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By now you've probably noticed that our newsletter now has a name "**Auspuff Roar**". The term "Auspuff Rohr" literally means "Exhaust Pipe". We changed the spelling of Rohr to Roar, which gives us that play on words thing that was so desperately missing. Thanks, Vic Skirmants, for the suggestion.

You will also notice the proliferation of advertisers in this issue. Please support them every chance you get. Their advertising Dollars will allow us to put out a Quality Publication: We hope to make this the best Local Newsletter in the country. I personally have used each advertisers services. they are all excellent in what they do. the last few months we have poured over many Automobile Club Newsletters. A common thread has been a blatant plea for Participation in club material contributions to the newsletter. Anyone who has attended a 356 M.C.G. Event in the last year will agree that we have an active group, Let's keep it up!

I will not however, Beg for material here in the newsletter. Instead, I will Beg for it by Phone, Fax, etc.. Many of you have already received calls from me requesting material, items for the Classified and so on. I will continue to do so, so get your key-boards ready.

Until next issue or when you get the call, "keep your tail behind you". Sabastian Gaeta

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EXHAUST PUFFS FROM MS PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! To all our 356 Motor Cities Gruppe friends.

THANK YOU : Tim & Diana Walls for their contributions as past President, and editors of our Newsletter. We all appreciate your hard work very much, and look forward to enjoying your company at our events.

The Officers for 1996: President - Barbara Skirmants
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I hope you didn't miss our 1995 Christmas Party, hosted at Vic & Lucy Rivera's condo. We had over 60 folks attend, and the auction generated a whopping \$963.00 toward our treasury. Thank you everyone, especially Vic & Lucy we feel very fortunate to have you both active in our club.

I also want to acknowledge the following members who donated their \$40.00 checks from The Registry for participating in the Mid-Ohio tour last June back to the MC Gruppe:

Vic Rivera	Don Munoz
Bill Hallendahl	Dave Peterson
Don Marrah	Frank Malik
Neal Nagelspach, from Lima, OH	

Don Marrah didn't feel that \$40.00 was enough so he sent another check for \$140.00, what a guy! We are overwhelmed, **THANK YOU ALL.**

Events for 1996 are shapping up rapidly, a few dates that you need to write into your date books are as follows:

GOURMET Potluck dinner, Friday, February 23, 1996 7 pm, Trellis Cafe, just W off 23 at Plymouth Rd and Greene, in Ann Arbor. The Cafe / Tea Room is owned by our good friends and members; John & Carroll Thomson. Carroll's Corner, a coffee, tea, spices and small kitchen items, is located adjcent to the Cafe. We will have the entire store and Cafe to ourselves, hope to see you there. Look for information in this newsletter.

Ski Round Top Porsche Swap-meet, April 20. Vic Rivera and I reserved a block of 12 rooms at a new Motel 6, quoted at \$31.00 + tax, one exit N of the swap meet exit. If you want one of these rooms please call me ASAP! 6 of these rooms are already taken. Rooms are sold out within 80 miles for almost a year in advance of this event. This is an 8 hour drive, but spring time in PA is gorgeous, you will see spring flowers and dogwood trees blooming all the way along the freeway. Harrisburg is close to Lancaster, Hershey, and Gettysburg; just in case you want to bring Mom along. The swap meet is Saturday only.

I would like to welcome our new friends from PCA to our GRUPPE, we put the emphasis on having a good time together, at a reasonable cost. If you are new, we welcome you to our events; hosting an event is the best way to make new friends in a very short time. We are in need of a site for our summer picnic, and our 96 Christmas party. Our Gruppe has outgrown most of our homes, I hope to locate a hall for our 96 Christmas party, a location where we can still bring our own booze, and food. Say a K of C hall or something of that type. If you know of such a location, please give me or Diana a call with the information. My other dream is to find a location for our summer picnic that has a swimming pool. Does anyone have a home with pool and parking for 50 little Porsches?

If you have not paid dues yet for 1996, please fill out the coupon and send me a check. We want to keep you on the mailing list, but without your contribution that is not possible for very long. Hope to see you all at our first Gourmet Pot luck.

Barbara

356 REGISTRY HOLIDAY

This annual 356 Porsche event was held at Dublin, Ohio, September 1-3, the 20 th since the Registry was founded by Jerry Keyser, in Ohio. By the time Jerry ran an ad in *Road & Track Magazine*, Vic Skirmants was already developing a list of 356 owners. With Vic's list the 356 Registry was started. In 1975, the 1st Holiday was held in Rockford, Illinois with 21 registrants. Now the Registry has over 5000 Members worldwide.

The 20th Holiday had over 130 registrants with the hosts of the very first event, Bob & Ginny Gummow in attendance. Other attendees were from Germany, Austria, Norway, Australia, and a couple who had driven the longest distance from Florida, as well as many of the other 50 states, including 35 members of the MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE (driving --14-356's, 4-911's, And 1-VW).

The Peoples Choice Concours had an added group, a fully judged concours, and we "lowers" (not Yuppers) did very well. In the judged class, Neil Goldberg took a 1st Place as well as a 1st in Peoples Choice. Bill Toburen and Ted Dunham each took 2nd Places in their groups in Peoples choice. The "Fun Rally " was won by Phil & Nancy Planck with exact mileage (no errors can

be made to do this !). A large number of door prizes were awarded and again, a GRUPPE member aced this too!. Vic Rivera won the Grand Prize, a beautiful (expensive) watch donated by the 356 Registry. Congratulations to all!.

The host region was Ohio Valley and they did a wonderful job of arranging the Hotel accommodations, a great speaker (from Gmund, Austria who was a personal friend of the Porsche family), hospitality, goodie store, driving event, swap meet, tech session run by Vic Skirmants & Ron Roland of the MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE. We thank the Ohio Valley Club for all all their hard work, it did not go un-noticed or un-appreciated.

It was such a fun week-end, with the Holiday site not too far away, it was a relaxing cross country drive down and back. Such a thrill to see so many beautiful 356 Porsche' s lined in the sun for a panoramic photo session. We enjoyed every minute of the Holiday with our Porsche friends, and traveling with them. IT 's such fun to drive thru small towns in a group and see all the heads turn.

Lanita Dunham



FEBRUARY DINNER EVENT

TRELLIS CAFE & TEA ROOM GOURMET POT LUCK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1996 7 pm

3574 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 313/ 663-9141

Cost \$10.00 ea = Tenderloin entree and set up.

Bring = WINE, or favorite beverage, and your favorite gourmet dish to pass. Appetizers, salad, potatoe, vegetable, or dessert. Stop at your deli, or bring a homemade item, whatever you have time for.

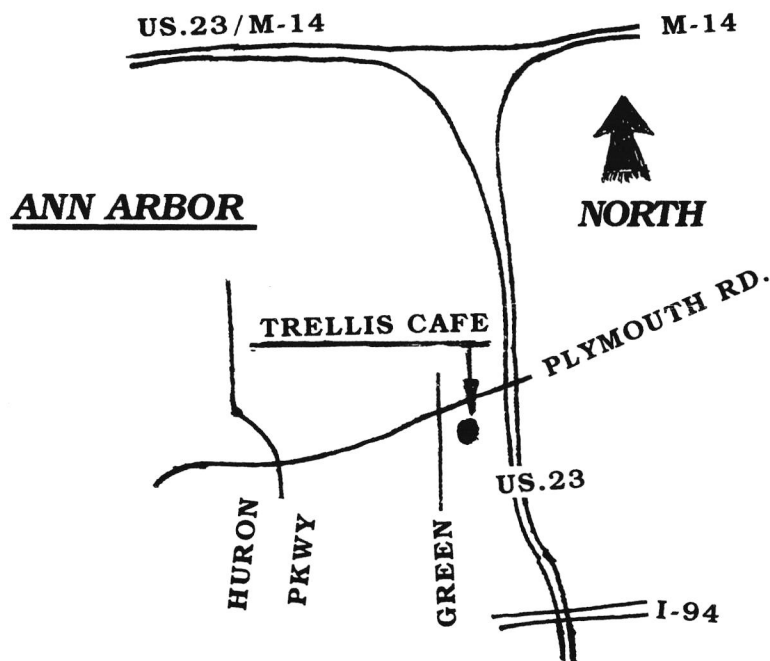
The Trellis Cafe and Tea Room with Carroll's Corner adjacent, is located just off US23, West onto Plymouth Rd, turn Left into shopping center, behind Holiday Inn at the intersection of Plymouth and Greene Rd. MC Gruppe will have the entire Cafe and store all to ourselves. Eat, drink, socialize, and browse, all in one spot which is delightfully decorated in English Garden motif.

Reservations are required:

Barbara Skirmants

call me by Thursday, Feb 15. 10pm

810/ 558-3692 or fax 810-558-3616



IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

ANNUAL DUES \$ 10.00 per YEAR (January 1st to December 31st)

The **356 Motor Cities Gruppe** is a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of the
PORSCHE 356 (1948 - 1965) Automobile.

Instructions:

1. Fill in form on reverse side
2. Enclose \$ 10.00 check or money order u.s. funds payable to **356 Motor Cities Grupp**
3. **Mail to:** Barbara Skirmants, 27244 Ryan Rd., Warren, Mi. 48092

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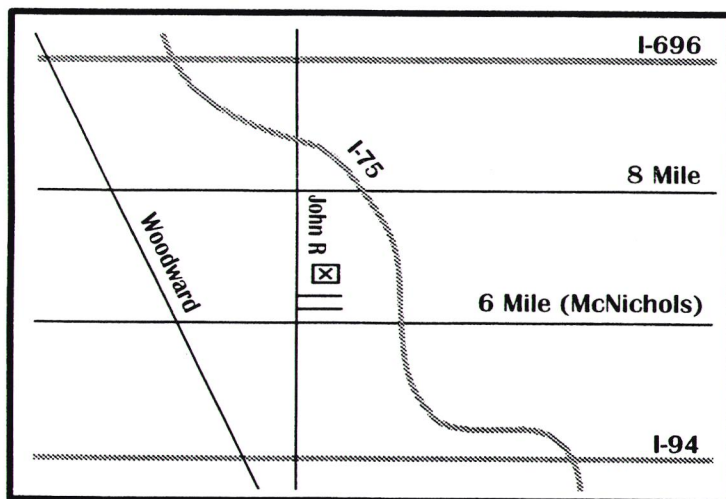


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Dues for the current year are due now

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Address _____

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356 (s) currently owned: (Ownership of a Porsche 356 is not required for membership).

Year _____ Model _____ Serial No. _____

Please make your check or money order payable to:

356 MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE

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356 CALENDAR of EVENTS 1996

FEBRUARY

23rd

GOURMET POTLUCK DINNER @ TRELLIS CAFE, ANN ARBOR
SEE EVENT PAGE

MARCH

19 th

GRUPPE BOARD MEETING @ BRASS POINTE RESTAURANT
SEE BELOW

MARCH 30

30 th

PAGE

GERMAN DINNER @ DAKOTA INN, DETROIT SEE EVENT

APRIL

TBD

SPRING DRIVING TOUR --TO BE ANNOUNCED VIA POST CARD
AFTER DETAILS ARE FINALIZED

20 th

SKI-ROUND TOP PORSCHE SWAP MEET CONTACT BARB
SKIRMANTS FOR DETAILS & MOTEL ROOM AVAILABLE

MAY

21 st

GRUPPE BOARD MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED BOARD

JUNE

20-23 rd

MID-OHIO VINTAGE RACES & BARB'S BBQ

JULY

OPEN

FAMILY PICNIC

JULY

16 th

GRUPPE BOARD MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

31-Aug. 4 WATERFORD HISTORIC RACES WATERFORD, MI.

AUGUST

4 th

MEADOWBROOK CONCOURS D" ELEGANCE

OCTOBER

OPEN

FALL COLOR TOUR

NOVEMBER

19 th

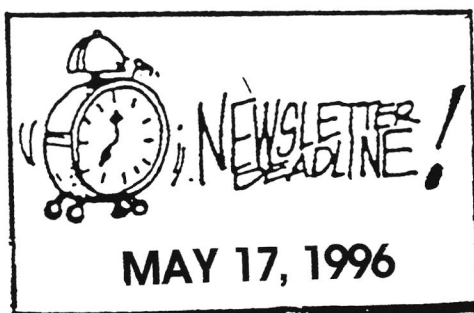
GRUPPE BOARD MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

DECEMBER

OPEN

CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEXT



GRUPPE BOARD MEETING are OPEN to ALL

Next Meeting ; Time--6:30 pm @
BRASS POINTE RESTURANT

24234 Orchard Lake Rd.

Farmington, Mi.48018

Located on the East side of Orchard Lake Rd. ,
just North of 10 Mile Rd.

call Barb Skirmants for Details

AN EASY FIX FOR A RATTLING SHIFTER

For those of you who drive a T-5 thru C Model and are cursed and constantly annoyed by a Rattling Shifter, even though you've replaced the Ball Socket etc., Your problem is likely the Guide Ring (early T-5 Part # 695*424*211*00 , late T-5 thru C Part # 695*424*211*01) which is fitted to the bracket that suspends the Shift Rod, or " Peace Pipe ", inside the Shift Tunnel. After getting your first look at (what's left of) this Guide Ring you'll quickly understand how 30+ years of shifting will wear it away.

The purpose here is not really a " How To Article ". But to show you just how easily this irritating problem can be solved.

The manual says to completely remove the Peace Pipe to install the Outer Ring, but it can actually be done without removing it, saving a lot of time and providing the necessary motivation to actually do this. First, remove the Shifter Base being careful not to drop any of the bolts, springs, etc. into the Tunnel. You will then see the Bracket which both houses the Guide Ring and suspends the Peace Pipe.

Remove the two Allen Head bolts that secure this Bracket, again being careful not to drop the Flat-Square " Nuts " into the Tunnel.

Now go to the rear Access Cover, behind the Front seats and remove it. Loosen the Clamp which secures the Peace Pipe to

the Transmission. Now you can slide the Peace Pipe forward, which will give you more room to work. Now comes the Fun part. Carefully cut a gap into the Guide Ring with a utility knife. Open it into a " U " shape and slide it around the Peace Pipe forwarded of the Bracket. Now that you have cut the Guide Ring will it last another 30 Years ? Maybe not, maybe only 20 years, But the time and effort saved / length of performance ratio is pretty good. Now coax the Guide Ring into the opening of the Bracket and into it's intended resting place. For this I use a nylon " Fiber Stick " commonly used in the Auto Trim business. It did not damage the Guide Ring while forcing it into place, so you would also want to use something similar, obviously. Reassembly is in the reverse order. Be sure to grease the assembly before putting it back together. Before you button it up, make sure that you tighten the Clamp on the Peace Pipe in the same place. Then check to make sure you have all of your gears.

You are now ready for miles and miles of *PORSCHE* driving free from a rattling, buzzing, and vibrating Shift Lever, all in all, this is an easy fix. The Bushing is expensive for what it is, but it is the BEST \$ 8.00 and one hour you'll spend on your car.

Sebastian Gaeta

PORSCHE TRIVIA

- 1) WHICH PORSCHE ENGINEER DESIGNED THE FAMOUS 4- CAM " CARRERA " ENGINE ?
- 2) WHAT MODEL YEAR DID THE "ZF " STEERING BOX REPLACE THE VW TYPE WORM AND NUT UNIT ?
- 3). WE ALL KNOW THAT PORSCHE DESIGNATED IT'S PROJECTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER AND THAT THE **356** WAS THE **356**th PROJECT THAT THE FIRM UNDERTOOK, RIGHT ? WRONG !
WHAT NUMBER PROJECT , CHRONOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, WAS OUR BELOVED **356** ?
- 4). WERE WHITEWALL TIRES EVER FITTED AT THE FACTORY, OR WERE THEY ONLY DEALER/CUSTOMER INSTALLED ITEMS ?
- 5). WAS *PORSCHE* " 001 " EVER IN A RACE ? IF SO, WHERE ?

ANSWERS ELSEWHERE IN NEWSLETTER.

FALL COLOR TOUR --- 95



"GRUPPE " STRETCHING THEIR LEGS AT THE COVERED BRIDGE IN LOWELL, MI.



"GRUPPE " PHOTO. AT HISTORIC BOWENS MILLS, JUST WEST OF HASTINGS, MI.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1). Ernst Fuhrmann designed the engine while only in his twenties. He left the firm later on only to return and being president of the entire company.

2). 1958

3). # 349. the first project undertaken by the Porsche firm was designated # 7 so that their client, Wanderer, wouldn't know they were the first customer.

4). Yes. Though designated for the American market, many cars can be seen in period factory assembly line photos fitted with " wide whites ".

5). Yes. Just six weeks after being deemed as road worthy , the car was driven to a class win at Innsbruck by a cousin of Porsche's named driver, Herbert Kaes. First car. First race. First in Class, driven by a First Cousin. Are you starting to see a pattern here ?

GARAGE TOUR

Some time in April or May , I would like to plan a " GARAGE TOUR ". What means is that we will visit Club Members (and others) Garages., to look at their Restoration Projects. We hope to locate 10 to 15 Garages to visit. It is up to the Club Members to let me know if you are willing to invite us to our Garage. If you like to do so, please call me with your Garage address, please do so MARCH 31st. TORD SMEDBERG @ 810-474-3340

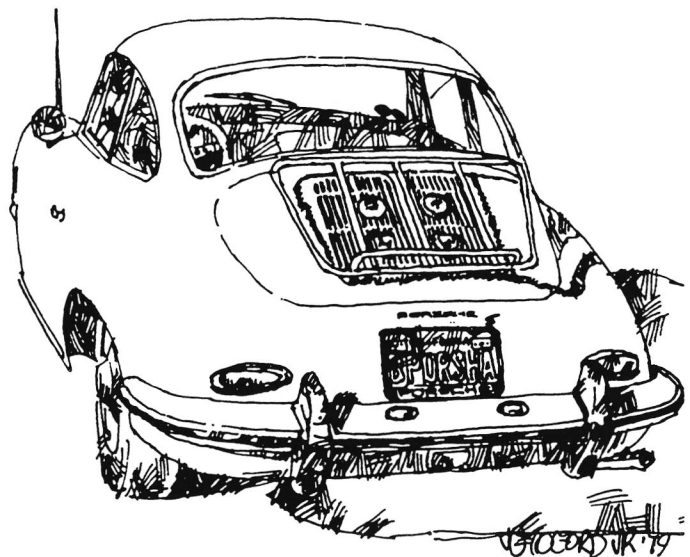
356-INTERNET

Mary & Robin Hansen of Waltham, Ma. have established a 356 mail list on the Internet system. You may subscribe to it by emailing to **porsche - 356-registry-request @ world.std.com** and put the word " subscribe " (without the quotation marks) in the body of the message. To send email to the list direct it to **porsche-356-registry@world.std.com**. The purpose of the list is to post technical questions or comments relative to all facets of the 356 and getting comments on and answers to your questions.

If you have any questions or comments, please email **rhansen@tiac.net** or drop a line to-- Robin Hansen 70 Leslie Road, Waltham, Ma. 02154

MID-OHIO VINTAGE RACE WEEKEND

15 Rooms have been reserved at the L & K Motel Shelby, Ohio for Fri. & Sat. Nights, June 22 & 23rd. Rates for Single Double Bed---\$ 40.50 + tax / night & for Twin Double Beds --- \$ 44.50 + tax / night Reservations need to be firm by May 15th ---Contact FRED SHEILL @ 313-561-8186



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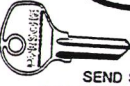
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