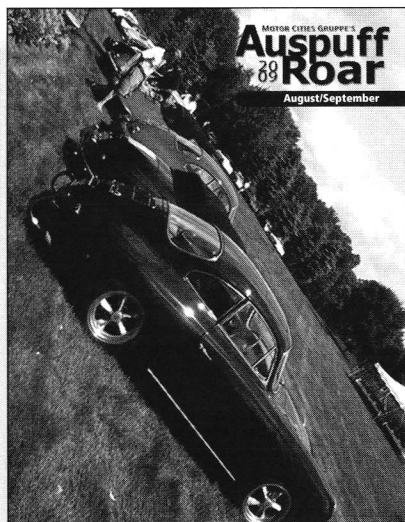


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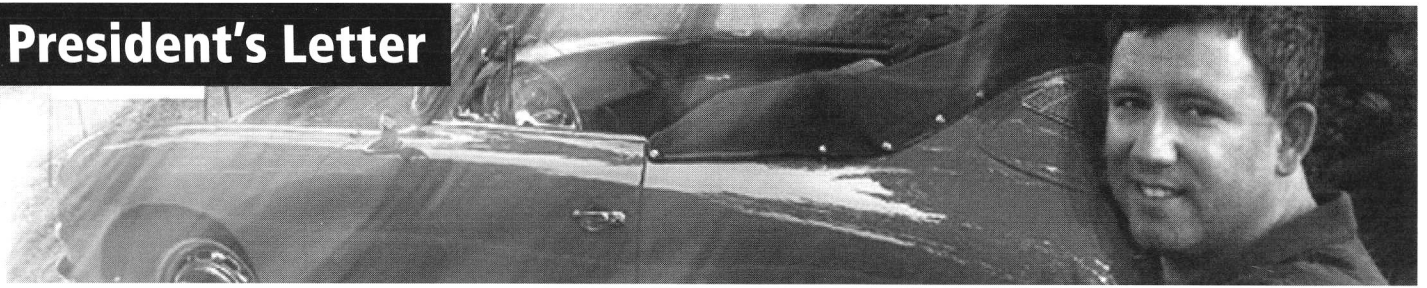
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President's Letter



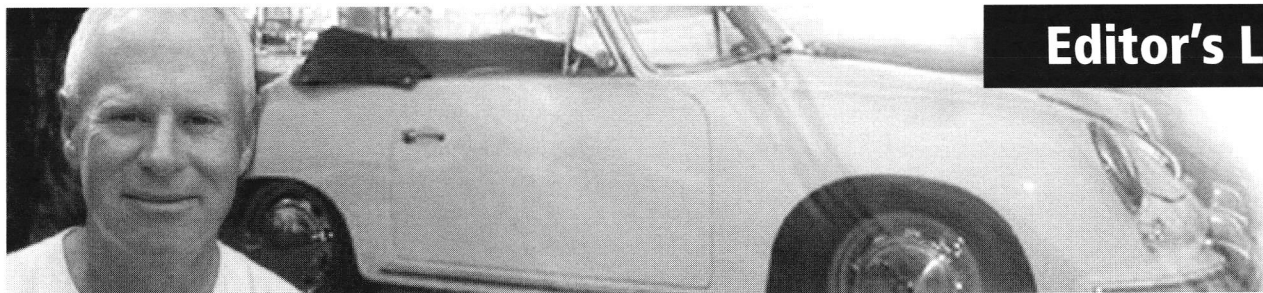
There is still much driving to do this year, and there are several events calling for your attention. We just finished the Gruppe 2009 Picnic along with inducting the first members into the Motor Cities Gruppe Hall of Fame. Please see pages 7 through 10 for the articles on both, and please note that they are in color. This is an Auspuff Roar first! Coming in September is the 356 Registry East Coast Holiday in West Baden, Indiana. I know many of you are going to attend, but if you cannot attend the Holiday, please note that the Frankenmuth Autofest, which draws a few thousand cars each year, is the same weekend and has invited Porsche as their Honored Marque. See the announcement elsewhere in the issue for details. Also, September 20th is Drive Your Porsche Day/Ferry's Birthday Celebration. While there is no official Gruppe event, round up some friends and let 'em fly. The Fall Color Tour is October 3rd and 4th in the Tawas area hosted by Barbara Skirmants. Please see the announcement in this issue for more information as advance reservations are required at the motel for the reduced Gruppe rate.

2010 is the official 30th anniversary of the formation of the Motor Cities Gruppe, and we plan to have a special occasion to celebrate. The board of directors last month voted to hold it in mid-April, but I am going to shake things up a bit and see if we can do it at a later date. Word is that we may have the celebration in conjunction with the annual picnic at a very cool location, catered and all. We will keep it casual, however, so don't worry about renting a tux. This is a Gruppe event, after all.

Next issue we will present a financial statement for the Gruppe's treasury. Many of you will read it and see that we have a substantial amount in the bank as reserve funds. I will carefully lay out our plans and strategy to use the funds properly to make sure that we provide value to the members while not burning through our reserves to the point of endangering the financial health of the club. We want to be around for a long time and choosing where and when to subsidize events takes careful thought. Of course, after reading the report, I will be available to any and all members with any questions.

Until next time, safe and happy motoring,

Sebastian



Editor's Letter

At the Hall of Fame dinner that Sebastian recently organized for Ron & Karen Roland, I had a chance to meet Ron and another of the early members and founders of our club, Fred Sheill.

Of course I know Vic and Barbara, Dave Peterson, Sebastian, Dick Beecher and many of the past Club leaders, but I must tell you that listening to the stories that evening from Ron and Fred offered, for me, another new slant on the origins of our club. And it was pretty cool to listen to their early car and club stories: the wheeling & dealing over acquisitions, repairs, parts, trades, the early newsletter and the famous membership index cards, etc. It was also interesting to hear some stories from the perspective of their lovely wives. It was a great evening, and once again I was clearly reminded how blessed those of us from the newer generations are to have these folks as our founding fathers.

If Ron and Vic and many others had never started the Club, or for that matter the Registry, where would we be now? Perish the thought, but I could be driving a British car right about now. Just kidding – there are some very nice British sports cars of course.

Another thought that I had that evening for us newer members is “just ask”. If you are not a mechanic of any means, or you want to acquire something, ask our fellow club members about it. Any one of these veterans is a tremendous source of information and has years of experience. Why go it alone, or start an investigation into something that is already known.

Just recently I have acquired several not very noteworthy 356 items. By just asking Dave Peterson, Sebastian, Ted and Neil, I knew exactly what to get, and how much to pay. I have been very happy with my purchases, and these guys took the stress out of the whole issue. Just ask!

During my time as Editor, I have tried to take advantage of my ability to reach so many members through my column, so that as often as possible I like to acknowledge the tremendous support that we all have from so many of the people in our club. I always feel that every time these guys step up to help, saying thanks just isn't enough. My column allows me a more public way of saying thanks. My real opinion is that without Ted, Neil, Vic, Chris Braden, Mike Gilson, Bill Demeter, and many others, a lot of us would be hard pressed to enjoy our cars the way we do today and 356s would be falling by the wayside more rapidly.

By now you've noticed that we have a color section in this Auspuff covering this year's absolutely wonderful picnic hosted by Mike and Maureen Heilmann. What a great event that they so graciously hosted. The Board thought that it would be nice to give the members a little treat and have four pages of this month's Auspuff Roar devoted to the picnic and published in color. We tried to take some good pictures of our friends and our cars for color posterity. I think it came out very nicely.

A special thanks goes to Sebastian regarding the color section. He organized the layout for me. I always say; whether it's rebuilding a 356 trans, or laying out the Auspuff, it's always helps to bring in a professional!

That's it for now — let's enjoy the rest of our driving season safely and with great fun.

Dave Preston

356 Motor Cities Gruppe

Board Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2009

By Dave Preston (filling in for Lanita)

Held on the upper deck at the Heilmanns' overlooking their magnificent estate

Attendance: Board Members, Ted Dunham, Sebastian Gaeta, Dave Preston, Barbara Skirmants & Dick Beecher. Also attending: Terry Hudson, Financial Officer and Tom Hudson, Webmeister

Call to order: by President, Sebastian Gaeta.

Financial: Terry Hudson presented her financial statement for review. While we still have plenty of money in the bank, we were reminded that we cannot touch the current CD until January 2010. Despite our healthy bank account balance, the Board agreed that we should be self-sustaining and not touch our reserves. In addition, we will publish a summarized Financial Statement in the October/November Auspuff Roar.

Membership: Barbara indicated that renewals have been on the increase. She also suggested that the most effective method to obtain membership renewals is to a direct mailing and she will do that later in the year.

2009 Fall Color Tour: Barbara reported that she is continuing to plan some details with regards to the Fall Color Tour. Most notably, participants must reserve their room by September 3rd to receive the discounted room rate that Barbara has negotiated. This will be noted on the flyer in the next Auspuff Roar.

2010 MCG 30th Anniversary Party: In 2010, the MCG will celebrate its 30th year in existence. Sebastian has offered to head up the planning with Barbara for the 30th Anniversary celebration party. Tentatively, the Board has decided that July might be a good time to hold the celebration and Sebastian will investigate the Heritage Auto Museum in Ypsilanti as a possible venue.

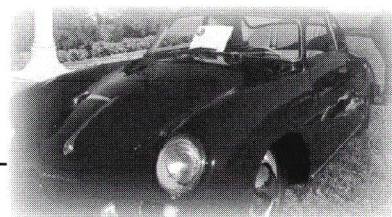
Auspuff Roar: as Editor, I reported that our last issue, the June/July issue was 16 pages and was back in line with typical issue costs. The new August/September issue will have a little surprise for the members that will only add about \$1.25 per issue – a one time surprise.

Hall of Fame Awards: the 2009 recipients received their awards in what was a wonderful inaugural ceremony. The 2010 Board will have to take up the process to determine possible recipients in 2010.

2010 Trustee Election & New Editor: For 2010, three board seats will be up for election. The nomination process for the 2010 election will be kicked off in late summer and the Board and members are asked to please seek out candidates.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:45AM

2009 Drive Your 356 Contest



Driver / Entrant	356 Vehicle	Vin Number	Net Miles driven through May 31st
Dave & Mary Preston	65 C Cab	161047	811
John & Carole McConnell	63 B Coupe	213045	998
Dick & Diane Beecher	64 C Coupe	129947	254
Dave & Diane Burton	61 Roadster	88969	223
Sebastian & Narmeen Gaeta	64 Cab	159286	355
Ted & Lanita Dunham	58 A Coupe	103607	0
Vic & Barbara Skirmants	65 C Coupe	222184	419
Richard King	65 C Cab	161636	0
Tom & Teri Hudson	63 B Coupe	124551	0
Dave & Barbara Peterson	59 Cab	151063	256
Harry & Mary Kurrie	64 SC Coupe	215745	224
Bill & Shirley Hallandal	61 Roadster	89428	430
Bill & Shirley Hallandal	61 Coupe	116432	1069
John & Carroll Thomson	61 B Coupe	200605	221
Doc & Freda Block	65 C Cab	161564	2068
Charlie & Joyce Brown III	64 C Coupe	218381	955
Dick & Shirley Gobba	58 A Coupe	105690	0

EC# Alternative

For those of you not going to the East Coast Holiday in Indiana – the Frankenmuth Auto Fest is that same weekend and is a nice option. Please see the flyer for details. Porsche is the featured marque! If there are enough interested parties, Sebastian will plan an informal caravan up there. Just let him know at: (734) 645-9381 or at: spg356@sbcglobal.net

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Car Show & Park Courtesy

- Please have stickers visible in your windshield on the driver side of your vehicle for easy entrance into the park.
- Wristbands must be worn on left arm.
- Tents are acceptable, however, they cannot be put up in places marked for cars- please look before you put up your tent.
- When registering, ask where to unload trailers and where to park them, this will help relieve congestion.
- Golf Carts: You must have a handicap sticker, \$25 registration fee and a drivers license to bring golf carts into the park. Handicap rules will be enforced.
- The purpose of the Autofest is to celebrate and enjoy these great rides. Leaving your chairs in place when you go out to cruise, eat, attend the "Big Block" party is great, but taking up spaces is not fair to your fellow car friends.
- The park is open on Friday for your enjoyment. Holding spaces for people who are arriving at night, or the next day is not fair to everyone- Please be considerate to each other.
- The only spot you can save is your own!

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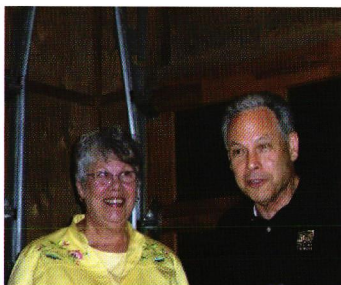
Motor Cities Gruppe Hall of Fame

In January of 2009 the Gruppe board of directors created the Motor Cities Gruppe Hall of Fame. We decided that since the club would be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2010, it was an appropriate thing to do, especially given the club's history and the many outstanding members we have had over the years.

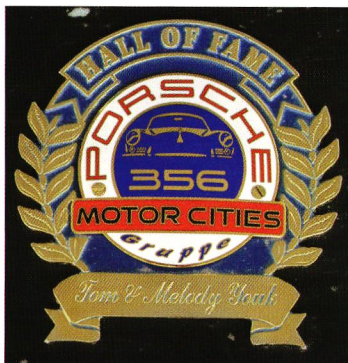
We are one of the oldest, if not *the* oldest, local 356 clubs in the world. The Gruppe was formed by Ron Roland in 1980 through the contacts he had made over the years with local 356 owners. The actual history can be read on our website, www.356mcg.com. In the early years, Tom and Melody Youk were also quite instrumental in the formation of the Gruppe, and in the mid-80's Fred Sheill took over as President and newsletter editor and kept things going quite nicely. In the late 90's Gottfried Hagh arrived with his contagious enthusiasm and donated much of his time to the club with his photography and articles in the *Auspuff Roar* and his creation of the Gruppe's website. We would not likely be around in the form we now know without the hard work and dedication of these five people, and they are our first inductees into the Gruppe Hall of Fame.

The actual awards, right, were designed and created by noted artist Jeff Gamble from Arizona. He used the Gruppe grill badge as the centerpiece and created a beautiful Hall of Fame insignia surrounding the badge.

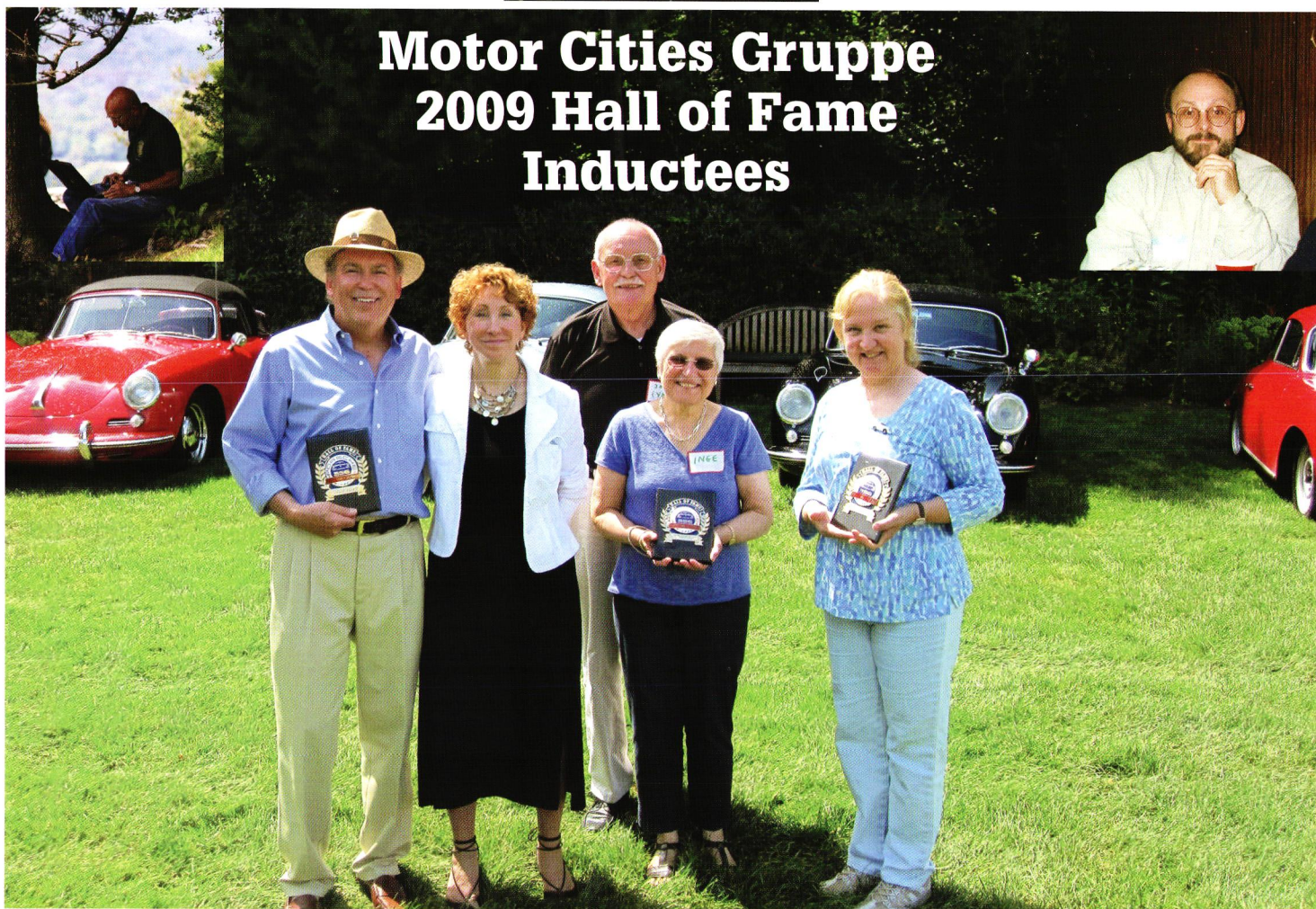
They are mounted on heavy black granite and feel quite substantial. Thanks Jeff, for all of your efforts.

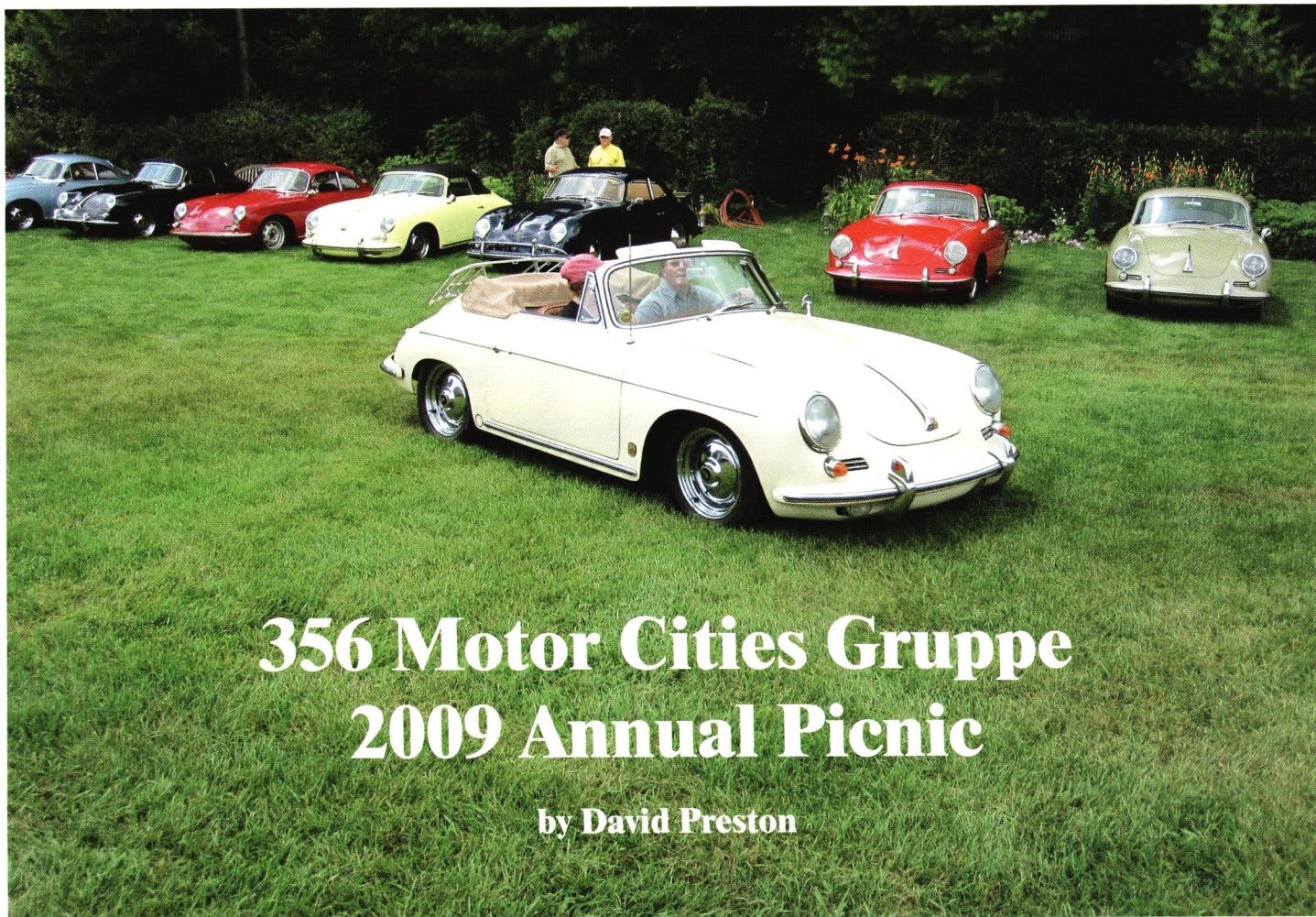


Ron and Karen Roland were not able to attend the official ceremony at the picnic, but were in Michigan in early July. The Board arranged a dinner for them where we made the presentation. Ron and Karen's photo, left, was taken at the dinner. Vic Skirmants introduced Ron at the ceremony and accepted the award on his behalf. David Peterson introduced Fred Sheill, who accepted his award with his wife Bonnie, and they are in the photo below on the left. Fred recounted the "good old days" of the club which brought back fond memories for many of us. Sebastian introduced Inge and Jörg Baumgartner, middle, who accepted for the late Gottfried Hagh, shown in the photo below, upper left. Gottfried's brother-in-law Jörg recounted his days on the Autobahn watching 356 Porsche's appearing as a dot in his VW Beetle's rearview mirror and then disappearing in front of him just as fast. Barbara Skirmants had the honor of introducing Melody Youk, in the photo below on the right, and her late husband Tom, in the photo below upper right. It was great to see Melody who was obviously touched by the ceremony. Thank you to all who were involved for making this a special event.



Motor Cities Gruppe 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees





356 Motor Cities Gruppe 2009 Annual Picnic

by David Preston

For 2009, the Motor Cities Gruppe annual picnic was hosted by Mike & Maureen Heilmann on July 26th at their beautiful home in Milford. What a setting and what a turnout! Maureen's beautiful flower gardens created the drop back to a wonderful setting for our 356s.

Once again, the host and hostess rolled out the welcome mat in big way. The Heilmann's home is gorgeous and their grounds were absolutely immaculate. You could see all of the work that they did to prepare for the picnic. We are all very grateful!

Of course, it was wonderful to see all of our friends and ogle at the cars. Part of the excitement of the day was also the presentation of the first ever MCG Hall of Fame awards. Sebastian, who conceived the idea of a MCG Hall of Fame, was the host for the presentations, and he asked some of our members to make the actual presentations to the honorees. Vic Skirmants presented Ron Roland's award, Barbara Skirmants presented Tom & Melody Youk's award, Dave Peterson presented Fred Sheill's award and Sebastian presented

Gottfried Hough's award to Gottfried's sister Inge and her husband Jörg Baumgartner. These presenters did a great job and were correctly selected for their friendship and knowledge of this years inductees. It was a very touching event.

We've listed all of the attendees at the picnic – we hope that we spelled your names correctly and if we left anyone off of the list, we apologize, it was not intentional. Of course, the cars – there were about 25 gorgeous 356s that showed off their stuff for all of us.

Thanks again to Mike & Maureen for such a wonderful day.

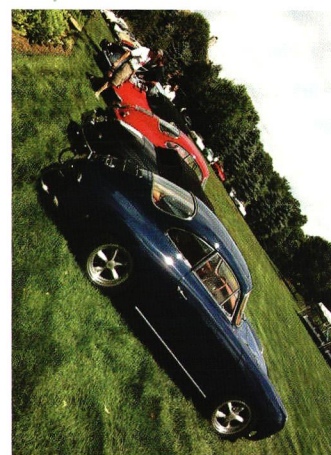
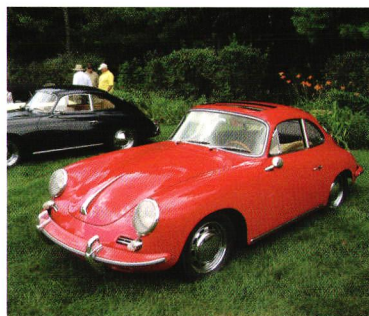
ABOVE: Bill and Sher Toburen arrive in style to the picnic.

On the Right: Various scenes from the day including the cozy tent that worked hard all day protecting us from sun, rain, wind and anything else that mother nature could send our way. The sight of the cars was terrific, especially Alex Pollack's Carrera GTS, aka Type 904. This car sports a 6 cylinder 906 engine that Alex loves to drive on Gruppe tours.



Photos by:
Dan Mazur
Charlie Brown
Sebastian Gaeta

Attendees: Sandy Banush, Randy and Julie Beck, Dick Beecher, Keith and Jean Blake, Bill and Freda Block, Charlie and Joyce Brown, John Chatley, Bill Demeter, Dennis and Sue Denyer, Ted and Lanita Dunham, Dan Ferlan, Jorg & Inge Baumgartner, Sebastian Gaeta, Tom and Bettina Gleixner, Dick and Shirley Gobba, Neil Goldberg, Hosts Michael and Maureen Heilmann, Fred & Bonnie Sheill, Tom and Teri Hudson, Heath and Kathy Hurlbert, Melody Youk, Richard King, Dave Preston, Harry and Mary Kurrie, Dan Mazur, Dick and Barb McLaughlin, Roger Meiners, Don and Helen Munoz, Dave and Barbara Peterson, Todd Torgesen, Alex Pollock, Dave Preston, Matt Reed, Vic and Barbara Skirmants, John and Carroll Thomson, Bill and Sher Touben, Jeff and Mary Topf, Bob Zinke & friend Traci.





ABOVE: Richard King stands next to his new C cab for the first time!

ABOVE RIGHT: A row of C's.

RIGHT: A beautiful European T-5 Cabriolet. Yes, I see the twin grills too, but it IS a T-5!



Below:

A wee bit 'o rain didn't dampen our spirits. In fact, it created quite a bit of excitement at times, right Mike?



2009 - 356 Motor Cities Gruppe



Fall Color Tour

Hosted by Barbara Skirmants

October 3rd — 4th, 2009

The tour will start from the Beechers home in Davison on Saturday morning departing at 9:30 am. Please plan to arrive by 9:00am - They will have breakfast goodies ready for your morning hunger pains.



We will drive north using all County and State highways, NO Interstate routes, through downtown Bay City. Check out the older lumber baron homes on Route 25, then north on M-13. We will stop for lunch around 12:30 pm north of Linwood. Then we'll continue north on M-65 through Hale, MI on our way to the Au

Sable River Road. We will be stopping along the route to stretch our legs including a walk down the steps to largo Springs. We will also stop at all of the overlooks and The Lumberman's Monument, where they have flush potties.

I have reserved ten no smoking/king or two double beds at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort (www.tawasbaybeachresort.com) at a rate of \$ 99.95 + taxes. This is a full service resort hotel on Tawas Bay with a nice dining room overlooking the water. We will order off the menu both dinner and breakfast on site. The hotel offers discount coupons for meals and beverages. Please call (800) 336-8601 or (989) 362-8601 to reserve your room. Identify yourself as part of our group reservation.

This is also the dates for the October fest in Tawas, so expect some German beer tent time and other festivities. Downtown Tawas has nice shops and there are many antique shops in the area. I hope to make arrangements for us to visit

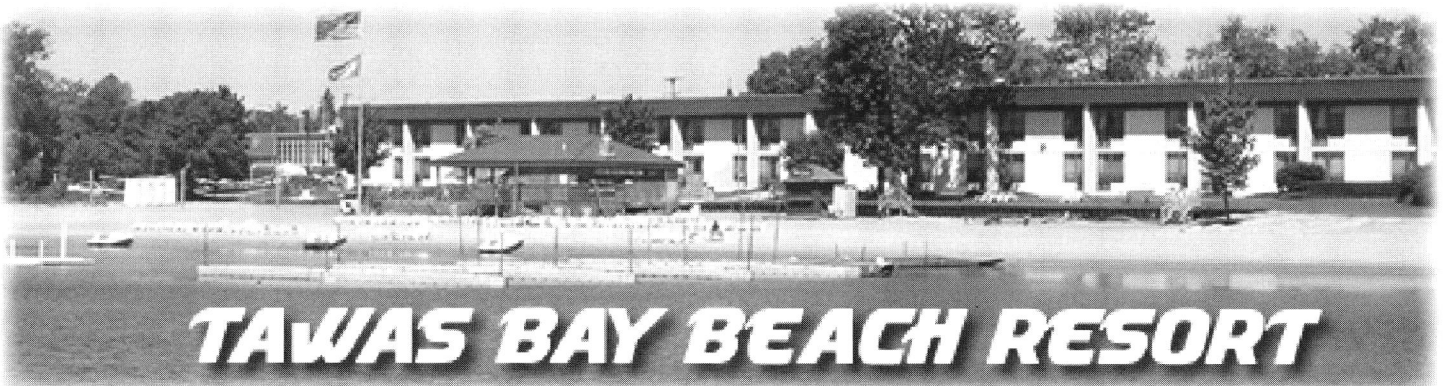
the Wurtsmigh Air Museum, and the historical Museum in Oscoda on Sunday morning. There are also several antique shops that the Chamber of Commerce will help coordinate to open on Sunday morning.

Lunch on Sunday is not organized as of yet, but I will look for a good place to have Walleye and Perch.

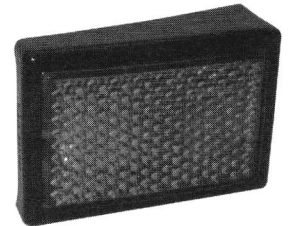
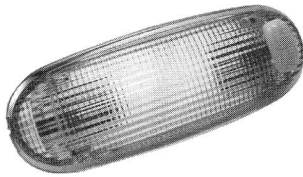
Please let me know if you can make the trip with us. Thank you.

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Motor Cities Gruppe Calendar 2009

SEPTEMBER

5th – MCG Board Meeting -
10:00AM at Neils
Establish ballot for all 2009 candidates
9-11th – Watkins Glen SVRA
Vintage Races
10-13th – East Coast Holiday - West
Baden, Indiana
20th – Drive your Porsche Day 2009
Form a group and drive your 356!

OCTOBER

3rd-4th – Fall Color Tour in Tawas, MI
Host: Barbara Skirmants
14-18th – West Coast Holiday in
Sedona, Arizona

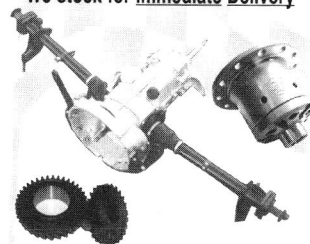
NOVEMBER

7th – MCG Board Meeting -
10:00AM at Neils
Initiate 2009 Election

DECEMBER

6th – Christmas Party - Canterbury
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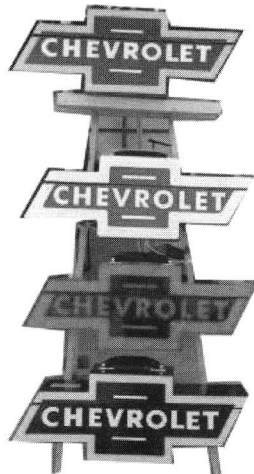
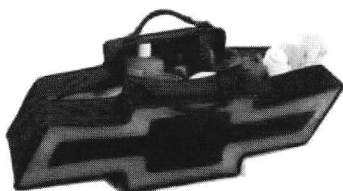
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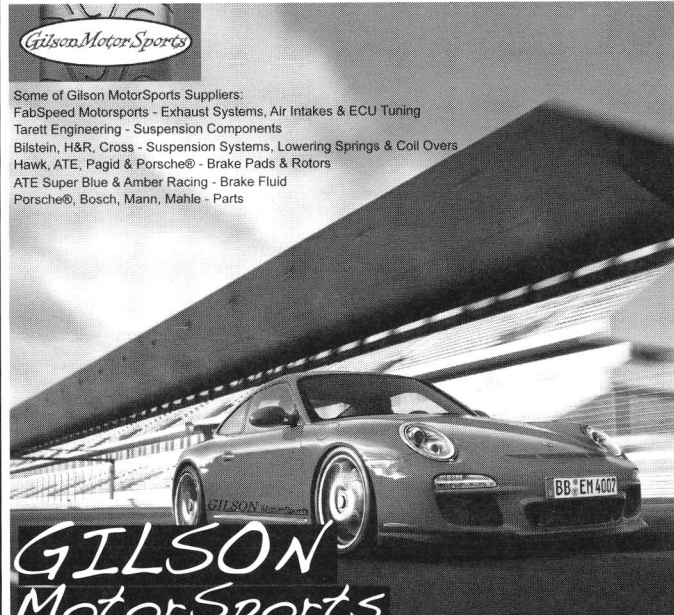
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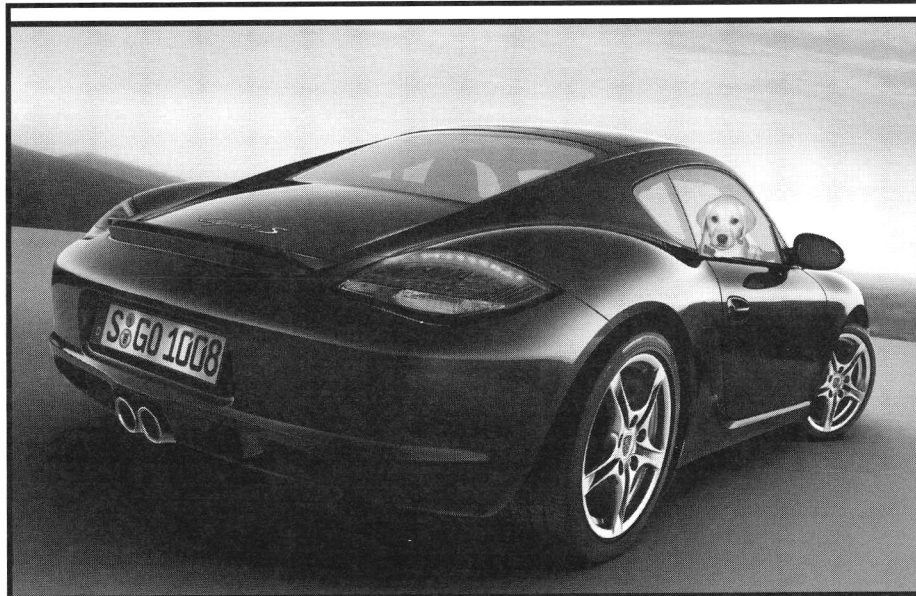
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