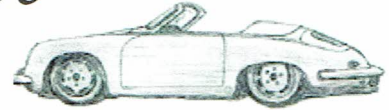




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NEWSLETTER



October, 2007

President's Letter

We are coming to the end of another fun 356 year, it seems like only very recently that we all gathered for our Holiday awards dinner at the Black Forest, and here we are, looking at another Holiday season event.

What a year, we had about 15 members that attended the East Coast Holiday in Harbor Springs and came home with a number of awards earned by our club members. Next year the East Coast Holiday will again be fairly close, in Lancaster, PA and we should have a nice size group to attend. We had a good tech session at Yuri's garage to kick off the year, and then a great driving event at Scott's place in Madison, IN. Scott's wife put on a spread that we will talk about for years to come.

We had the Taj event, hosted by John Dixon and then off to the Holiday. A number of members attended various shows such as the Columbus Arthritis and also the Ault Park Show and Lexington shows. P2O was even better than last year and club members not only took 40% of the awards but we also had some very nice people sign up as new members. We are hoping to meet and get to know them better at future events. All have very nice 356's. Welcome and please let us know how we can make your club experience better.

We had a great VW/Porsche Reunion and it was fun to see people come from all over...Russell Clarke, Jim & Brenda Perrin, Ted Zombek, Jim Graham, Charles Rowland, Bob Kovatch, Bill Myers and more. Thanks to you for traveling the distance to enjoy the event.

We have two more events yet this year, the first will be Fred Uhlmann's annual fall driving tour. Fred has put together a really great one for this year so please try to attend on Sunday, October 14th. Fred will email the details. Also, this year we will be at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon for our annual Holiday Party. We will again have many awards to present, including our annual two awards that go to the car of the year and also to the member who has lived the 356 spirit this year.

As I close, I would like to thank every one who has taken part in our club; we started about 5 years ago with only a handful of members and have grown to over 75 members and some great events. Our club is in very stable financial condition and will continue as we progress. I have decided not to run for President again next year and we will be looking for someone to take on that position. I believe that as our club grows it should not be a click of the same few but take on new leaders and new goals. I have certainly enjoyed getting to know each of you through the years and have taken a special warm feeling as new members come into the group and bring new ideas and goals. Thanks again to all of you, you have been great. Please let me know if you have any interest or can recommend someone to work on our board.

As Always - Keep the Faith
Steve Leiding (513.659.5070)

Save-The Dates

Please note that event dates are subject to change

SUNDAY, October 14th: Last Chance Driving Tour! Destination: "My Old Kentucky Home" mansion in Bardstown, KY; go to nky.com - old ky. home restored (include periods and spaces when searching). Meet at 9:00am at DER DUTCHMAN RESTAURANT; 230 N. Route 42, Waynesville, OH (www.derdutchman.com); after driving through the quaint village of Yellow Springs, (www.yellowspringsohio.org) we will make a pit stop at YOUNG'S DAIRY for a dip or two of Ohio's best ice cream (www.youngsdairy.com) and continue to the Caverns. Please let Fred know by October 12 if you plan to attend. euro356sc@hotmail.com or 937-848-4817. Bring: Full tank of gas, empty bladder, folding chair/s, picnic. Leave at home: Lead foot! Rain cancels tour.

SUNDAY, December 16th: Holiday Party at Golden Lamb in Lebanon, Ohio; PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE & TIME; maximum of 30 guests; cocktails 4:30 PM; dinner 5:00 PM. Private banquet room from 4:30 to 7:30. Special Holiday Dinner Menu. www.goldenlamb.com R.S.V.P. to Fred by 12/11 (937-848-4817 or euro356sc@hotmail.com) Do not call the Golden Lamb for dinner reservations. Christmas-Holiday Dinner Participants in 2005: 17; 2006: 24

June 18th-22nd, 2008:
2008 West Coast Holiday - Squaw Valley, CA
www.squaw.com
www.squawcreek.com
www.westcoastholiday.com
www.356registry.org

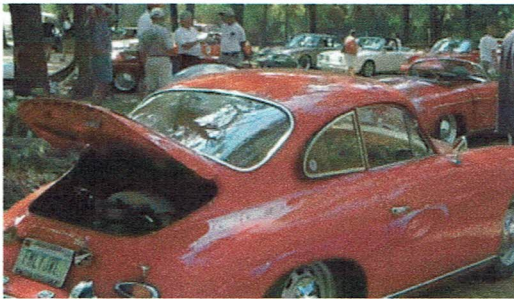
September 4th-7th, 2008:
2008 East Coast Holiday - Lancaster, PA.
www.padutch.com
www.356registry.org

Porsche/VW Reunion

This year, as always, this event was held at GE Park but we again were able to park the cars in the shade. I was especially pleased with the diversity of the turnout, we had members from the Columbus area (Ted Zombek, Jim Graham and Jim/Brenda Perin), members from the Dayton area (Good to see wild Bill Myers again and also Fred), members from the INDY area (Bob Kovatch brought his nice cab), some more of the locals who had been good most of the summer (Carl Iseman and his special cab), and also some members from Kentucky (Charles Rowland Jr. and his nice beck speedster as was Bill Niemeier and his always good looking red Speedster).



A special thanks to Mark for all the work he puts in each year on this event and also Peter for helping. Coffee and pastries were available as we arrived and registered and then later in the day there was pizza and chips for those that wanted a snack. The weather was warm, as it has been most of the last three months but with a breeze and in the shade it was very enjoyable. Some people brought chairs but there were also benches available.



As there was each year, people also had the opportunity to attend a swap meet that is just across the park road. There were probably 20 booths with some goodies available. We had a nice turnout even with a number of the regulars being out of town for the week end. Awards were given out to the judge's choice and there were 5 club members that received awards. It is just a great event for us to end our year, good weather, a very comfortable setting, and a very organized event that usually ends about three in the afternoon

Joe and Val Fee invited all of our club members to attend a cook out at their home after the show, and let me tell you, the food was fantastic. As appropriate, Joe was the grill master for German brats and mets and Val certainly had a special number on such items as fried kraut balls and many wonderful snack food items. All of us that attended left very full. The beer was cold and the food was great. Thank you both for sharing your home and all of the great cook out treats. If you weren't there, you missed a great one.

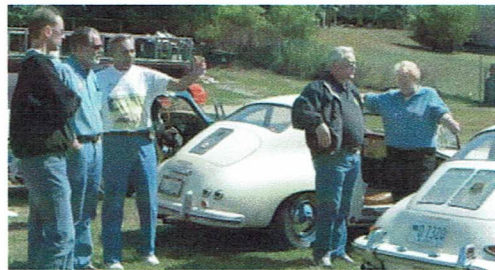
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Drive Your Porsche Day

(Dr. Porsche's Birthday)

We were to meet around noon at the Little River Café in Oregonia. For some of you, you will remember this place from drives in past years. It is a nice restaurant on the Little Miami River and bike trail. On nice days it is frequented by bikers from the trail, motorcycle groups that are out for drives, and of course, car lovers that are out for the day. We arrived in various groups, a few people had met at my house and we headed up on some very winding roads, I think everyone enjoyed it. We arrived with no accidents, always a good thing.

We had a good turnout of 9 cars, including cars from Dayton, Columbus, and Kentucky. Jerry Keyser attended and it was especially good to have him and his wife out at events again. Jerry also brought along a photographer and hopefully some of the pictures taken will appear in the 356 Registry and also in the annual calendar.



We had about 20 folks for lunch and the food was excellent. We ate outside and enjoyed the sunshine and the car talk. After being there a couple of hours, we then headed out to the Caesars Creek Glider Port. This is a grass field airport about 3 miles north of Oregonia that is used just for gliders. Glider rides are \$75 each and although there were people temped, we had no takers on that day.



While at the field, we had the opportunity to "pose" the cars for a picture on the field with some of the gliders. It was a nice experience watching them take off and land. Maybe sometime in the future we could have a glider driving event.

We parted company around 3:30 PM and people headed home with what had been a very enjoyable 356 Event.

Steve Leiding

Porsches 2 Oxford

This years P2O event started out much like last years with cloudy skies and the threat of rain. The sky never quite cleared but it didn't rain on the event either.

This was the largest P2O event yet with over 270 cars participating and approximately 20 of our 356's. A number of our club members, having been there at least one year prior had scouted out the good places for breakfast and lunch, with a couple of new places added this year.

The brick streets were filled with Porsches, three deep in a number of places.



Speaking of bricks, the awards this year as last year were bricks and our club had the following members go home with bricks, Joe Fee, Tom Oerther, Tom Griffiths, Bill Heineman, Dick Weiss, Bob Kovatch, Steve Leiding, Andy Manganaro, Bill Goepper, and we were also to happy to sign up some new members that received bricks. In addition, Dale Williams, Mike Long, and Steve Gunder won bricks for their 356's.

A number of people went on the drive to the lake that was billed as the longest single line of Porsches in Ohio.



Everyone had a great time, and spent a lot of time talking about cars, future outings, past outings, and just enjoying the day. Each year we have more members attend this event and although it is not an official club event, we will again look forward to P2O next year.

TECH TIPS...



Here is one for the ages. I drove my 356 a week ago Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parked the car in the garage with the petcock turned off. It rained on Thursday and Friday. The car sat in the garage for two days. Saturday was a nice day, and Carol and I were ready to go to a b-party, taking the 356. I turned the petcock on, primed the Solexes with two gas pedal pumps and the engine always starts. I turned the key, the starter kicked in, the engine sputters a little bit and died. I turn the key again, the starter kicks in, not even a sputter. Now What!! I checked the electrical connections, everything was hooked up ok and plenty of gas in the carbs. I gave it one more try, the starter kicked in, but nothing else. We took the air conditioned Honda to the party.

Sunday, one more try, nothing. It had to be in the ignition. Checked the coil, good. Cap - good, Rotor - good, juice to the points - good, point setting - ok. Was it the condenser? I decided to take the points out and check the wear. As I was taking things apart I noticed that the insulator strip, which insulates the points from the cast iron distributor wall, had split in to two pieces, allowing the points clip to make contact with the inside wall of the cast iron distributor, which caused a short every time the points closed.

Replaced the insulator strip and the points, put everything back together, turned the key and I was on my way.

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Bleed your brakes at least once during the year. No matter if you drive your 356 10 miles or 10000 miles. Remember, you are driving technology that was developed in 1950 - 60!

Rust never sleeps!

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Brake calipers should not be powder coated. Powder coating traps the heat inside the caliper and makes the brake fluid temperature much higher than necessary. This excessive heat will also make the rubber parts around the piston fail sooner.

Powder coating the fan shroud or any other 356 engine parts may have a similar heat retaining effect.

356, Fred Uhlmann

Taken From The Associated Press

PORSCHE WORKERS GET BONUS AFTER BIG YEAR.

FRANKFURT, Germany - Thousands of Porsche workers will receive a 5200 euros (\$7350) bonus because of a strong increase in sales world wide and an expected improvement in profits, the luxury sports car maker said Friday. The Stuttgart based company, the worlds most profitable car maker, said some 8000 workers would receive the special bonus, which is more than the 3500 euros they received last year.

The company said is sold 97515 cars in fiscal 2007, which ended July 31, with sales rising 3.4 percent to 7.4 billion euros (\$10.5 billion).

The company has not yet released it's complete year-end report, but the company expects its pretax profit to be significantly more than the 2.1 billion euros it posted for 2006, CEO Wendelin Wiedekind said last month.

Shares of Porsche AG were up 3.7 percent.

356,
Fred Uhlmann

.....and it all started with a hand made, aluminum two seater.

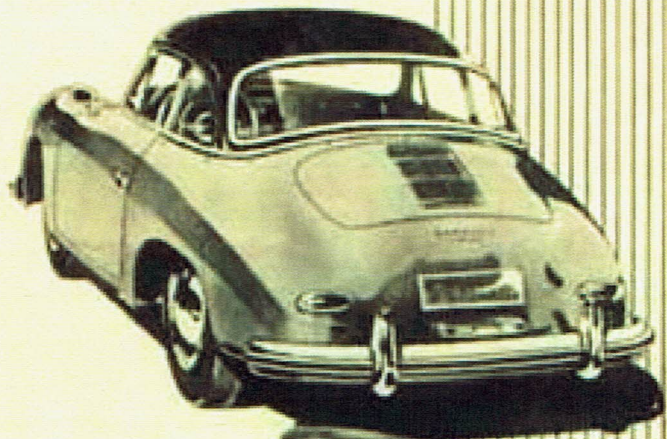


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