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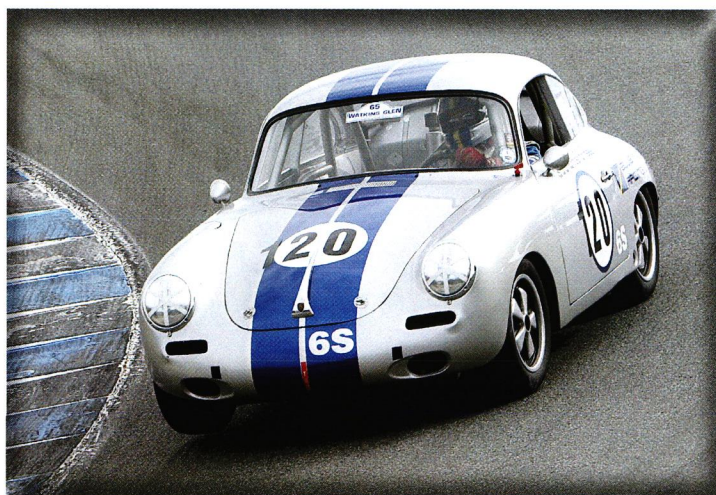
2012
Harbor Springs Car Festival

Thursday August 9, 2012
5:30 PM till dusk
Zorn Park - Downtown Harbor Springs
Free to all entrants and spectators

A limited number of commemorative dash plaques and event posters will be given to entrants on a first come first serve basis. The show is open to sports cars, hot rods, rat rods, vintage cars, trucks, new cars, old cars, any car that is special to you.

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President's Letter

Dave Burton

Spectacular weather indeed! Sebastian hit another Spring Tour out of the park. We had a sizable turnout of tubs for a great day of fun, food and friends. It was wonderful seeing all those folks and catching up on families and projects. We even got a surprise (well, not really surprising considering their dedication) entry. Read all about it elsewhere in this issue.

Besides the Tour, we've had a spring to celebrate with really nice weather (well, mostly) and another good showing at the Swap Meet (hey, it may have rained but at least it didn't snow—this year). Seems that even with the mild winter, everyone's got a case of cabin fever and will seize on any occasion to exercise their 356's. What could be better? The best celebration of all is the re-appearance of Neil Goldberg in our lives. He has been relentless in his rehab with the help of Peggy and Michael. May found Neil back in the shop, working on the coupes of Jeff Topf and Heath Hurlbert. Hooray!

If you like spring, just wait 'till summer arrives. Around the time you read this, the Stoddard All-Porsche Swap Meet & Car Show will be held (June 8 & 9) in Ohio and I plan to experience it for the first time. I've heard about it for many years but my calendar always interfered. I solved it this year by making my calendar move to accommodate the event. Voila! Later in June, there are things to do whether you're headed north or south. The Vintage Grand Prix of MidOhio is

over the 22-24 weekend in Lexington. The Bay Harbor Concours is in Petoskey the same weekend. Of course. Come July, you can take in the K.I.C. at Road America or closer to home, the Concours at St. John in Plymouth. Next up is the Summer Picnic on August 5th at the Dunham's. Our picnic is always a great tradition and filled with friends and food. See the flyer in this issue and make plans to attend, we're looking forward to sampling your appetizers and desserts. Later in the month finds the East Coast Holiday in Boston. If you can't make that, there's always the Dream Cruise. Hot dog, a summer of car overload.

Don't despair though, there's more to come this fall. Our Fall Color Tour is early this year (no big surprise, the weather has been early all year long) with Barbara putting together a weekend event featuring the Glenmoor Gathering and wide selection of attractions including a specially arranged drive with the Glenmoor Entrants. Please contact Barbara as soon as possible for hotel arrangements so you can join us there.

In October, there is an opportunity for another fall tour with the Third Coast 356 Oktoberfest in lower western Michigan put on by "The Gang of Five." Another multi-event menu of attractions awaits. Contact Bill Waite for more information. As you can see, there is plenty of driving to be done—make sure to do your part.

See you on the road,

Dave

SAVE THE DATE

Gruppe Picnic

Sunday August 5th
at the Dunham's

Gruppe Fall Tour

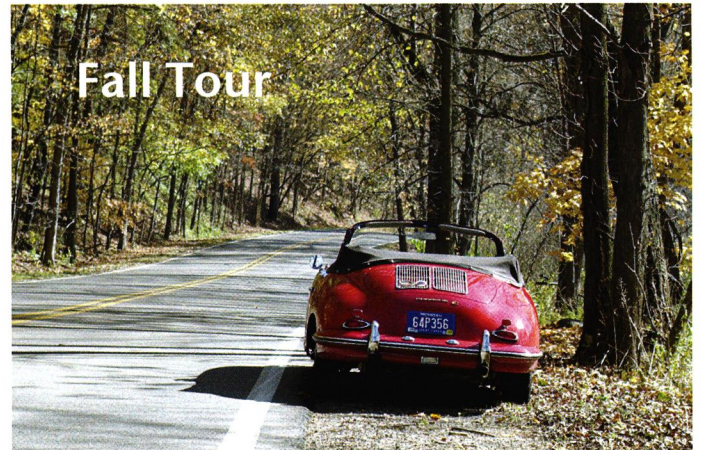
September 14th--16th
at the Glenmoor Gathering Canton Ohio

West Michigan's Gang of Five's 3rd Coast Holiday

October 4-7 2012
Gull Lake Michigan

Gruppe Christmas Party

Sunday December 2nd
Canterbury Village



Motor Cities Gruppe Calendar of Events 2012

June

June 8th-9th	Stoddard Swap Meet
June 9th	MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neil's
June 15th - 17th	Gingerman Club Race - South Haven, MI
June 22nd - 23rd	Bay Harbor Vintage Car Show (Friday & Saturday Event)
June 20th - 22nd	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
June 21st - 24th	SVRA at Mid-Ohio Vintage Races

July

July 12th - 15th	Elkhart Lake Road America - Kohler Int'l Challenge
July 8th - 14th	57th Porsche Parade in Salt Lake City, Utah
July 29th	Concours de'Elegance of America @ St Johns (Plymouth, MI)

August

August 5th	Summer Picnic @ the Dunhams
August 5th	MCG Board Meeting (briefly at Summer Picnic)
August 11th	Alden Classic Sports Car Picnic/Show in Alden, Michigan
August 14th - 18th	Back to the Bricks in Flint, Michigan
August 16th - 19th	2012 East Coast Holiday - Boston
August 18th	Woodward Dream Cruise
August 19th	SEM Summer Picnic

September

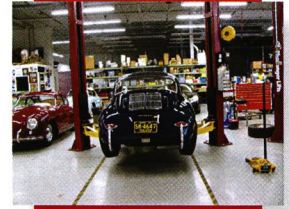
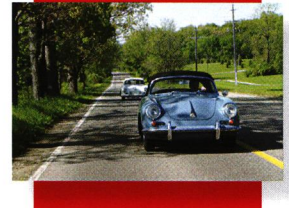
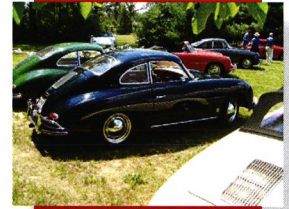
September 7th - 9th	Watkins Glen SVRA Vintage Races
September 7th - 9th	Frankenmuth Auto Fest 2012 in Frankenmuth, Michigan
September 14th - 16th	Glenmoor Gathering Canton, OH -
September 15th	MCG Fall Color Tour MCG Board Meeting at Fall Color Tour
September 16th	Drive your Porsche Day 2012

October

October 4th - 6th	Third Coast 356 Oktoberfest Gull Lake Michigan
October 12th - 14th	HSR Sebring Fall Classic
October TBD	West Coast Holiday TBD

December

December 2nd	Holiday Christmas Party - Canterbury Village
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California Dreamin' 2011-style Porsche Race Car Classic by Ron Roland

We trundle along fat, dumb, and happy in the big Ford van, its ten cylinders pulling the trailer smoothly over the California-Dreamin' mountains. Suddenly yeeeeoow ... a '73 Porsche Carrera RS screams around us – where did he come from? Then yeeoow, another '73 RS – and there is a red 356 Coupe followed by two newer 911's coming toward us – and our rear view mirrors are full of – PORSCHEs. De de de de – de de de . . . You have just crossed over into the California zone Welcome to Monterey! After several loooooong days pulling a trailer, with only a brief stop in Phoenix, for as much of a breather as three young boys will allow, we had arrived. But even the beautiful weather, and the ever increasing number of cool cars (including Porsches), could not prepare us for the mind-blowing (1960's California lingo) experience of Monterey on a Porsche weekend.

Steve Heinrichs' Porsche Race Car Classic, combined with Rennsport IV was over the top (Y2K California lingo). Plenty has been written and pictured of Rennsport IV, but almost nothing has been said about the PRCC. And that is specifically why we were out there, or would trailer a car on a 6000 mile round trip!? Oh, that's right, Karen, it was so we could spend time with the kids and grand kids in Arizona. Of course that could have been done in a 35mpg, 80mph rental car . . . But it was for a worthy cause. Over a year and a half earlier I "promised" Steve that I would bring the Roadster out to his fund raiser for the UCSF Thoracic Oncology Program and the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, known at that time as the Silverado Porsche Race Car Classic. Steve reminded me that we had skipped on his 2004 Speedster Fest and America Roadster display because we were moving to Iowa and could not get the Roadster completed. Now he knew better – although if I had known that we would be moving back from Iowa just before the event I may have thought differently. Anyway, it would be nice, relaxing vacation after all that moving.

Steve had originally planned the SPRCC for a winery in Napa, but the event had quickly grown too large for the Napa accommodations, so he moved it to the Quail Lodge in Carmel.

Now, Rennsport IV had attached itself for a maybe never-to-be-seen-again Porsche extravaganza. Arriving in Monterey, we quickly checked into our room. Thank heaven the Navy has quarters in Monterey – it is on the ocean, ya' know. And thank you, taxpayers. Everything in Monterey is close by and it only takes a couple of minutes to drive downtown from the base. The streets are a little narrow to be comfortable in the van, especially with all the Porsches around, but we manage to shrink an E-350 into a Porsche parking space across from the Portola Hotel and Spa, headquarters for the event. I wonder if we will know anyone? Entering the lobby, we pass three (of 250 built) 911 Carrera S Sport Classics, in Sport Classic Grey of course. I didn't even know there was such a thing. Thought they were a brand new dealer display, but they are 2010 models. Well, they looked new. Registration went quickly

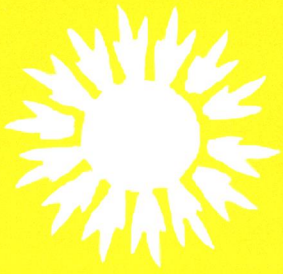
and we went over to the hors d'oeuvre table and the question about knowing anyone was soon answered as we ran into Jeffrey Fellman. Its been a while, but some of you may remember Jeffrey from Ann Arbor before he moved to Florida. Later, back at the registration table, I ran into George Riley who I had sold a Speedster to sometime in 1971, I think. And so the weekend went with not only Classic Porsches, but classic Porsche owners. I had been warned that Steve Heinrichs could really throw a party and, sure enough, Saturday evening began with a great reception with some of California's finest wines, no doubt local now that the Monterey area is a fast growing wine region since Napa can't handle all the demand. The banquet that followed was more of the same, topped with an auction of Porsche related items to benefit the Lung Cancer Foundation. If you wonder where all your extra money for a Porsche over a VW goes, Dr. Wolfgang Porsche paid \$14,000 and some change for the original painting of the event poster by Roy E. Dryer III, signed by him and Hermann and Lange, the two drivers of the Spider 550-08, juxtaposed from the 1954 Mille Miglia onto California Hwy 1 near Big Sur – yeah, yeah, I know, California is really not the center of the known universe . . .

Sunday morning it was early-to-rise for the 0900 unveiling. We had been instructed the previous evening to cover our cars with the silver satin covers, supplied by Griot's Garage. It was quite a sight in the calm, early morning mist to see all the Porsches asleep under their matching covers – another of Steve's ideas. At precisely 0930 he gave the command to start engines – or remove covers, and suddenly it was race day amid a sea of color and activity. There were over 180 cars from the Porsche AG Museum, Ingram Collection, Ranson Webster Collection, Dr. Julio Palmaz Collection, and the Seinfeld Collection to name a few, including: a couple of Gmund's, a couple Glockler's, 5 America Roadsters, a couple dozen 550 and 550A Spyders, including Jerry Seinfeld's recently completed number 003, the first 4-cam car, a dozen 718 RS-60s, another dozen 904's including our own Alex Pollack, then a dozen of the 906, 910 line, a dozen Abarth's, and another

dozen 356B and 356C GTs, Carrera and Super 90. Getting tired of all these dozens? Well, there were 20 competition Speedsters of one kind or another, and another 20 356 Coupes from various racing venues. However, there were only 2 Dreikantchabers (the doorstep-shaped, aluminum bodied, Carrera 2000 GT Coupe) because there were only two built. They were both here, tail-to-tail. The same for the only two 8 cyl Formula 1 cars. And the list goes on and on. This event was billed as "The Greatest Porsche show on Earth" and it certainly seemed like it. At last, I worked my way to the far end of the display, and found Vic and Barb Skirmants who had driven their ailing Dolphin Porsche over from Laguna Seca the previous evening, along with a dozen other competitors. Vic got stuck down with the new cars – 911R's, 935's and other stuff.

Finally, Steve introduced the VIPs again, and Dr. Porsche addressed the group for the sake of the \$400 per ticket spectators who weren't at the banquet. Then the chardonnay corks were popped to begin morning hors d'oeuvres. Man, I love this California livin'. Luncheon was served at noon buffet style, but what a buffet, not exactly an Iowa wedding. While the lines were long it was our own fault for not rushing in early, but we did get to talk to some interesting people. Does everyone in California own a half dozen Porsches? Karen found a seat at the same table with Neil Goldberg and some others (clients ?). We all talked Porsches a while, then finally went back to our display for the afternoon, as Neil had to leave for an early flight back to Michigan . .





MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE SUMMER PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH

STARTS AT 12 NOON, DINNER AT 3:00 PM

HOSTED BY TED AND LANITA DUNHAM
12277 JACOBY RD MILFORD, MI 48380

EVERYONE IS REQUESTED TO BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE OR A DESSERT (ALONG WITH ANY SPECIALTY BEVERAGES, WINE, BEER, ETC.). WE'LL START BY ENJOYING THE HORS D'OEUVRES AND EACH OTHERS COMPANY, CULMINATING WITH DINNER AT ABOUT 3:00 PM. THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE ENTRÉE, SIDES, SOFT DRINKS AND WATER.

Please RSVP by August 1st to the Dunham's at 810-225-6126



MCG Fall Tour to the Glenmoor Gathering



Drive to North Canton, Ohio on Friday afternoon or evening September 14, 2012

Call the Holiday Inn North Canton and reserve your room at \$99.00 per night for two nights. This hotel is 1.4 miles from the Glenmoor Country Club, and is adjacent to many nice restaurants and a large shopping mall.

The Hotel Will Not Allow Us To Save A Block of Rooms !!!!! Call Now.

Holiday Inn Canton
4520 Everhard Road NW
North Canton, OH
exit 109 off I-77
330/ 494-2770

- At 8:30 am Saturday we have been invited to participate in the Amish Country drive with the Glenmoor Gathering Concours d'Elegance cars. This tour will last approximately 4 to 5 hours.
- On Saturday afternoon there is an auction on the grounds of the Glenmoor. Check out the website (www.glenmoorgathering.com) for complete information on this event. Myron Vernis, one of our Ohio members is the Manager of the Glenmoor Country Club and all catering facilities. He has invited us to participate in the tour on Saturday and will arrange special parking for us on Sunday morning, and for our advance purchase of group tickets at a reduced rate.

Please let me know if you are going to attend, call and make your hotel reservation NOW!!! I will make a reservation at a local restaurant for us for Friday night at 6:30 pm.

Barbara skirmants@hughes.net 810/ 688-9090

Inspired by the success of George Bryan's "Gang of Three" and their Georgia 2011 "Drive Your 356 Weekend," this October we are hosting a similar event in West Michigan: the 2012 "Third Coast 356 Oktoberfest."

If you were not able to attend this year's Registry Holiday in Boston, here is your chance to get together with other 356 owners from around the country. So far we have registrants from several states, including six from Texas! Please join us October 4, 5 and 6, 2012 (Thursday through Saturday) in Gull Lake, Michigan (and points west to beautiful Lake Michigan) for this low key, laid back event with a moderate cost structure, but high on 356 fun. Register now for a fun-filled, casual weekend focused on the cars, the camaraderie, some great activities and the beauty of Michigan's famous fall colors. The weekend culminates with a morning swap meet on Sunday so bring your parts too.

We look forward to seeing you there,

West Michigan's "Gang of Five"



Third Coast 356 Oktoberfest Schedule of Events

Gull Lake, Michigan

Thursday, October 4, 2012

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| 9 a.m. – 5 pm. | <u>Registration at the Gull Lake Motel (Host Motel)</u> |
| 12 p.m. (Noon) | <u>Lunch on your own</u> |
| 2 p.m. | <u>Tour the Kalamazoo Air Zoo</u> (including their restoration facilities) |
| 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. | <u>Biergarten & Jausengerichten</u> (beer, wine and pub snacks) |
| 6 p.m. | <u>Dinner on your own at Bay View Gardens</u> (recommended) or your choice. |

Friday, October 5, 2012

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| Morning | <u>Breakfast on your own</u> (Host Motel includes Continental Breakfast) 10 a.m. – Noon |
| | <u>Tour Off Brother's Garage</u> (award winning private car collection) |
| 12 Noon | <u>Lunch on your own</u> |
| 2 p.m. | <u>Tour Gilmore Car Museum</u> (including their Restoration Facilities) |
| 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. | <u>Biergarten & Jausengerichten</u> (beer, wine and pub snacks) |
| 6 p.m. | <u>Dinner on your own at Blackhawk Tavern</u> (recommended) or your choice. |

Saturday, October 6, 2012

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| Morning | <u>Breakfast on your own</u> (Host Motel includes Continental Breakfast) |
| 9 a.m.--5 p.m. | <u>On Your Own Activities</u> (your choice – maps will be provided) |
| | Self-Guided Tour to South Haven Self-Guided Wine Country / Brewery Tour Self-Guided Fall Color and Casino Tour Self Guided Antique Shop Tour |
| 5 p.m. – ?? | <u>Biergarten & Jausengerichten</u> (beer, wine and pub snacks) |
| 6 p.m. - ?? | <u>Catered Oktoberfest Dinner</u> (at the host motel clubhouse) |

Sunday, October 7, 2012

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| Morning | <u>Breakfast on your own</u> (Host Motel includes Continental Breakfast) |
| 7 a.m. – 10 am | <u>Swap Meet</u> (coffee & donuts at host motel clubhouse) |
| 10 a.m. | <u>Auf Wiedersehen</u> – Have a safe trip home! |



**FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASED ON POSTMARK DATE
(LIMITED TO 56 REGISTRANTS AND 56 CO-REGISTRANTS)**

Co-Registrant Name: _____

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The Perfect Combination

by David Peterson

(Ed. Note: I received two unsolicited articles about our spring tour on the same day, both by guys named "Dave P." I certainly was not going to take sides, so here are both of them!)

33 right, 13 left, 87 right. No, that's not the combination for my Master padlock! It was the correct combination for the 2012 Spring Tour on May 20th.

33 right: That's 33 people right on time for lunch at the Brecon Grille in Saline.

13 left: That's the number of 356's that left the parking lot at 1:30 for another's Sebastian Gaeta's famous southeast Michigan Porsche driving routes.

87 right: That was the number of temperature degrees in Ann Arbor at the end of tour.

It was indeed a very lovely day; sunshine, blue skies, warm and for those of us with open cars - perfect "top down weather".

Sebastian changed the formula a bit this year and started the day with the dining segment. And his choice was excellent. We had an expansive parking lot to display those rear-engined beauties, with lots of "walk-around" space to gather and get up to date on what's been happening since the Chili Cook-Off back in February.

The most pleasant surprise upon rolling into the parking lot was seeing not only that familiar blue coupe in the parking lot glistening in the sunshine, but also the owner greeting

us with an enormous grin on his face. Yes, Neil and Peggy Goldberg were in attendance. The primary difference in this spring tour was that Neil was the navigator and Peggy was the driver. However, as Peggy related - throughout the trip from Birmingham to Saline, Neil thought he was driving; what with all the help and directions he provided Peggy en route. Most importantly, our dear friend was again mingling among his friends.

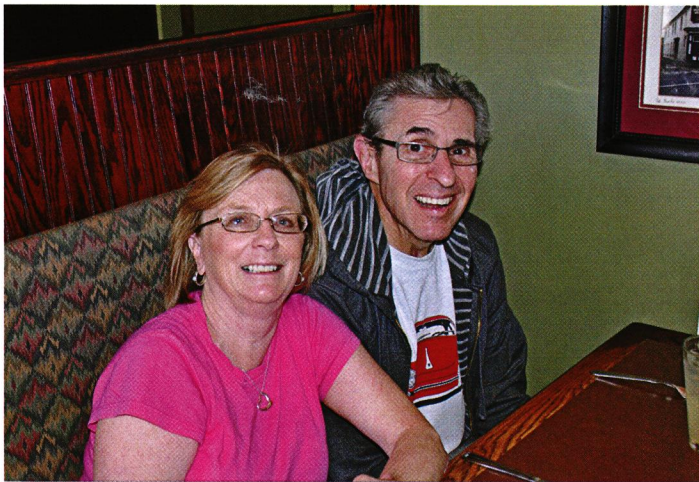
The Brecon Grille accommodated the entire group in fine fashion, keeping us all together without crowding, and serving up delectable luncheon morsels in a timely manner. Nice menu, good service and pleasant atmosphere. Would return for lunch or dinner when again in Saline.

Following lunch, we reassembled in the parking lot to see what new pieces had been added to our cars over the winter. The Gobba's A coupe looking great in its dark green paint, accented by the silver stripe. Dick Zarbo, a new member to the group from Ann Arbor, came with his daughter Megan in his newly acquired B coupe. We had hoped to see Dave Preston's "new" A coupe, but Ted had not completed Dave's list of improvements. But we'll surely see it at the Summer Picnic in August.

Armed with our set of right and left turns, we fired up our flat fours and followed Sebastian for about fifty miles of rolling two lane roads. Sebastian's careful selection of the route also resulted in another first. Our caravan never got split up because of an errant traffic light or stop sign. And then at the intersection of I-94 and Ann Arbor-Saline Road, the 2012 Spring Tour came to an end.



Gruppe Spring Tour 2012



2012 356 MCG Spring Tour

by Dave Preston

Once again, our "go-to-guy", Sebastian, put together a very nice, Spring Tour for our club. We started by meeting for lunch in Saline on May 20th at Brecon Grille. After a great meal, some tire kicking, some part swapping, and some kibitzing, we started off on a real pleasant one-hour drive over great roads. I believe its true that no one got lost this year. On top of all of this, Sebastian arranged for great 85-degree weather.

It was good to see everyone - in many cases, our annual Spring Tour is our first opportunity to see our friends since the Christmas Party back in December.

We also got to check in with a couple of good friends

who are recovering from ailments. Carol Thompson was most chipper and we had a good chat at lunch with her and John. It's always good to see them both. Neil was there with Peggy at the wheel of Neil's car. Like Dave Burton mentioned, Peggy looked pretty comfortable in the left seat and was impressive commanding that car. Neil is doing so well and we're all so grateful that our prayers have been answered for his and Carols continued recoveries.

We had some of our 356 stalwarts who reported spring type trouble getting their cars started, Dennis and Ted! Imagine that! (knock on wood for the rest of us). On the other hand, I drove Dick Beecher's car, with Dick navigating, and I can report that his car ran like a bat out of hell! Wow!

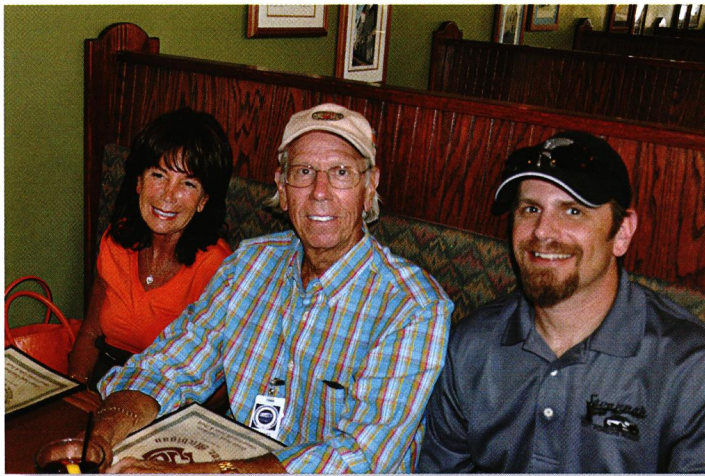
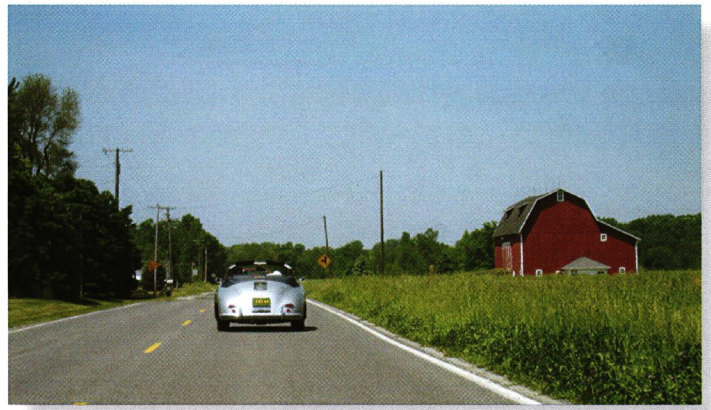
I drove Dick Beecher's car...and I
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There was a rumor going around that I have a new 356. It wasn't there, but it is true, I do have the car. Trust me!

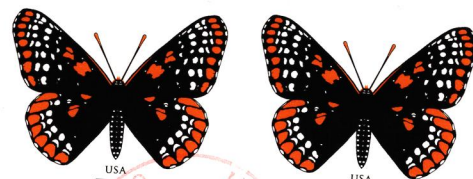
Of course Sebastian is not done. He is organizing a caravan down to Mid-Ohio on June 23rd. Can't miss that!

Thanks again to Sebastian, and everyone who could attend.





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