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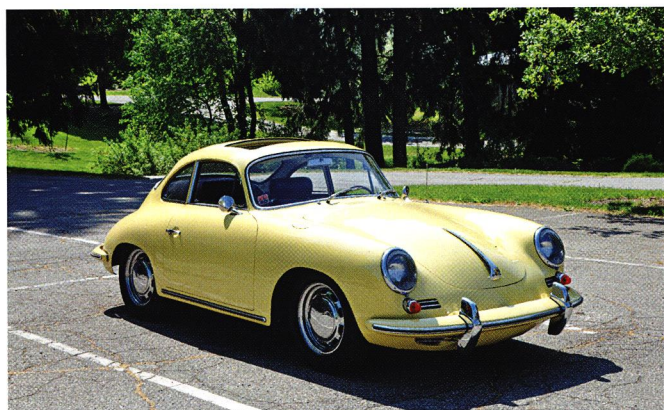
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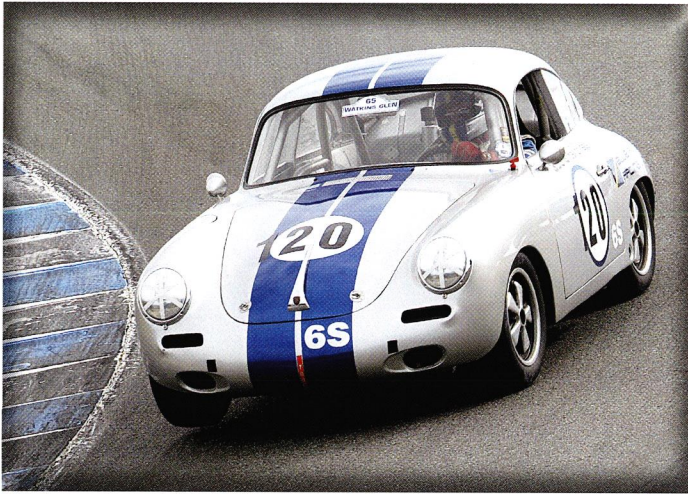
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On The Cover:



Dave Preston debuts his new C sunroof at the Spring Tour. Dave hunted for a car all winter and this was the result of his relentless search. Hard work certainly did pay off here!



President's Letter

Dave Burton

Spring at last! Everyone at the Saturday Breakfast Club & Tire Kicker's Anonymous meetings knows that when I show up with the top down, spring is here. And not a moment too soon (I witnessed a veritable blizzard at the Swap Meet last month). Time to get our beloved tubs out of storage and on the road--Hurrah!

A few weeks ago we participated in the Shades of Pink Zoo Walk to benefit Breast Cancer. Chairman Harry Kurrie said that we had a strong turnout signed up to participate and the weather was terrific. Barbara & Vic Skirmants take a sponsorship position for this event but couldn't attend this year as they were down at Road Atlanta racing and serving their clientele. The Gruppe made 'em proud.

Sebastian graciously volunteered to lead our Spring Tour today, Sunday May 19th. We had a nice turnout of tubs as well as a few folks in other cars. Sebastian's routes are always superb and bring a great gathering of folks. It's a perfect opportunity to see what your friends have been up to over the winter and catch up on their families. We met in Saline and proceeded through the Irish Hills to MSU's Hidden Lake Gardens--what a gorgeous jewel. I have to come back with Diane in the fall, it should be even more spectacular. Then, off through more lakes and hills to Blissfield for lunch and finally a stop at the Blissfield Model Railroad Club. Wow, this is not your everyday train set. John McConnell is a member and gave us the Conductor's tour. Amazing. What a great day in perfect weather.

Next up, summer. There are so many wonderful car events within reach of us over the next few months

that it is almost an embarrassment of riches: Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle; Stoddard Swap Meet; Bay Harbor Vintage Car Show; Porsche Parade at Traverse City; SVRA Vintage Grand Prix at MidOhio; The Hawk Vintage Festival at Elkhart Lake; Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park; Concours de'Elegance of America at St. Johns; Alden Classic Sports Car Picnic and Show; Woodward Dream Cruise; and the Glenora Wine Cellars US Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen. Holy smokes, what overload. Talk to your buddies, pick an event (or two, or six) and go--you can't go wrong.

I've been to all of them (well Meadowbrook, the pre-cursor to St. Johns) except Alden and had a ball each and every time.

"Save time to join us at the Motor Cities Gruppe Picnic on Sunday August 4th. Diane and I are hosting this year and have already ordered perfect weather"

While you're enjoying our endless summer, save time to join us at the Motor Cities Gruppe Picnic on Sunday August 4th. Diane and I are hosting this year and have already ordered perfect weather. Lanita and Barbara have agreed to coach us and all we'll need is for all y'all to show up and dine. We're really looking forward to it (and Diane is looking forward to my cleaning the Garage Mahal).

By the way, when you see Sebastian, congratulate and thank him for the beautiful Auspuff Roar magazines that he produces. It was his idea to commit to full color and he just keeps raising the bar. I enjoy his eye for cover art, we just need to keep feeding him content and let him perform his magic. See you on the road. D

Dave

Hershey Swap 2013

by Dave Preston

The all Porsche Hershey Swap Meet was held on Saturday April 20th and, as always, the weather was a factor. This year, it wasn't rain; we had nice blue skies, but we endured cold morning temperatures with howling winds all day. This made for quite a challenge with any signage or lightweight items. Tents were another issue, as they tended to want to go flying like a kite.

But, this event is always fun. I rode there with Vic Skirmants and we had a great time. It's a long drive, but time went by fast as we chatted all the way there and back.

The vendor attendance was announced as an all time high. Even if you are not looking for anything, it's a blast just looking at everything. It can also be educational, because you'll see almost anything. You'll see things that you didn't know you wanted, but of course, knee-jerk buying is part of the fun. I believe that our esteemed Editor went there a couple of years ago with no real plans for buying anything and, with the help of his cohorts, he ended up coming home with four wheels for his Cab. They're now all painted and looking great on his car. But imagine the loss if he hadn't been helped to realize that he really needed those wheels? His buddies made sure that he didn't waste the trip!

Some say that Swap Meets are a thing of the past. But, if you go prepared to look for specific things, it's an efficient way to find almost anything at one place. Looking, seeing, touching, negotiating, and kibitzing is better to me than surfing eBay. Although eBay has been kind to me many times in buying and selling items, I'd always prefer a good swap meet. But, they both have their place.

Once again this year, many people coming by Vic's booth assumed that I was Vic because, in some cases, they have never met him in person. I try to dazzle them with some technical terms, but then I confess and tell them that Vic will be back shortly. You've got to have some fun right?

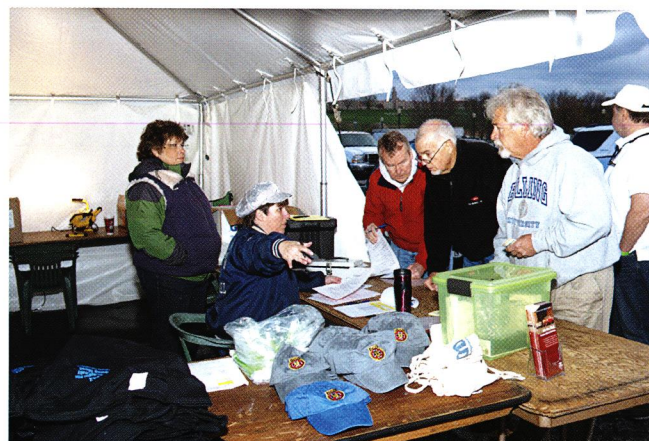
Of course seeing the people there is the real treat. If you're on booth duty, the people watching is a great. Questions and negotiating for the sale or purchase is always fun. Many times you are seeing old friends that you only see a few times a year or less. Al in all, it's a fun day and a great way to kick off our season.

Make plans to go next year!

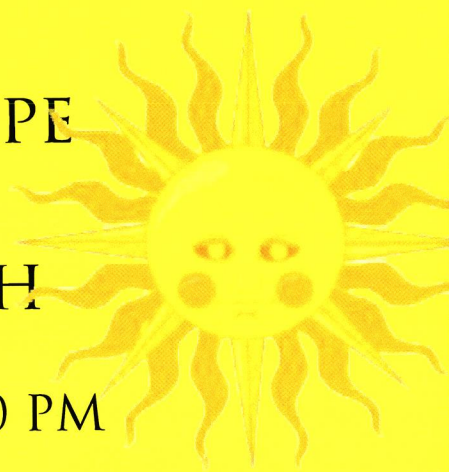




Photos by Ted Zombeck



MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE SUMMER PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 4TH



STARTS AT 1PM, DINNER AT 3:00 PM

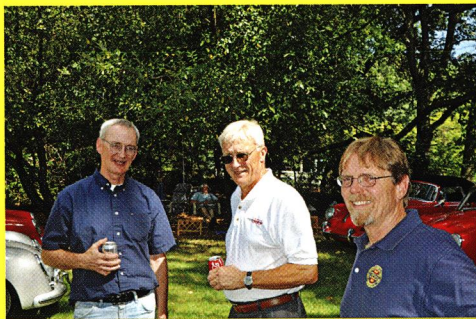
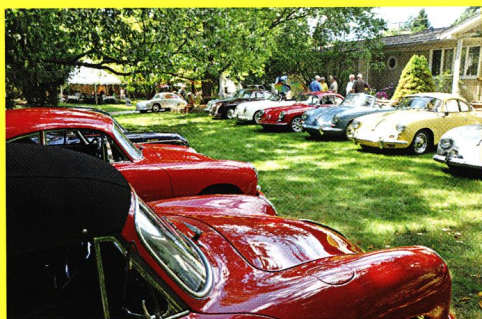
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Starts at 1:00PM on Sunday August 4th, please bring bathing suits & beach towels if you'd like to swim and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring your favorite adult beverage (Soft Drinks, Water, Iced Tea & Coffee will be provided) and this year the club is charging \$10.00 per person to defray the food costs and table & chair rental. Please come rain or shine, food service is indoors. Lastly, 356's should climb the driveway and come on up to the house, all others please park in the street as parking space is limited.

Please RSVP by August 1st to the Burton's at

djbarton@sbcglobal.net



2013



Harbor Springs Car Festival



Thursday August 8, 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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A colorful poster for the 'Back to the Bricks Cruise Weekend' event. The poster features a blue classic car on the left, a city skyline in the background, and the event title in large, stylized letters. The text 'Back to the Bricks' is in red and orange, 'Cruise Weekend' is in orange, and '9th Annual' is in blue. The dates 'August 13-17, 2013' are in white. The presenter 'Mid-Michigan Chevrolet Dealers' is in white. A quote 'Selected top 20 Show in the Country!' is in white. The background is a mix of green and purple.

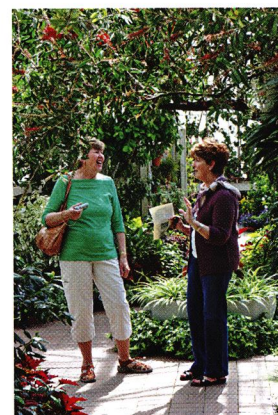
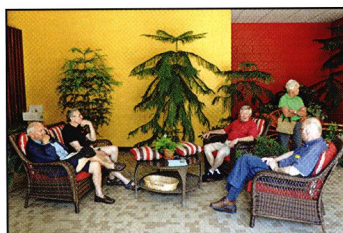
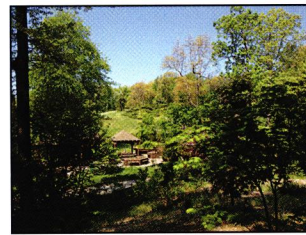
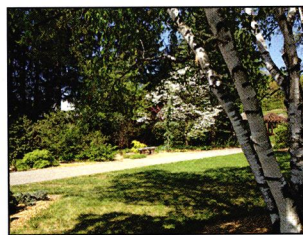
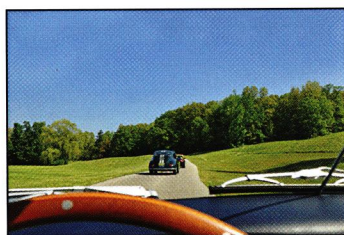
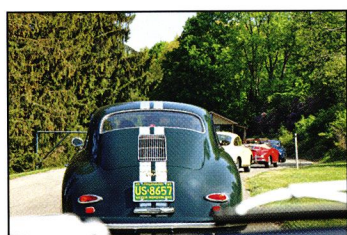


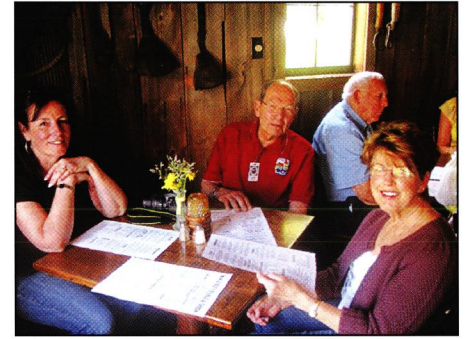
2013 Gruppe Spring Tour

by Dave Preston Photos by the three Daves: Preston, Burton and Peterson

The 2013 Motor Cities Gruppe Spring Tour was in a word, awesome. Sebastian always finds a way to really plan a great adventure for us each Spring and this year he teamed up with John & Carole McConnell to put together a unique and fun day.

The weather was absolutely perfect. Our 356s had their windows down, tops down, sunroofs open and off we went after meeting at a very convenient rendezvous point in Ann Arbor. Sebastian led the way and he picked great roads. Our first stop was the Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton, Michigan. This 755 acre botanical garden is now owned by Michigan State University and is open to the public year-round. John and Carole have spent a lot of time there and they were really pleased that their friends in the club took the time to come to their side of town and enjoy this wonderful gem. There is no limit to how much there is to see there and it makes you wonder what it must look like in the fall and at Christmas. What a beautiful place to visit.



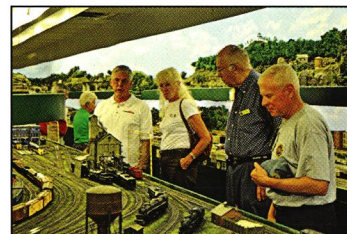
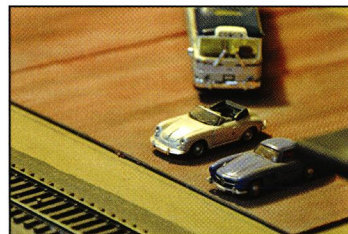
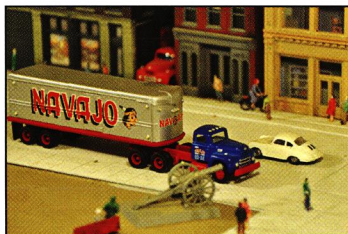
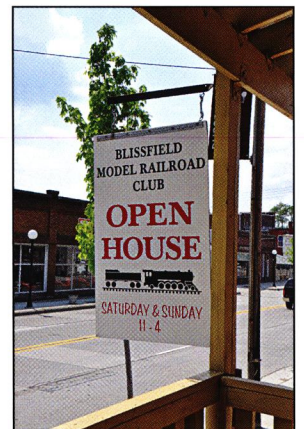
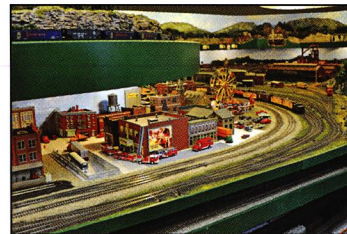
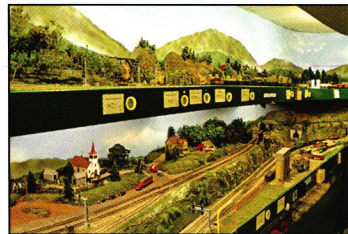
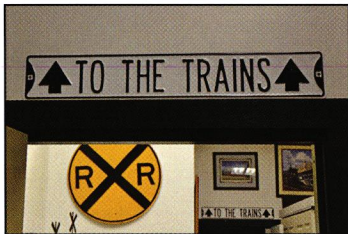
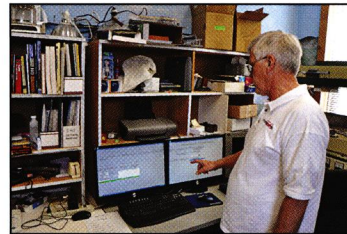
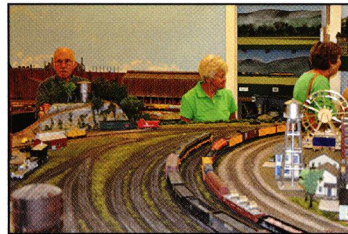
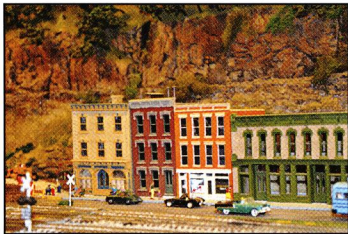


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More driving took us to the Stable restaurant in Blissfield, Michigan for a nice lunch, but then we were in for another surprise! John is the President of the Blissfield Model Railroad Club in Blissfield, Michigan and he arranged for us to be able to tour the club after lunch.

It’s not possible for me to find the correct words to describe this unbelievable display of HO scale railroads and period correct settings. The club has modeled their impressive display after the C&O and Clinchfield Railroads in the Appalachian Mountains. They have some 18,000 miniature trees along with dozens of vignettes such as; small towns, amusement parks, countryside’s, downtowns, mountains, junk yards, railroad switch yards and much, much more. The attention to detail is incredible. At any given time, there are several trains running simultaneously. We even spotted three Porsche 356s on display in the miniature town settings. There was a 356 that looked a lot like Dick & Shirley’s lovely A Coupe, a silver A Cab that looked a lot like Dave & Barb Peterson’s beautiful car and a sleek white C Coupe that looked a lot like Jeff Topf’s car (with the new gas tank of course!).

All in all, a Spring Tour that will be hard to ever beat. Many thanks to Carole, John and Sebastian.



Shades of Pink Zoo Walk 2013

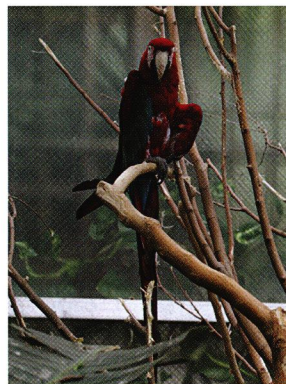
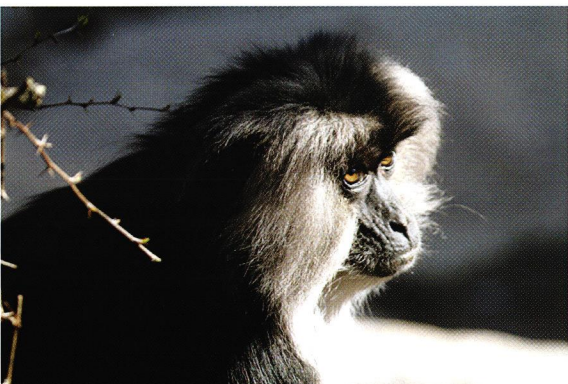
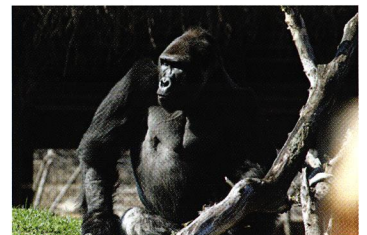
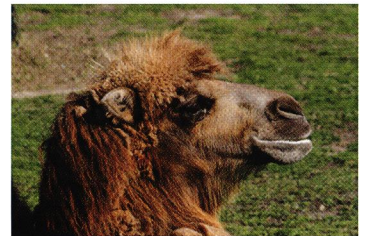
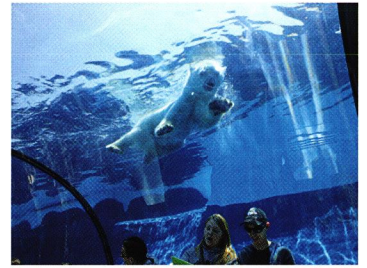
by Harry Kurrie

April 27, 2013 dawned sunny, with clear skies, a mild 45 degrees and no wind. I had to check the NY Times to confirm the date was correct AND that I was not dreaming! The weather for the previous walks had always featured some combination of cold, raining/snow/sleet and biting winds!

The day was perfect for the walk and the turnout was HUGE. The 356 Enterprises sponsor sign was the first on the walkway to the tent. Mary and I connected with Diane and Dave Burton and Ron Roland. Peggy Goldberg and Barb Peterson were rumored to be on site.

The Shades of Pink Zoo Walk is a fund raiser for a great cause. It is always fun because the animals are sensing the spring is near and they are rested from their long winter naps. We had a leisurely walk including lunch this year because of the nice weather. The polar bears were very playful and put on quite a show on top of the underwater tunnel in their habitat. The giraffes' were playful and the peacocks were really showing their spring colors too!

The Shades of Pink Zoo Walk raises funds for breast cancer victim's day-to-day expenses. Breast cancer has touched many of us and we generously help support the victims.





356 Motor Cities Gruppe Financial Status

The 356 Motor Cities Gruppe (MCG) Board has decided to report on regular six-month intervals the financial standing of the club. Since the Fiscal Year runs November 1 through October 31, the Board will provide these numbers as of March 31 and October 31 of each year. A summary of the clubs financial status as of March 31, 2013 is:

CLUB ASSETS

Checking: \$8,427

CLUB RESERVES

Chase Savings: \$5,003
Chase One Year CD: \$15,000

TOTAL RESERVES: \$20,003

Effectively we have \$20,000 in savings and we continually maintain a checking account of about \$8,000 to cover the operating expenses associated with printing and mailing the Auspuff, hosting events and covering basics such as State of Michigan filings, insurance, etc. That only represents part of the overall financial picture. The other part is the operating budget, developed at the beginning of each fiscal year. For the last two years, we have not only produced a balanced budget, but we have also adjusted expenses as necessary throughout the year to maintain a balanced budget. The Board will continue fine tune this process in order to maintain the expected quality levels for all traditional events, while looking at new venues for the 356 MCG members. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that there are several individuals who are very generous with contributions to the club of time and/or money. While we can't name everyone, and we usually don't like to single out any one individual, a special thank-you needs to be made to Richard King from Ohio. Richard is a most generous and gracious member, who contributes significantly to our club financially every year – every year! Richard – thanks very much!

Finally, we would like to make a plea to any of you who may have forgotten to renew your dues. For 2013, we have been trending down a bit in renewals, and it is your dues that allow us to stage these excellent events. Please contact Barbara Skirmants if you need to make that renewal. While you're doing that, why not renew for a couple of years so you do not have to worry about it next year!

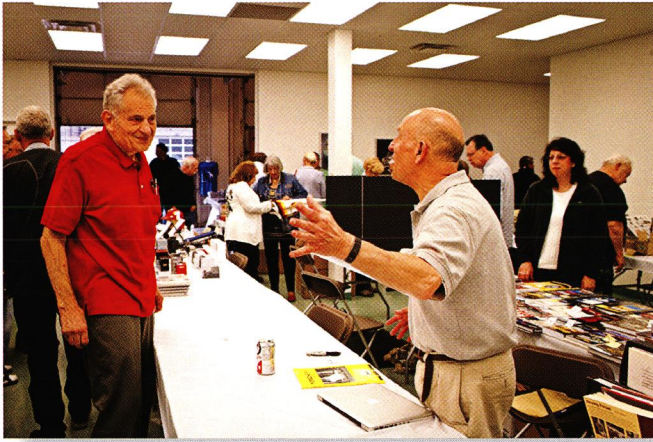
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Scenes from the Stoddard Swap Meet 2013

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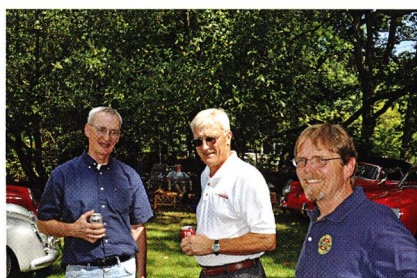




SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING GRUPPE EVENTS

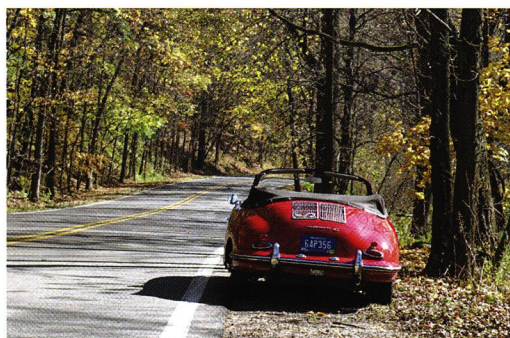
Annual Gruppe Summer Picnic August 4th, 2013

The Gruppe will land at the Burton's lake house for this year's picnic
Please see page 6 for details



Gruppe Fall Tour

October, Date to be Announced



Gruppe Holiday Party

December 8th at Canturbury Village
Look for Details in a Future Issue



Motor Cities Gruppe Calendar of Events 2013

June

June 1st
June 8th (tentative)
June 20th - 23rd
June 23rd - 29th
June 26th - 30th

MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neil's
Stoddard Swap Meet
Bay Harbor Vintage Car Show (Friday & Saturday Event)
58th Annual Porsche Parade Traverse City, MI
SVRA at Mid Ohio Vintage Races

July

July 17th - 21st
July 19th - 21st
July 28th

Elkhart Lake Road America - Kohler Int'l Challenge
Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Concours de'Elegance of America @ St Johns

August

August 4th
August 4th
August 8th
August 10th-11th
August 11th
August 17th -17th
August 17th - 18th

Summer Picnic @ the Burton's
MCG Board Meeting (briefly at Summer Picnic)
Harbor Springs Car Festival. Harbor Springs, MI
Alden Classic Sports Car Picnic/Show in Alden, Michigan
SEM Summer Picnic
Back to the Bricks, Flint, MI
Woodward Dream Cruise

September

September 4th - 8th
September 6th - 8th
September TBD
September 19th - 22nd
September 22nd

Watkins Glen SVRA Vintage Races
Frankenmuth Auto Fest 2012 in Frankenmuth, Michigan
Glenmoor Gathering Canton, OH
HSR Atlanta Historic Races @ Road Atlanta
Drive your Porsche Day 2012

October

October 9th - 13th
TBD

West Coast Holiday New Mexico
Gruppe Fall Tour

November

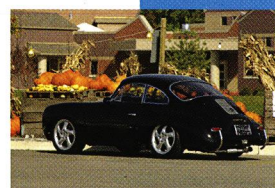
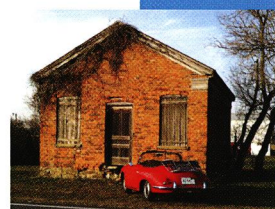
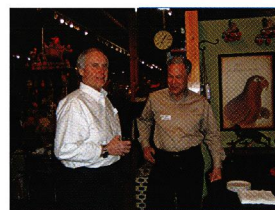
November 9th

MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neil's

December

December 8th

Holiday Christmas Party - Canterbury Village



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