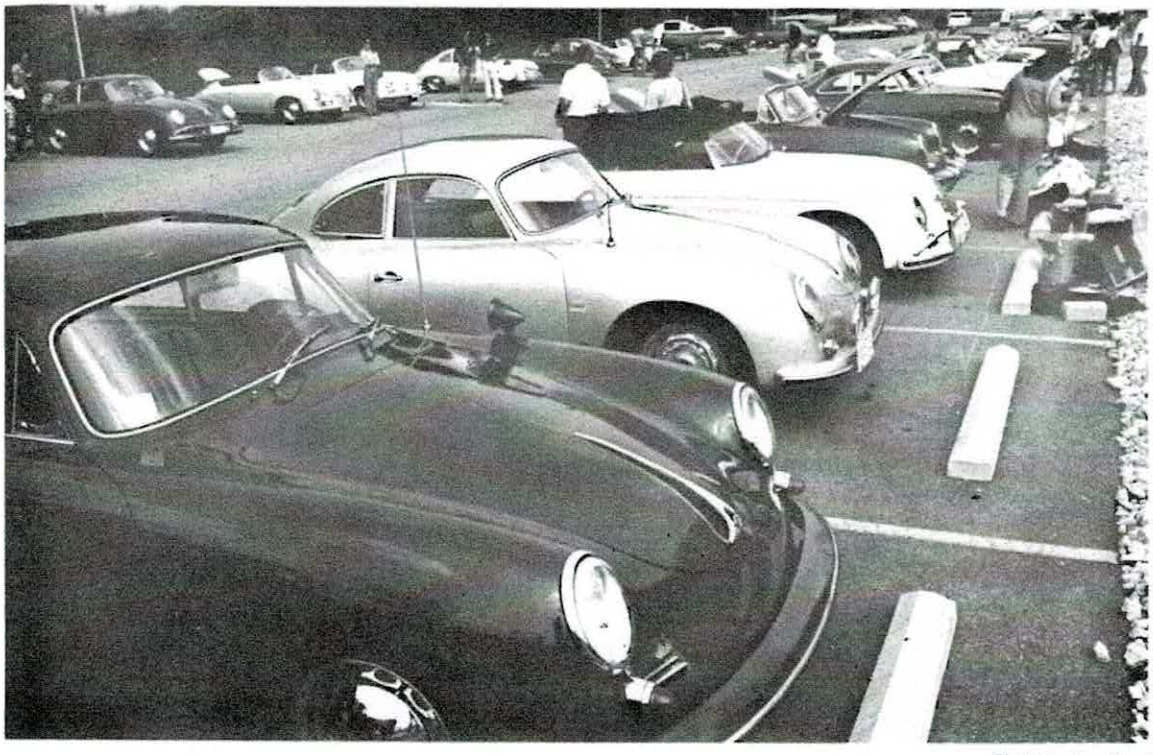

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356 Holiday II, Cincinnati

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The setting was Sharonville's new Hilton Inn (just north of Cincinnati).

There were quite a few early registrations on Friday night with a nice informal get-together in the *356 REGISTRY* hospitality suite (Joan West, Hostess). The hospitality suite was later turned into a party room for our Saturday night bash.

Things got rolling early Saturday morning, a beautiful day for people and Porsches, with nearly everyone busily preparing their cars for the concours d' elegance, our legal advisor, Bud West, in charge. Those who weren't busy preparing their cars were busy buying, selling or swapping parts or taking pictures of all the beautiful 356's. There were 30 + Porsches in the reserved parking area. One of the local TV stations was on the scene as well as a reporter and photographer from the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. We received about a minute showing on the news and a nice write up in the Labor Day edition of the paper thanks to a bit of work by Barb Smith. (*WHO* parked the 924 in front of the cameras?!?) As the day drew to a close, the judging over, everyone (many with sunburns) seemed a bit more relaxed.

Next on the program was the evening dinner where 70 hungry Porsche people appeared. After the roast sirloin of beef dinner we saw a very nice slide presentation by Bob & Ginny Gummow of their recent European trip with the highlights of the 356 Euroclub meet. Immediately following was the presentation of the door prizes donated by 19 firms! Howard Rapp and John Terry were responsible for the fantastic acquisition success. Robin Perrin drew the names of the lucky winners. The prizes ranged from a complete carpet kit (P.B. Tweeks) to t-shirts.

After all the door prizes were awarded, Jerry Keyser gave us the "State of the *REGISTRY*" message (things are in good order) and then he presented the spark plug awards, now officially called the "Gummow Spark Plug Award" in honor of our 1st 356 Holiday Chairman. This year the Spark Plug Award was given for outstanding service to the *REGISTRY* cause in the area of membership. The

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1976 recipients were Bob Raucher, Bill Durland and yours truly.

Tom Oerther gets the Spark Plug Award

Next came the concours awards, presented by Bud West.

Class 356 & A: 1st - Bob & Ginny Gummow, '59 Coupe; 2nd -- Mike Robbins, '58 Speedster, 3rd -- Brad & Barb Smith, '59 Convertible D. Class B & C: 1st -- Harry & Ruth Willwerth, '65 Coupe; 2nd -- Howard & Marian Rapp, '65 Cabriolet; 3rd -- John & Michelle Terry, '62 Notchback Coupe.

1st place, Class 356 & A, Bob Gummow

In addition to the concours awards, trophies were also awarded for:

- Longest distance driven to the event in a 356: Alex Finegan & Christa Koenig, 1100 miles from Marblehead, Mass.
- Oldest Porsche present: John Moyer, 1951 Cabriolet.
- Longest owned Porsche: Mike Robbins, 1958 Speedster bought new.
- Basket case award: Greg Lane, '62 Notchback Coupe.

Mike Robbins receives one of his awards

It was decided that the last three awards should only be awarded for a maximum of two years in succession: there will be new winners in these categories in the coming years.

Greg Lane again takes home the Basket Case

After the awards, a great number of us returned to the hospitality suite for some more Porsche talk and general good times with the live entertainment provided by Jim Cowan and his guitar and banjo. Things finally died out early in the A.M. as we all anticipated another big day Sunday (the booze was gone!).

Sunday morning brought the sunshine again and also a few (?) hangovers, especially mine. Everyone seemed to have a well-rested and peaceful night probably because of the armed security guard that stood watch over all the beautiful 356's, thanks to Brad Smith.

Things got underway with Jim Perrin's (*REGISTRY* historian) excellent presentation of "The Evolution of the 356 Porsche". This is a truly an interesting and informative slide presentation and all 356 owners should make it a point to hear it. Next we saw two color and sound films, narrated by Jim; one a film of the 356 B assembly line at Stuttgart showing how the early Porsche were handcrafted and rustproofed (!?!); the other was a film on Porsches early racing successes. Jim did a fantastic job once again.

After lunch, Dick Weiss shared with us some of his expertise and technical advice about 356's, after which he gave us a very challenging tech quiz. Vic Skirmants came in first in scoring but he disqualified himself because of being our Tech Editor. 1st place went to Mike Robbins, 2nd to John Terry and 3rd to Jim Perrin. The remainder of the afternoon was spent with Vic Skirmants discussing restoration techniques and just about anything else that came to mind that was 356 related. Hats off to Dick and Vic for their excellent technical presentations!

The final dinner was attended by the last 34 die-hard 356 people who closed out what I thought was a great Holiday weekend, having met so many new 356 enthusiasts and renewing old-friendships with others. The second 356 Holiday has come and gone but not without some pleasant and lasting memories. (A special thanks to Marsha.)

Thank you to the following door prize contributors for helping make our 2nd 356 Holiday such a success!
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An Open Letter To All 356 Registry Members

The one thing so special about doing something you like is when others recognize your work. In reality, I never considered it work in the first place. Instead, my contribution to the *356 REGISTRY* is merely an extension of my self and my enthusiasm. The rest was just to gather others who share that same feeling. To me, the "*356*" *REGISTRY* comes as easy as A-B-C.

It is with deep emotion and sincere appreciation that I accept the Gumnow "Spark Plug Award" for 1976.

Thank you all,
Bob Raucher

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1. Workshop name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Services available
5. Rates (optional)
6. Comments

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