continue our "fast, fun, and

friendly" vibe, and also keep on the lookout for additional ways RSP can give back to our wider community--as we do already with road cleanup and sponsorship of carefully selected charities.

Diane Thomson: I have been honored to serve on the board of the Rally Sport Region Porsche Club for the past two years, during which I also took on the role of Sponsorship Chair. In this capacity, I have been able to support the club by fostering sponsor relationships and securing resources for our events and members. I remain an active member, continuously working to grow the TSD rally program and participating in various social activities that strengthen our community. Looking ahead, I am eager to continue in a leadership capacity and would be privileged to serve another two years on the board, further contributing to the ongoing success of the club.

Conrad Zumhagen: I hereby offer my candidacy for re-election as a Board Member of our club, welcoming and honoring the opportunity to serve again. As a lifelong (so far, so good) car enthusiast and member of the Rally Sport Region, I continue to appreciate our club and its optimal combination of events and activities – most of all, the camaraderie,

and embodiment of the motto, "It's not just the cars, it's the people". I'm very happy to have been a fellow Porsche person, owner and RSR member (since 2000, with a bit of a lapse during a Porsche-less period), and highly value the many friendships made here in RSR.

I've been active in the club and its events, as a member, board member, a small but enthusiastic sponsor of the Bahn Stormer, and as a (retired) track participant and instructor. Whether or not I am elected (and I hope I am), I will actively and enthusiastically participate in, and contribute to our club, our meetings, and events in every way I can.

I care about this club and the people who make it the success that it is. I am ready, willing and able to offer my experience and abilities to serve as a Board Member, and ask for your vote.



Candidate for Presid	lant.	
Candidate for Fresic	ient:	
John Thomson		
Candidates for the B	soard: (Vote for no mor	e than 4)
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Steve Gross		
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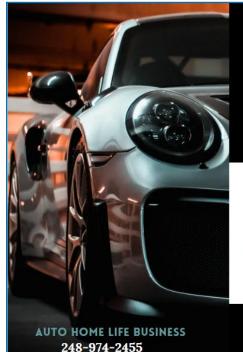


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Rally Sport Region -- Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 1, 2025

John Thomson: President	Present
Sebastian Gaeta: Vice-President	Present
Peter Grant: Previous Past Presedent	Present
Burghard Linn: Treasurer	Present
Kevin Kral: Secretary	Present
Nick Bleau: Tech Chair	Present

Doug FinnPresentAlex GreenAbsentDennis HuibregtsePresentDiane ThomsonPresentDave WalkerIn SpiritConrad ZumhagenPresent

Due to Dave Walker's passing, one board seat is currently vacant.

Members & Visitor Present: Steve Gross, Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Glenn Trapp, Jim Glenn, Ton Neil, Francie Kish, Phil Kish, Dru Huber, Matt Huber, Chuck Schenk, Chrissy Crow. Ruth Schenk

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM at Sidetrack Bar and Grill, Ypsilanti.

President's Report: Discussion to move the next board meeting to 11/12. Board is in support. Still looking for people for the board. Please contact John or Kevin with your interest. Also looking for Member of the Year. Please submit people who have done significant contributions this year to John. Only general members are eligible.

Meeting Minutes: September meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion: To approve meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Burghard reviewed the September report. Motion: To approve the financial report passed unanimously. REMINDER: The Treasurer's Report is available to club members. Email Burghard Linn at burghard.linn@gmail.com

Insurance Report: Insurance and reports were discussed. Completing reports correctly is most important. We do our best when planning and coordinating to follow the policies. Doug will get involved in the events to ensure the event and observer report people are identified and complete the reports.

Sponsorship Report: Planning a survey for feedback for how their sponsor dollars went. Sponsorship solicitations are looking to be sent out in January to start earlier. Planning to do additional smaller banners to make sure they are at all events.

Social Committee Report:

- Events are listed in the Bahn Stormer.
- Covered the upcoming events. The Fall Color Tour and Polar Bear Run are the next big upcoming events. Tech Talk will be resuming the 2nd Saturday of November. Holiday Party will be December 6th. Looking to go to the Dodge house for a tour on December 13th. Looking into 2026, looking at a tour of the Pontiac Transportation Museum.
- Porsche in the Park was very well attended with about 80 cars. Things went very well and ran smoothly. RC car track was very well received. Event reached 7 regions. Raised \$1000 for United Spinal at PiP.

Advertising Report: No Report

Community Outreach: Hankerd Road went well. Had 11 people come out. Group broke it down to 4 sections and it went very well. Participation went up year over year.

Membership: Glenn Trapp confirmed our status is at 382 members.

Track Report: No Report

Newsletter: November/December is combined. Looking at 6/7th of December for content.

Website: No Report

Events Committee: See social report.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Motion: To adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 8:13 PM. Minutes taken by Kevin Kral, Secretary.

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72,700 miles, \$10,240, for full description and photos, see: https://conta.cc/3Ip0EX0
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OTHER ITEMS

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