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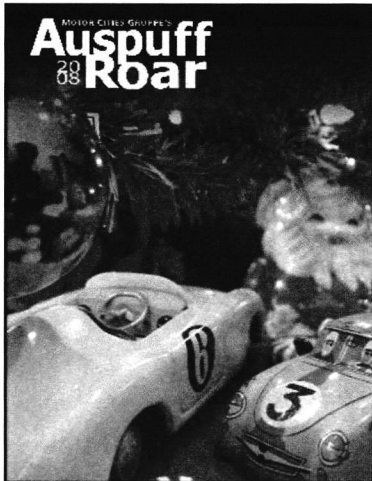


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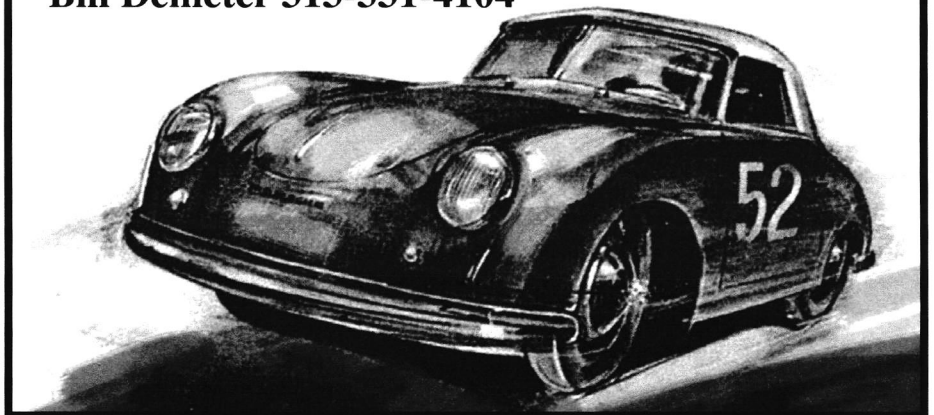
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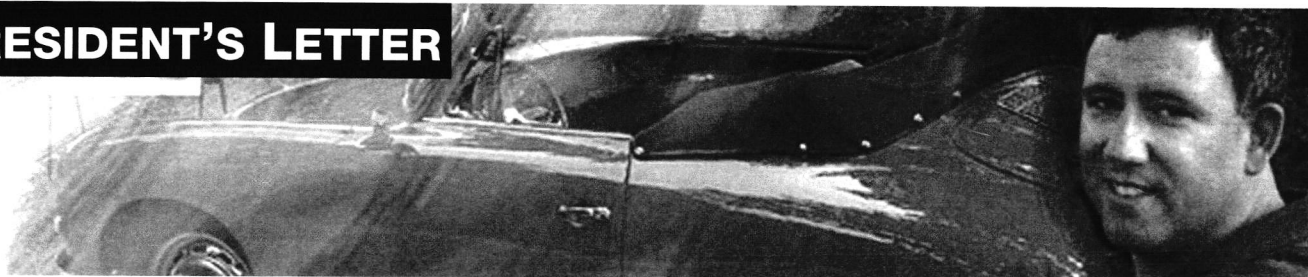
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



What a great year 2008 was for the Gruppe. While Michigan's economy struggled (and continues to do so), I like to think that we (the Gruppe) have been a nice diversion for some of our members. The genuine feeling of friendship among our members is a sight to behold. Our Gruppe consists of doctors, pipe fitters, car salesman, engineers, and business owners, all gathering together and melding in perfectly. No one is out to impress anyone, save for showing off their freshly painted car or razzing someone about beating them at the last race. This, my friends, is how it should be.

Our Spring Tour to Grand Rapids, Ohio was well attended and it was nice to cruise on some new roads for a change. The town of Grand Rapids is quaint and many of us stumbled upon a local car show and decided to crash it. The owners of the American Iron welcomed us, although not quite knowing what to think of

our little German tubs.

The Picnic at the Dunham's was just magnificent. I had visited Ted a few times before the event, and every time I was there, Lanita was busy cleaning, rearranging or painting something. Her efforts paid off, as the setting was perfect for our event.

The Fall Tour hosted by Tom and Teri Hudson was a great end to the driving season, and the one-day format was a good way to boost attendance, as some of our members are not always able to attend an overnight event. The Hudsons pulled it off in grand fashion with great hospitality in their country home before the tour, nice roads to drive on and a terrific restaurant for lunch.

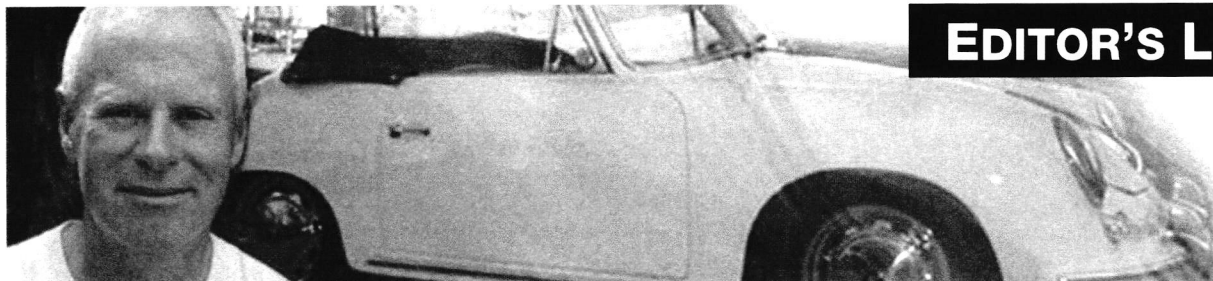
The Holiday Party was a huge success. Attendance was down just a bit, but we had more people attend than I would have guessed. The auction raised over \$1500 for the Gruppe, which will allow us both give back to our members and donate to a charity. The Board will choose

which charity to donate to from a list of suggestions from our membership. Look for the results in the February/March AR.

I look forward to this New Year, as it should be as good as or even better than last. The Chili Cook-off is slated for February 14th at Leon and Lulu, in Clawson and will be a terrific mid-winter diversion. Look for information elsewhere in this issue. Word has it that the Heilmann's have volunteered to host the summer picnic at their lovely home in Milford. This will be a wonderful event as Michael and Maureen are great hosts and put on a great party. Barb Skirmants has already started planning the Fall Color Tour up north, on the east side of the state. Look for more info in a later issue of AR.

I look forward to seeing all of you at an event in 2009!

Sebastian Gaeta



EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello everyone. Wasn't that another great Holiday Party that we just had? Many thanks to Dennis and Sue Denyer, Dick and Barbara McLaughlin, and Vic and Barbara Skirmants for making such great arrangements so that all of us could have such a nice afternoon. Many thanks to the generous contributors of the auction items.

I'm going to keep this column short this month, since we're all scrambling around to get ourselves ready for the holidays and we want to get this issue out for the year end. It's hard to imagine a busier time of the year.

Of course, it's the time of the year to look back and be thankful for our blessings this past year, and a time to look forward to the New Year.

From a MCG Club standpoint, I think we had a great year. Great events that were well attended and well planned. From my perspective, I am very grateful for all the help that I get from so many of you as contributors to this publication. There are too many of you to list – but I really appreciate everything

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that you do to make this such a fun publication for me to put together, and I hope for each of you enjoy. I do have to give large credit to my sidekicks, Peter Stuyck, who professionally edits everything that we throw at him, to Dan Christie, for his fabulous creativity in the actual publication of the Auspuff, and to Ted and Lanita, for taking on all of the work of actually getting the Auspuff Roar mailed out to us. As I've often said, for all of the effort that we put into it, I just wish it could be in color!

As we look forward to another New Year, we already have some events for which people have stepped up and want to organize them! Barbara Skirmants is organizing our first ever Chili Cook-Off Party on February 14, 2009 – see the flyer in this issue for details. Our past President, Mike Heilmann his wife Maureen have asked to host the 2009 Summer Picnic at their lovely home. Barbara Skirmants has asked to host

the Fall Color Tour, which will be an October weekend trip up to the Tawas area. Dates and details will follow, but the enthusiasm and volunteerism is tremendous. I understand that the 2009 ECH will be near French Lick, Indiana, which is really in our backyard, so that event may be an opportunity for many of us to take a trip together. Much to do in 2009!

Our new 2009 Board (which may look a lot like the 2008 year Board!) will be meeting in early January to get the 2009 calendar organized, and get the New Year kicked off.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, Sebastian, or any of the Board Members, if you have suggestions, criticism, or questions regarding anything – we are here to serve the club, so don't be bashful!

Happy New Year!

Dave Preston

Save the Date

Mid Winter Chili Cook-Off Party Saturday February 14, 2009

Location:

Leon & Lulu

96 W. 14 Mile Road

Clawson, Michigan

(248) 288-3600 www.leonandlulu.com

Time: 5:00PM sharp, please, to 7:30PM

Let's get together, have some chili, see our friends and break up this gray and dreadful winter a bit!

Leon & Lulu is a destination life style store with furniture, gifts and accessories. The store is owned by our friends and 356 MCG members, Stephen and Mary Liz Scannell. It is located in the historic Ambassador Roller Rink – it's a great setting for this type of party. No skating – but great browsing in their shops, seeing your 356 friends and eating chili.

This is a contest as well as a get-together. You can bring your own super-secret, super-good chili and we'll all sample it!

Anyone wishing to enter their own chili should RSVP as a contestant. Anyone not entering as a contestant is asked to bring a dessert or side dish, just like we do at the Summer Picnic.

The Basics

There is no charge for current members.

Please contact Barbara Skirmants and tell her if you're entering as a contestant or just attending and eating! If you're not a member of our 356 Motor Cities Gruppe and want to join in on the fun, please come and we'll sign you up!

If you intend to enter your chili, please bring a hot plate or crock pot, and have your Chili cooked and ready to just be heated and served. Silverware, plates etc, as well as soda pop will be provided. We'll all vote on the Top Two Chilis and those cooks will be awarded nice prizes!

Please note:

Leon & Lulu will donate 10% of all sales during our event to Gilda's Club who works with hundreds of people who have cancer, as well as their family members.

RSVP:

Please remember to save this date and RSVP to Barbara Skirmants at (810) 688-9090 or (810) 688-2059 or at skirmants@hughes.net.

See you there!

2008 Fall Color Tour

by Dave Preston



It seems like just yesterday that Tom & Teri Hudson hosted the 2008 Fall Color Tour at the sprawling Hudson Estate out in Corunna on Saturday, October 4th.

It was an unusually cold morning, but warmed up pretty decently, so much so that some of the Cabs were able to put their tops down.

The day started out with everyone rendezvousing at the Hudsons house and as we arrived Duke and Tux greeted us all with tails wagging in full gear. Teri prepared a wonderful morning smorgasbord of Danish, bagels, and plenty of Hudson coffee. Diane Beecher brought a wonderful cheesecake coffee cake with a strawberry Romanoff dip. That's a mouthful to describe and it was a sinfully delicious mouthful to eat!

What a lovely setting for our meeting point. Not far from the back of Tom & Teri's house, just off their deck, is a beautiful lake and the setting makes you feel like you're on Silver Lake in the UP!

As always, it was great to see so many friends and ogle over the

cars. Driving the cars is of course great fun, but being able to see our friends and talk with them is hard to beat. After about an hour or so, we all headed out for our drive to Owosso.

Tom & Teri picked perfect roads, and we had a really nice caravan that rolled through the farmlands and small towns of the area. No fear of getting lost, or left behind, since you could hear Alex Pollock's 904, throughout the trip! I know this because I was at the end of the caravan and I could hear the 904 quite clearly.

We arrived about 90 minutes later in Owosso and all had a wonderful lunch at the Wrought Iron Grille.



Afterwards, everyone was off to see the many sites and activities in Owosso.

It was a great day and we thank Tom & Teri very much for inviting us into their lovely home and for making the arrangements for such a nice adventure.

Attendees:

Tom & Linda Walton

Sally & Stewart Free

Dick & Diane Beecher

Sebastian Gaeta

Doc Block & Freda

Dave Preston

Tom & Teri Hudson

Harry & Mary Kurrie

Fred & Carol Uhlman (Dayton Ohio)

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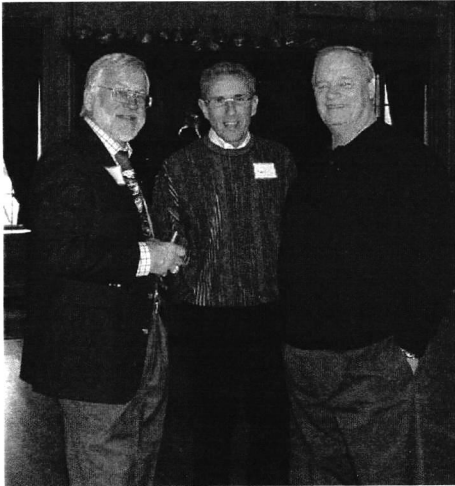
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Motor Cities Gruppe Holiday Party

by Dave Preston

The 2008 356 MCG Holiday Party was our last event of 2008 and it capped off another great year for our Club and its members.

Dennis and Sue Denyer, Dick and Barb McLaughlin and Barbara Skirmants worked hard again this year to make the evening's event memorable for all. The

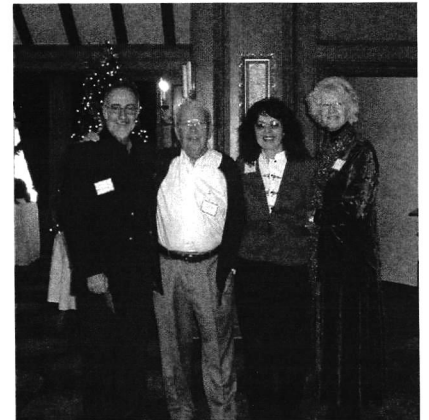


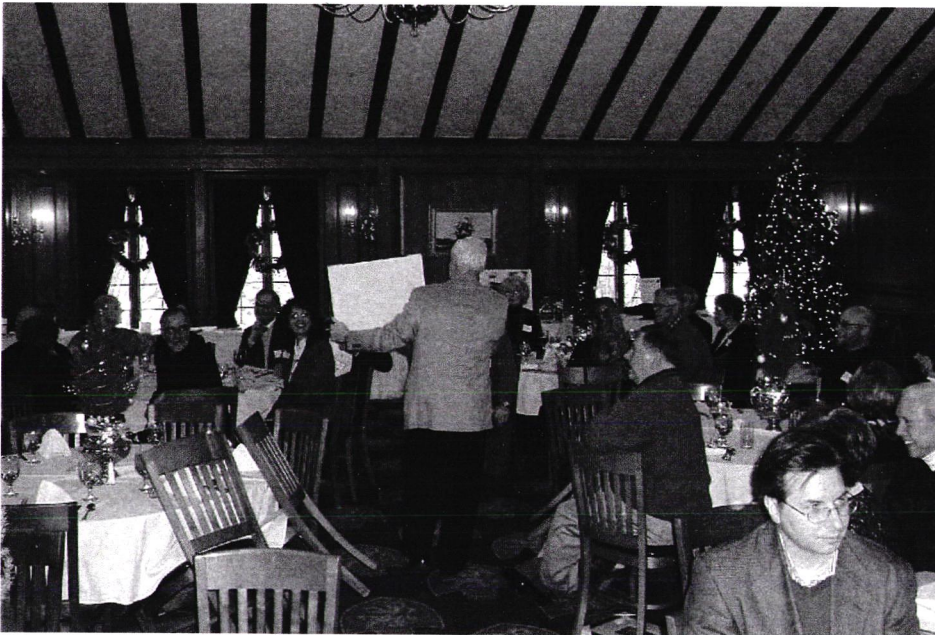
location, room set-up, table decorations, menu, and tasty desserts were all festive. We thank them for an outstanding job. The center pieces were not only beautiful, but for those that bid on them, they were gifts that will last forever because those beautiful little Alberta Spruce pine trees can be planted in our yards! Great idea Barb McLaughlin.

The staff and chef at the Castle Grille Restaurant in Canterbury Village, Lake Orion prepared a wonderful buffet for everyone, and the timeliness and quality of the food was really top notch – Concours quality, I'd say.

We were fortunate enough to have another party where so many people were so generous with their auction donations. Once again, Dan Christie donated some lovely photographic artwork, as he always does each year. And Tom & Teri Hudson seem to always donate an exciting custom made piece of electronic gear which gets the excitement up and the bidding flying. Sebastian, our President and Master of Ceremonies was on top of his game and kept the party moving and on schedule.

We enjoyed seeing everyone that attended and missed everyone that could not be there and now it's onto 2009.





Christmas Visit

by Porsche Man

'Twas several nights before Christmas, and I thought I'd change my oil.

So I invited my buddy "Speedster," our ever-present rescue dog (name changed to protect the innocent), into the garage and jacked up my 356, took off the wheel and put a jack stand underneath. Actually I was sort of tired from a long day filled with projects, but I still had time to get this done.

I put down one of my old carpet pads for Speedster and I to lie on while I began to loosen the drain plug and the 10 sump nuts. I've done this job so many times that I usually tend to think of other things, and since I hadn't done my Christmas shopping yet, my mind wandered to what neat gifts I had seen in the stores.

Sometime during the job, I heard a knock at my door, so I got out from underneath the car and opened it up with the snow blowing in. I couldn't believe my eyes! There stood this old guy in a dirty old red outfit and he looked like a cross between St. Nicholas and the modern day Santa Claus. I hastened to move him out of the snow and into the warmer garage.

Well, I was stunned and I started to ask a lot of

questions, but he interrupted me and got straight to the point. "I need some help, something's wrong with my sleigh's engine!"

"What engine?!!," I said.

As it turns out, he said that his eight tiny reindeer weren't "dashing away" as best they could lately and, "Besides, you don't think that I can get around the globe on just reindeer-power alone, do you? What engine do you think I'd have, some water-cooled modern one that would freeze up when I hit Upper Canada

or Siberia? No way; I'm eastern European, and for my money, that air-cooled four-cam Carrera German one keeps us moving just fine."

At this point, my jaw was wide open to my chest and I couldn't say much. I sorta grunted and sputtered. We opened my main garage door and there sat his sleigh with the reindeer, 2 elves, Christmas Carole and some sort of helicopter or Gyrodyne set-up and a Type 587/1 Carrera engine.

St. Nick started it up and said, "Hear that noise?" We were taking

the rig out for a warm-up spin before the big night, and it's a good thing too, 'cause we've got an exhaust leak or something. I fiddled with it and that's why I'm so dirty, so I just figured I'd drop in to see Porsche Man while

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we're in the neighborhood."

It sounded like he had blown the exhaust gasket at cylinder #3 and one of the nuts securing it was missing. So we found a gasket from my supply and a correct 12mm across-the-flats nut and before you could recite the "Christmas Poem" we had it tightened up and ready to go. This baby really purred, but the wind from the heli-blade kicked up a lot of snow, and before I could ask any questions, he told everyone to jump in to head back to the North Pole. With the snow swirling around, Christmas Carole jumped out of the sleigh and gave me a big kiss for helping them, jumped back in, and off they went.

Gosh, I still felt like she was kissing me and, as I woke up under the car, Speedster was licking my face. "Aww, Speedster, did I fall asleep again under here? This couldn't have been a dream."

*And as my head cleared,
I swear I could hear in
the distance,
"Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a good night."*

2009 Drive Your 356 Contest



For 2009, let's create some new fun and begin a contest to see who, in our Club, drives their 356(s) the most miles in a year. What we will do is keep track of the mileage driven for anyone entered and, at the end of the year, the Top Ten total mileage drivers of our 356 Porsches will win nice prizes. It'll be simple to administer, fun for everyone who wants to participate and easy for those who enter.

As the Editor, it seems easiest for me to manage the contest and we will publish the standings in each edition of the Auspuff Roar. All you'll have to do is report to me your net mileage driven since the last time you reported.

Here are some basic rules and guidelines:

ENTRY

It's simple! As soon as possible in January 2009, please fax or E-Mail me your entry:

- Your name
- Your model & year
- Your cars(s) VIN(s)
- Your beginning odometer reading(s)

ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTEST:

- I will send out an email to those entered, before each issue of the Auspuff Roar and ask for "miles driven to date".
- You can give me net miles driven or give me your odometer reading and I'll do the math.
- I'll publish the standings in each issue of the Auspuff Roar.
- I'll list the mileage of everyone who's entered.
- You will see the standings in each Auspuff Roar, but the final standings for the Top Ten will be announced at the 2009 Holiday Party.

RULES:

- The contest begins on January 1st, 2009.
- It ends on November 30th, 2009.
- This contest is for 356s only, please.

- Winners will be announced at the 2009 Holiday Party.
- You must be a current, registered member of the 356 MCG.
- This contest is based entirely on the honor system.
- For those of you lucky enough to have multiple 356s or multiple drivers read on please:
 - o If you have multiple 356s, we will combine the miles driven on the multiple cars.
 - o In that case, we are really having you report how many cumulative miles you drove a 356. You can only be driving one 356 at a time so we won't penalize you for having a choice of 356s (you lucky dog)!
 - o If multiple drivers were in a 356 for a long trip like to a Holiday, then claim the miles you drive.
 - o As an example, we would not count a spouse also separately driving- so in essence you cannot report "double driving". In that case, you would need to keep track of how many miles each person drives and both spouses should enter the contest.
 - o Where there is one car and the spouse or other family members drive occasionally, we

allow miles driven by FAMILY members to count for the entrant.

- We will not count any miles if the owner lent his car to someone for a major trip.
- Any disputes (and I sure hope there aren't any) will be ruled on by the Board.
- Prizes for the Top Ten will be decided upon by the Board.

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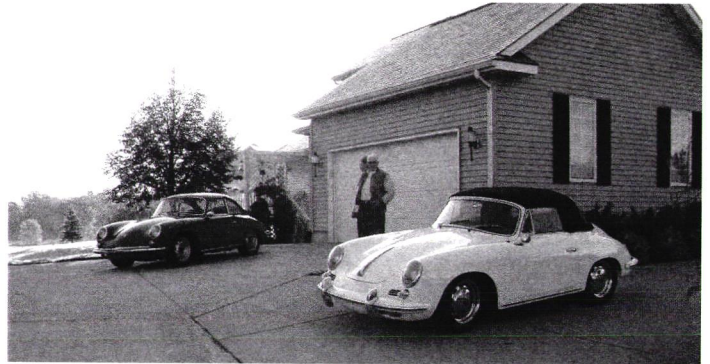
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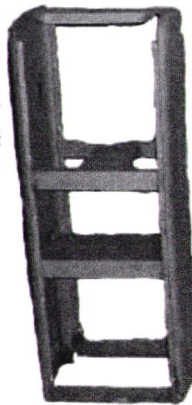
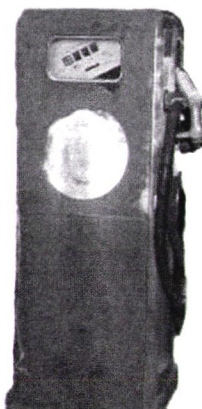
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As our advertisers, we want to serve your needs as well. We want to start out 2009 with a reminder of our guidelines for your advertisements.

Please send all advertisements to me electronically – my E-Mail address is below. I organize all of the content for the newsletter and then I send everything onto Peter Stuyck and Dan Christie for publication. They do the real work!

Nothing else has changed –

- 1) The rates are the same.
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- 3) Unless you tell us differently, we will routinely run your ad in each publication, as space permits.
- 4) If you have a specific need to run your ad in specific publication, then we will definitely run it.

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- January 30th for February/March 2009 issue
- March 11th for April/May 2009 issue
- May 12th for June/July 2009 issue
- July 14th for August/September 2009 issue
- September 13th for October/November 2009 issue
- December 1st for the 2009 Year End issue

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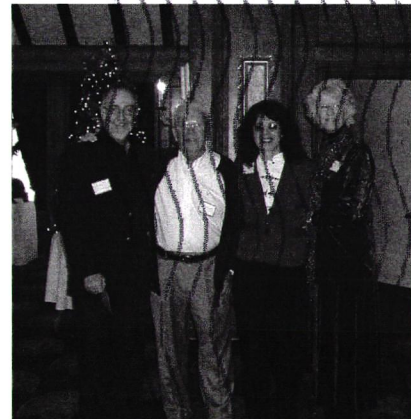


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