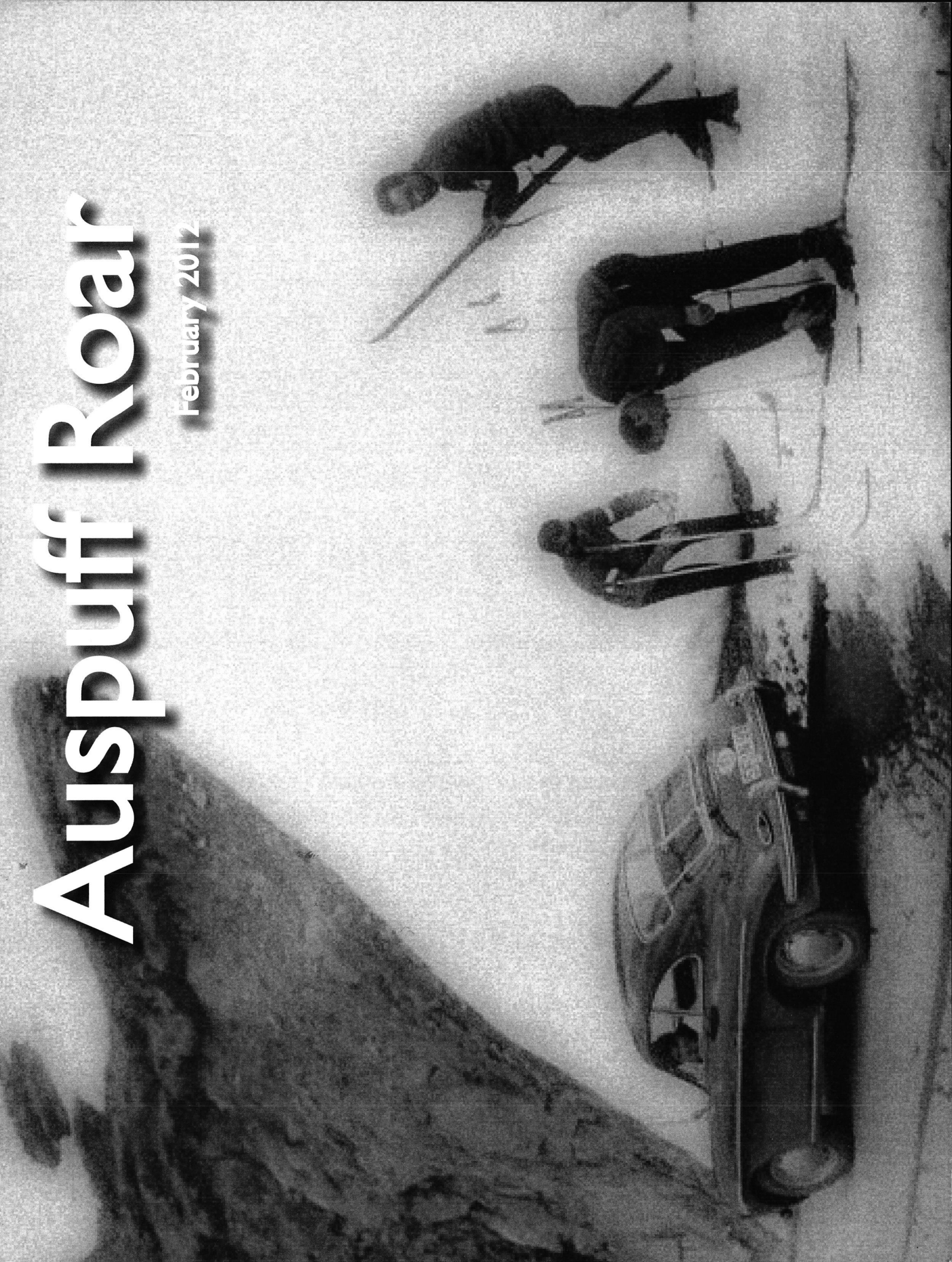


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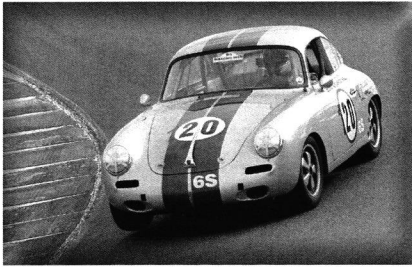
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DRIVING CONTEST 2011

FINAL RESULTS

For all of you that were confused by the chart that we published in the year-end issue, I apologize. I sent our esteemed editor the wrong chart! The chart that you are now looking at shows the correct 2011 Final Standings. It's been another exciting year for our 3rd Annual Driving Contest. As you can see by the standings, club member and really nice guy, John Jenkins won by trouncing all of us. That not a misprint folks, he drove well in excess of 17,000 miles this year! Yes, John has a bit of an advantage since he lives in a 12 month driving state. But, what you don't know is that John drove all over the USA this past summer/fall to achieve this impressive total. It wasn't just a function of John living in a 12-month state; he just plain loves his car. Even when we apply our 50% reduction rule, John still easily won. He drove his car a damn lot is the bottom line - an inspiration to all of us!

When we look at the results from our more local members, we see another strong year for the Hallandals and a very competitive finish for the Beechers, Kurries and Skirmants. Good job everyone! Thanks for participating.



President's Letter

Dave Burton

Happy New Year! And happy it is—Neil, Peggy and Michael made an appearance at Breakfast Club on January 14th to a standing ovation. Besides seeing a bunch of his friends (and making sure the rabble hadn't trashed his shop), Neil attended the Trustee's meeting to tweak and confirm the Calendar for 2012 and select Officers for the next two years.

The Officers all carry over from last year except we let Dave Preston retire from the President's chair. Stepping down from Trustee positions are Lanita Dunham, Sebastian Gaeta and David Peterson. Please thank these folks when you see them for the tireless service they have given to our club but know that their contributions continue as they carry on in positions of Secretary, Editor and Past President. Your Board this year is comprised of Dave Preston, Barbara Skirmants, Neil Goldberg, Gerald Van Vliet and me.

The Motor Cities Gruppe is in very sound condition with a robust treasury, sound budgeting and a well-rounded calendar carrying forward all of the events we enjoy each year. Check the Calendar published in this issue and mark your planners so you don't miss any events. The first one up will be the Mid-Winter Chili Cook-Off Party hosted by Barbara Skirmants and will likely be over by the time you read this. Hopefully, you'll all have had a great time and enjoyed some great chili recipes, Diane & I are sorry to have missed it but we were out of town.

Before the Spring Tour led by Sebastian in May rolls around, Harry and Mary Kurrie will Join Barbara Skirmants in coordinating an assault on the Detroit Zoo on April 28th for the Shades of Pink Zoo Walk benefitting Breast Cancer Research. Both are don't miss events. Also, on April 14th is our multi-group Swap Meet at

Porsche of Farmington Hills that forms another nice gathering of friendly folks.

Come summertime, Lanita and Ted Dunham have volunteered to host the Summer Picnic once again while Barbara and Vic take a well-earned rest from the annual logistics. Barb Skirmants has volunteered to resurrect the multi-day Fall Color Tour down to the Glenmoor Gathering with a number of special perks for our participants and of course, our Christmas Party will be held on December 2nd at Canterbury Village. In between the main events, there will be many other opportunities to share friendships and 356's at races, car shows and other happenings throughout the upcoming year.

Getting back to Neil, Peggy and Michael, it was so good to see them at the Saturday morning gathering and see the astounding progress that Neil has made in recovery. Like any one of his remarkable restorations over the years, it is a long process but he has made a strong start and is well along the path. We all have no doubt that he will bring this, his most important restoration, all the way to Best in Class because he is the People's Choice. Keep up the good work Neil!

I'm honored to have been entrusted with the leadership of this great organization. The Motor Cities Gruppe and its wonderful members have been very supportive over the years and it's high time I gave back. I look forward to the warmer weather (it won't be too long and hey, anyone who knows me realizes that it doesn't even have to be very warm to qualify) so we can get our tubs back on the road. Meantime, don't be a hermit, get out and get together. See you on the road,

Dave



March 23, 1982 Taken by Detroit News photographer Batten, Gruppe member Alex Pollock with 1964 Porsche and dog Max.

SAVE THE DATE

Gruppe Spring Tour

Sunday May 20th

Gruppe Picnic

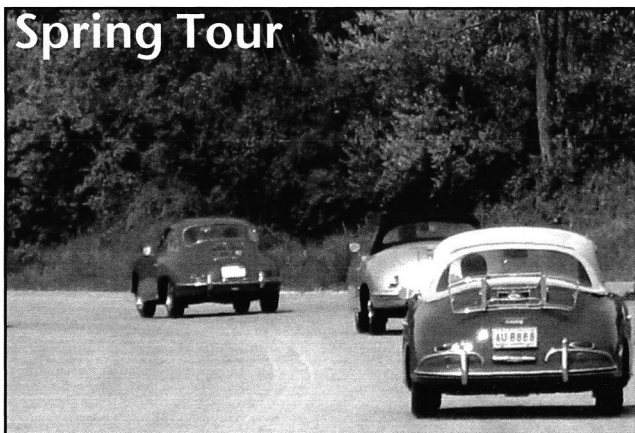
Sunday August 5th
at the Dunham's

Gruppe Fall Tour

September 14th--16th
at the Glenmoor Gathering Canton Ohio

Gruppe Christmas Party

Sunday December 2nd
Canterbury Village



Motor Cities Gruppe Calender of Events 2012

March

March 2nd - 4th
March 1st - 4th
March 9th - 11th

LA Toy, Literature & Swap Meet
SVRA Vintage Races at Sebring, FL
Amelia Island Florida - Concours de'Elegance

April

April 7th
April 21st
April 21st
April 28th
April 26th - 29th

MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neils
Hershey Swap Meet
Devil is in the Details - Munks (10AM to 4PM)
Shades of Pink Zoo Walk (Breast Cancer Fund Raiser) Detroit Zoo
HSR Mitty @ Road Atlanta

May

May 20th

Spring Tour

June

June 9th
June 15th - 17th
June 22nd - 23rd
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June 20th - 22nd
June 21st - 24th

MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neils
Gingerman Club Race - South Haven, MI
Stoddard Swap Meet
Bay Harbor Vintage Car Show (Friday & Saturday Event)
Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix
SVRA at Mid-Ohio Vintage Races

July

July 12th - 15th
July 8th - 14th
July 29th

Elkhart Lake Road America - Kohler Int'l Challenge
57th Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah
Concours de'Elegance of America @ St Johns (Plymouth, MI)

August

August 5th
August 5th
August 11th
August 14th - 18th
August 16th - 19th
August 18th
August 19th

Summer Picnic @ the Dunhams
MCG Board Meeting (briefly at Summer Picnic)
Alden Classic Sports Car Picnic/Show in Alden, Michigan
Back to the Bricks in Flint, Michigan
2012 East Coast Holiday - Boston
Woodward Dream Cruise
SEM Summer Picnic

September

September 7th - 9th
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September 14th - 16th
September 15th
September 16th

Watkins Glen SVRA Vintage Races
Frankenmuth Auto Fest 2012 in Frankenmuth, Michigan
Glenmoor Gathering Canton, OH - MCG Fall Color Tour
MCG Board Meeting at Fall Color Tour
Drive your Porsche Day 2012

October

October 4th - 6th
October 12th - 14th
October TBD

Third Coast 356 Oktoberfest Gull Lake, Michigan
HSR Sebring Fall Classic
West Coast Holiday TBD

December

December 2nd

Holiday Christmas Party - Canterbury Village



Gruppe Spring Tour 2012

This Year's Theme:
Porsche Owners Showing Off Their Cars Since 1948!

Join the Gruppe on Sunday May 20th and show off *your* car

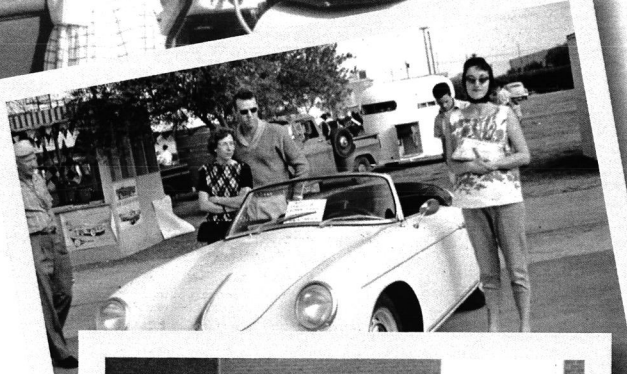
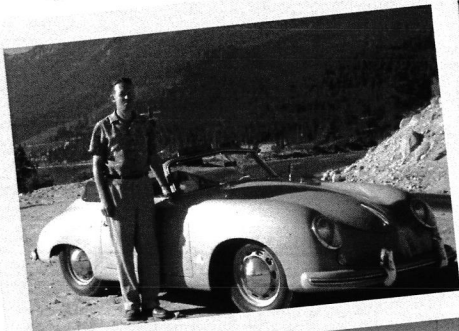
Exact Details to follow in the April Auspuff Roar

This we do know:

It will start in the Ann Arbor area

There will be a great drive

There will be a lunch stop at a great restaurant



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