

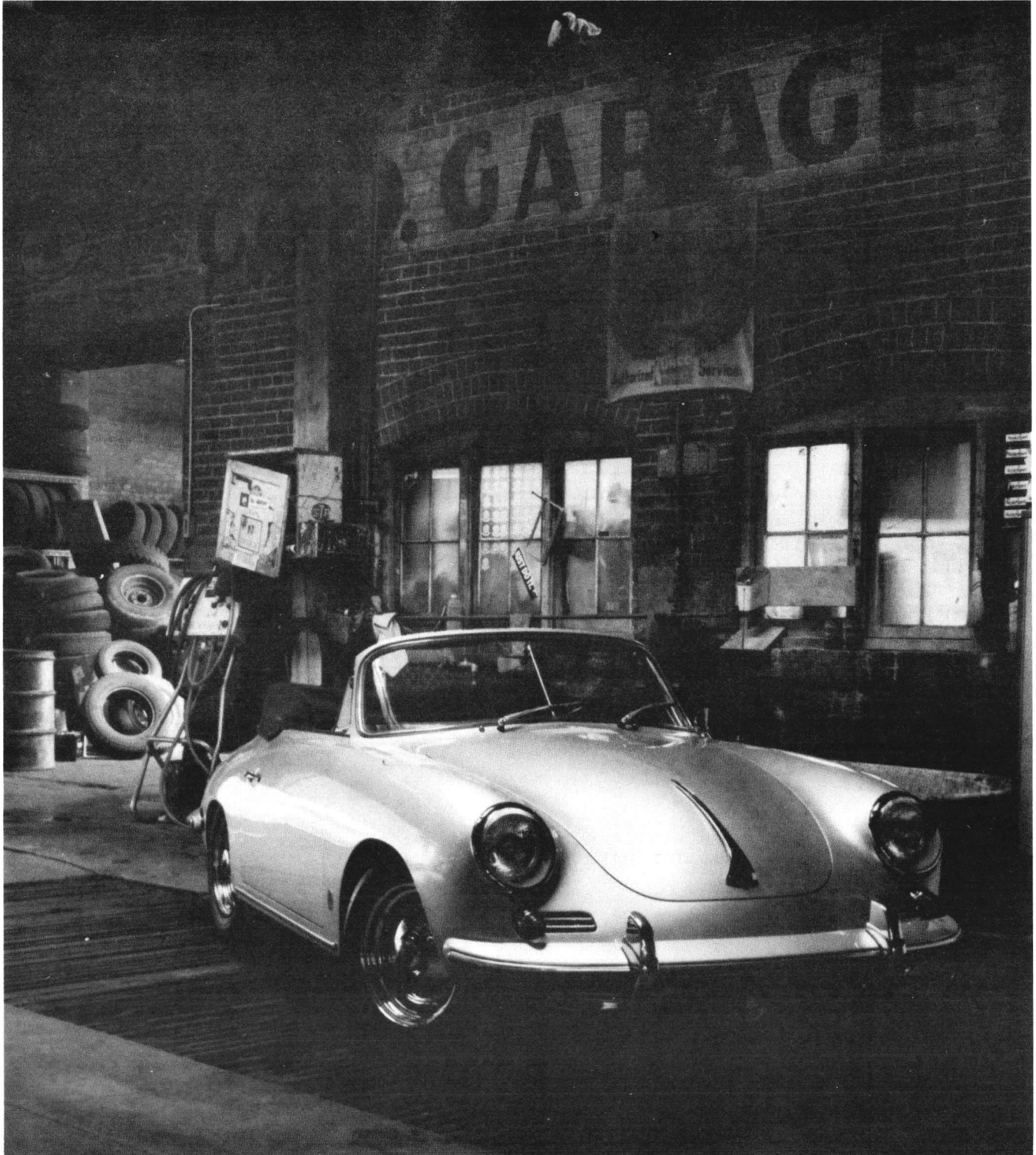
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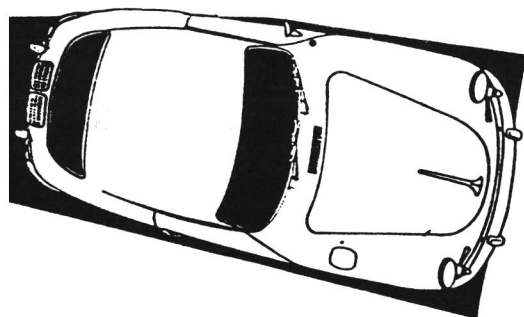
VOLUME 2

ISSUE 1

“93”



**WE TURN CABIN FEVER
INTO SPRING FEVER**



Looking out the window, it's hard to realize Spring is just around the corner. The "Gruppe" is already busy planning interesting activities for the "93" season, Tech Session, a Sunday Spring Drive, Vintage Car Race and Bar-B-Que weekend, annual family picnic, and more to follow. If you have any suggestions or would like to coordinate an event, please call me.

I have reserved twenty reasonably priced motel rooms, in close proximity to the track, for the Mid-Ohio Vintage Race & Bar-B-Que weekend. If you are interested, call me soon, as twelve rooms are already spoken for.

As you browse through the newsletter, you will notice a membership form and a request for annual dues. Realization has finally arrived, in that our readership has grown to over 250. The cost of publishing and mailing a newsletter can no longer be supported by our Booster Fund. It was decided at a recent planning meeting to set yearly dues at \$10.00, starting with the Summer (June) issue. Please complete the membership form and return A.S.A.P.

Now for the good news, I hope you have noticed the improved quality of the newsletter photos and printing. The "Gruppe" also has decided on a club logo and design of a enameled car badge for your 356. Final design and ordering information will be available in the next issue.

The "Gruppe" still has a need for an event coordinator and contributing editors.

Last year brought out many new enthusiasts. I hope to see you all again plus more. --- Remember, you don't have to drive a "356" or even own one to participate --- come join us.

Fred Sheill

- Summer Issue Deadline May 1, 1993



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1993

April 24	Ski Round Top Porsche Swap Meet
May 8	Tech Sessions - See Centerfold
May 16	Spring Tour - See Centerfold
June	Open
July 9-10-11	Mid-Ohio Vintage Car Races & Barb's Tracksides Bar-B-Que
August 6-7-8	Meadowbrook Vintage Car Races
August 1	Family Picnic (details to follow next issue)
Open	Fall Color Tour
Open	Holiday Party

- Your Event Suggestions Welcome
- It Is Not Necessary to Drive a "356" to Participate in any event.

WANTED FOR '65 "C": LUGGAGE RACK, FUEL PUMP NEW OR REBUILDABLE, WORKSHOP MANUAL, RADIO COVER PLATE, SOLEX CARBS FOR 356/912 (HAVE WEBER 44IDF'S TO TRADE OR SELL OUTRIGHT).
SEBASTIAN GAETA W: 482-7133

17th ANNUAL ALL PORSCHE SWAP MEET

When: Saturday, April 24th, 1993
Where: Ski Roundtop, Lewisberry, PA
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PROFILES

THE KARMANN NOTCHBACK HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMEWHAT UNLOVED AND MAYBE A BIT MISUNDERSTOOD. ITS TWO YEAR RUN AND LOW PRODUCTION NUMBERS MAKE IT A "RARE" CAR, BUT DEMAND HAS NEVER BEEN GREAT. ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN FRANK AND RITA MALIK'S 1961 NOTCHBACK, HOWEVER, WILL TELL YOU THAT THIS DOES NOT APPLY. THEIR CARS' PAINT IS AN EXACT REPLICA OF A CARRERA PANAMERICANA RACE CAR COMPLETE WITH ENTRY NUMBER, CROSSED GUATEMALAN AND MEXICAN FLAGS, AND THE OLD MOBILGAS PEGASUS LOGO.

FRANK FIRST SAW THE NOTCHBACK IN CALIFORNIA AT THE SHOP THAT WAS RESTORING HIS JUST PURCHASED '64 "C" COUPE. IT WAS OWNED BY THE SHOP PROPRIETOR, RONNY FIETELSON, WHO DID THE PANAMERICANA PAINT HIMSELF. FRANK BOUGHT THE CAR BEFORE THE RESTORATION WORK ON THE '64 WAS EVEN COMPLETE.

THE BOTTOM SECTION OF THE CAR IS A DEEP PURPLE WHILE THE ROOF IS A BRIGHT WHITE THAT COVERS THE FRONT HOOD AND MOST OF THE BACKSIDE OF THE CAR. THE "PURPLE CAR", AS FRANK CALLS IT, EVEN HAS THE COMPETITION LOOK LEATHER CHECK STRAPS AND BUCKLES TO HOLD DOWN THE HOOD. THE WHEELS HAVE NO HUBCAPS TO SHOW OFF SOME NICELY PAINTED LOW PROFILE WHEELS AND BRAKE DRUMS; AND LIKE ANY GOOD RACE CAR, THERE ARE NO BUMPERS. THE INTERIOR, HOWEVER, IS BUILT FOR COMFORT AS TAN LEATHER COVERS EVERYTHING INCLUDING THE STEERING WHEEL.

THROUGH RONNY, FRANK BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH GARY EMERY OF "PARTS OBSOLETE" AND HIS FRIEND HAL THOMS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE REGISTRY. FRANK HAS SOME NICE PICTURES OF THE NOTCHBACK TAKEN BY HAL AND I'M SURE MANY OF US WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM. SO FRANK, IF YOU COULD BRING THEM TO THE NEXT GATHERING WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. ALSO, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DIFFERENT HAL THOMS PHOTO OF THIS CAR THEN CHECK OUT REGISTRY VOLUME FOURTEEN NUMBER ONE. THE COVER PHOTO SHOWS THE CONCOURS AT WEST COAST HOLIDAY XIII AND THE CAR CAN BE SEEN JUST BEHIND THE FLAG AT THE FOURTH HOLE OF THE GOLF COURSE.

IF YOU ASSUME THAT THE ONLY THING THAT FRANK AND RITA LIKE ABOUT THE CAR IS THE PAINT JOB, THEN THINK AGAIN. THEY ALSO OWN ANOTHER '61 NOTCHBACK. IT WAS PURCHASED FROM A DENTIST WHO BOUGHT IT USED IN 1961 AND DROVE IT REGULARLY FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. THE GOOD DOCTOR OVERHAULED THE ENGINE AT 275,000 MILES AND FRANK BOUGHT IT 80,000 MILES LATER. TO THIS DAY IT IS STILL RUNNING STRONG. IN FACT, FRANK JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WHERE HE KEEPS THE "NORMAL" NOTCHBACK, AND THE WINDING MOUNTAIN/BEACHSIDE ROADS WERE PLENTIFUL, THANK YOU. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY JEALOUS.

THEY ALSO OWN A NICELY RESTORED '65 "SC" COUPE TO GO ALONG WITH THE OTHER THREE CARS. HOW MUCH DO THEY LIKE THEIR 356'S? THEIR COLLECTION OF MUSCLE/HEMI CARS IS FOR SALE, BUT THE PORSCHE'S ARE NOT. (SIDE NOTE: RUMOR HAS IT THAT FRANK AND RITA ARE CONSIDERING HOSTING THIS YEAR'S SUMMER PICNIC. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THREE OF THEIR FOUR CARS.)

A FEW MORE THOUGHTS: TORD SMEDBERG PROMISES TO HAVE HIS SPEEDSTER ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER "AS IS." CAN I HAVE THE FIRST RIDE, TORD?...SPEAKING OF SPEEDSTERS, RESTORATION ON BURTON DAVIS' BLACK SPEEDSTER (THE ONE JANE FONDA DROVE IN THE MOVIE "COMING HOME") IS NEARLY COMPLETE AND IT MAY INCLUDE A NICE ACCESSORY NOT NORMALLY SEEN ON THE STREET. I WON'T BLOW THE SURPRISE BUT IT SHOULD BE PRETTY NEAT..."SPEAKING OF SPEEDSTERS" PART TWO: LARRY HEITMANS' '55 PRE-A SPEEDSTER WILL BE BURNING GAS IN APRIL AFTER A THREE YEAR RESTORATION BY RON ROLAND. THE CAR IS WHITE WITH RED INTERIOR AND HAS THE ORIGINAL OPTIONAL COUPE SEATS. LARRY'S OWNED IT SINCE 1981...I'M PLANNING A ONE DAY DRIVING TOUR THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE WEST OF ANN ARBOR ON MAY 16TH. YOU'LL FIND THE ANNOUNCEMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME ANYTIME DURING THE DAY AT 482-7133 TO SIGN UP.

...SEBASTIAN GAETA...



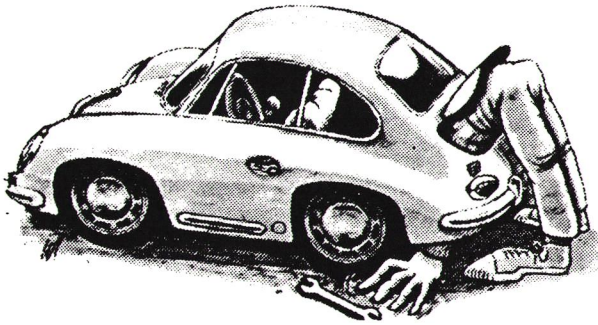
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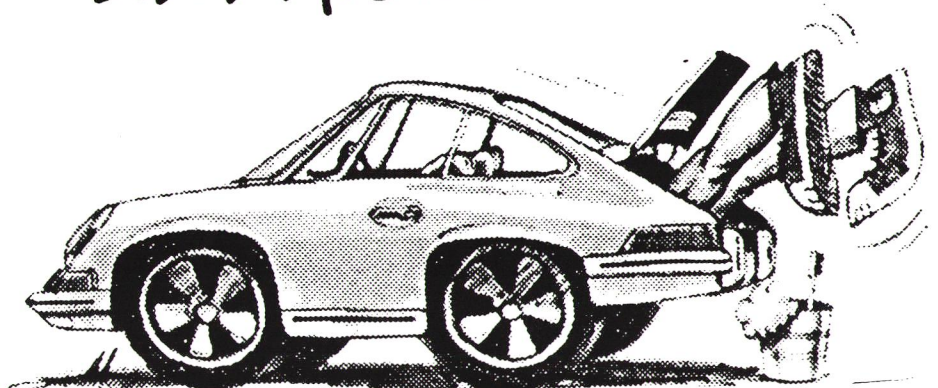
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1ST ANNUAL 356 MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE SPRINGTIME "TOP DOWN TOUR"

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COME AND JOIN US FOR A ONE DAY DRIVING TOUR THROUGH THE SCENIC ROADS WEST OF ANN ARBOR. FIRST WE'LL EXPLORE THE HELL, MI. AREA THEN HEAD SOUTH ON M-52 THRU CHELSEA AND INTO THE IRISH HILLS. LUNCH WILL BE AT "JERRY'S" ON WAMPLERS LAKE. WE'LL THEN CRUISE THE WINDING ROADS WHILE MAKING OUR WAY TO TECUMSEH, MI. FOR ANTIQUE HUNTING. LETS MAKE THIS A MOTOR CITIES GRUPPE SPRING TIME TRADITION!

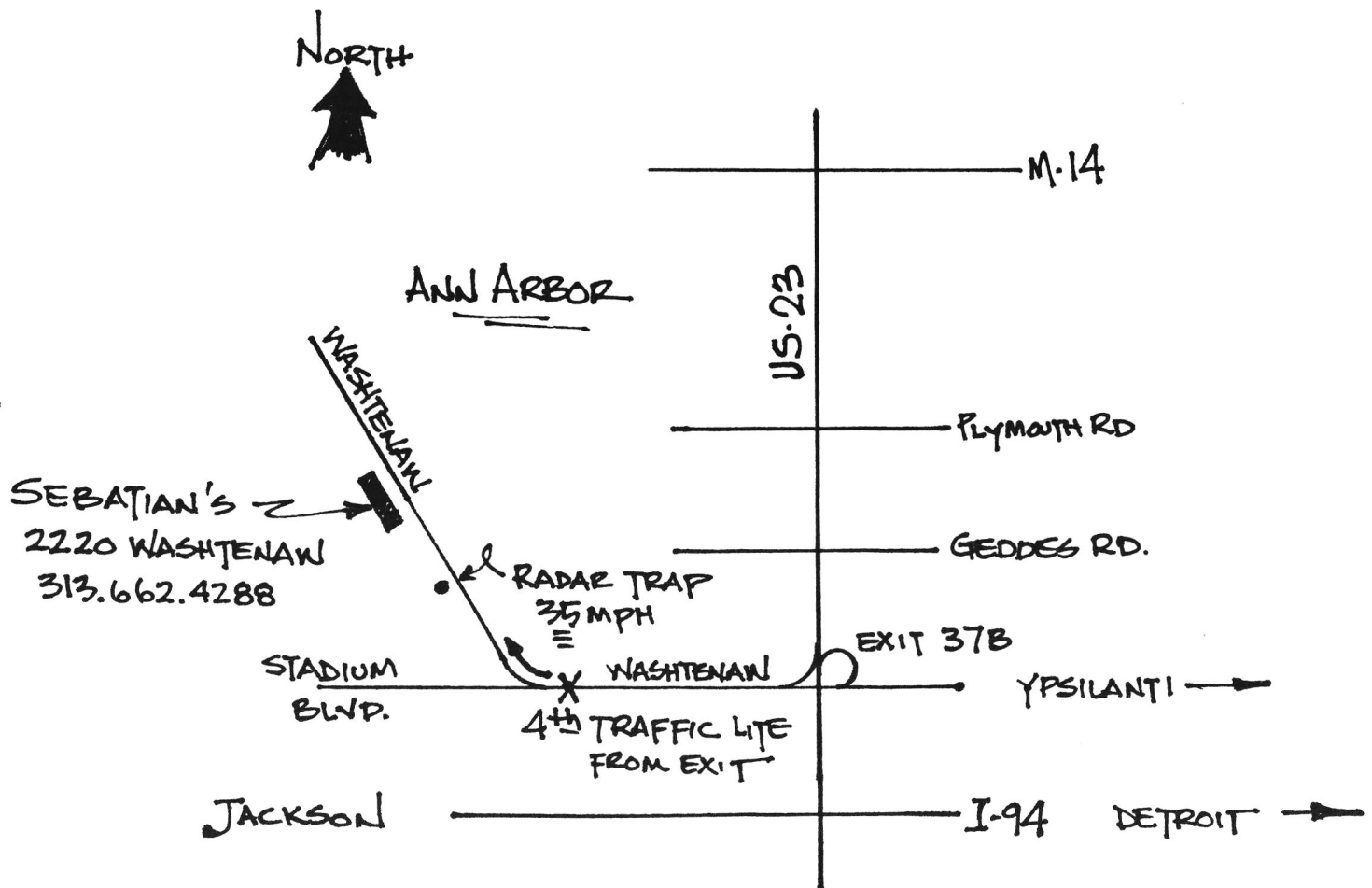
WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 16TH 10:30 A.M.

MEETING PLACE: HOME OF SEBASTIAN AND NARMEEN GAETA
2220 WASHTENAW, ANN ARBOR

DEPART: 11:00 A.M. (WE HAVE 75 MILES TO COVER BEFORE LUNCH, SO WE'LL LEAVE AS CLOSE TO 11:00 AS POSSIBLE)

LUNCH: @ 12:45 JERRY'S PUB, WAMPLERS LAKE, ONSTEAD, MI.
DEPART AT 2:00 P.M. FOR IRISH HILLS/TECUMSEH

RSVP: BY MAY 1ST. PLEASE CALL SEBASTIAN AT 482-7133(D)
OR 662-4288(N)



PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

With Spring almost upon us, many classic auto owners are again thinking fondly of finishing winter restorations and tuning up their classics in preparation for the summer season of club events, shows and tours. This is an excellent time to also make sure that your classic auto insurance is current and that you have adequate protection for your pride and joy.

Many, if not most, of the members of the Motor Cities Gruppe probably qualify for one of several specialty insurance programs offered exclusively for classic and collectible automobiles. These programs usually offer better coverage for a far lower premium than standard insurance policies due to the low risk that is associated with these low mileage vehicles. In general, to qualify the car must be in good condition and be "collectible" and driven only on a limited basis, and the driver must have a good driving record.

If you and your car fit these criteria, you should investigate the possibility of insuring with a specialty program. Compared to standard programs, you could save hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars depending on the size and value of your collection. When reviewing your current coverage or investigating a new program, here are some major features to look for in the policy:

AGREED VALUE COVERAGE - Unless your policy specifically states that you will be paid the value stated on the declarations page of your policy in the event of a total loss, you will instead receive "either the Actual Cash Value (ACV) or the Stated Amount, whichever is less." This is standard insurance industry wording which allows the insurance company to estimate (after the loss) the pre-loss condition and value of your car. Obviously, it is in the insurance company's best interest to minimize the value of your car after the claim. To avoid this situation, look for an agreed value policy with wording such as "we will pay the limit shown on the declarations page which is agreed to be the value of your auto in the case of a total loss." Avoid any so-called classic auto policies with language that refers to Actual Cash Value.

LIABILITY COVERAGE - Make sure you have adequate liability insurance in case you are sued by someone that you injure in an accident. Most experts recommend about \$300,000 of protection. The best coverage is provided by Combined Single Limit (CSL) rather than Split Limit Liability.

UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE - This coverage protects you if you are injured by someone without insurance, or by a hit and run driver. This coverage is usually inexpensive, so look for coverage that matches your Liability coverage amount.

MEDICAL COVERAGE - For Michigan drivers, this is called Personal Injury Protection (PIP). Michigan law requires that insurance companies provide unlimited protection in the event of bodily injury. Michigan PIP is the best medical coverage available in the nation. Make sure your insurance carrier is an "admitted" carrier in Michigan and that the carrier has at least an A.M. Best rating of "A". A-rated carriers admitted in Michigan have the financial resources and state law compliance to assure payment in the event of a catastrophic medical claim.

MICHIGAN CATASTROPHIC CLAIM ASSOCIATION (MCCA) - All Michigan auto insurance policies with PIP coverage must levy the MCCA assessment for each auto with PIP coverage in order to comply with state insurance law. If your Michigan policy doesn't have MCCA charges and does provide PIP, it is probably not legal in Michigan.

Avoid policies that have the following exclusions:

UNATTENDED VEHICLE - This clause excludes claims which occur while you are away from your auto.

MILEAGE LIMITS - Many policies cease to cover your auto if you exceed the mileage limit. Look for mileage guidelines, not limits.

USAGE LIMITS - Many policies also exclude coverage for damage that occurs while using your car for any activity other than club, show or parade function. Look for a policy that permits pleasure use of the car so that you can take a Sunday drive around the lake without fear of policy exclusion.

If you are not sure how your current policy handles the claims situations described above or whether or not the carrier is admitted in Michigan, you probably don't know enough about your policy. Now is the time, before the season arrives and BEFORE you have a claim, to dust off your current policy and do an insurance tune up. Then you will be able to enjoy your classic 356 Porsche worry-free this summer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASSIC AUTO INSURANCE CONTACT:

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HOLIDAY 1992

About 35 enthusiastic and dedicated 356'ers gathered at the lovely home of Jean and Bill Demeter. A warm evening of sumptuous food, visiting with good friends, videos, a tour of Bill's "GARAGE-MAHAL" and a fun auction to raise funds to support our "Gruppe" newsletter (so finely prepared by Fred and Bonnie Sheill). Hors d'oeuvres and beverages started the feast. Each couple brought a passing dish and a tasty ham was prepared by Jean. Desserts followed and we all sampled them justly, with one of each. We scattered from rafters to basement, front door to garage, eating and talking and watching Bill's race tapes. Ron Roland joined us later, having come from the hospital where his daughter had been for weeks with a serious blood infection. Karen kept vigil and we missed her always present cheeriness. Lindsey is now recovering at home and we all wish her continued health.

Items auctioned off by Barb Skirmants and Fred Sheill included a 356 Lap Robe, Registry Cap, Polo Shirt from the Skirmants, Wine and cheese Basket from the Sheills, 2 Hand Woven baskets from Pam and John Chatley, Porsche Books from Dr. Bill Block and Gordon Maltby, Champagne from the Demeters and Petersons and many other goodies. Tim Walls managed a "coup" by getting a matching outfit in separate bidding wars.. (cap & t-shirt). Kenny and Sue Rogers did a little advance party planning by buying a large bottle of Bubbly for New Years and also the high bidder for the "Mystery Gift" donated by Jean Demeter- (a pair of 1950's fuzzy dice). We'll look for those on your mirror Kenny. Our Thanks to Jean and Bill for their gracious hospitality.

Lanita Dunham

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- 356/Spyder logo shirts & Swiss Army pocket knife
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- Personal pocket agenda

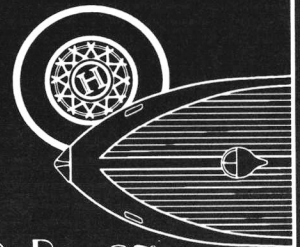
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Serial No: _____	Engine No: _____	Purchase Date: _____	

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Year: _____	Model: _____	Style: _____	Engine Type: _____
Color: _____	Features: _____		
Serial No: _____	Engine No: _____	Purchase Date: _____	

356 Activity Preferences

Restoration: ☐	Tours: ☐	Rallies: ☐
Autocross: ☐	Drivers School: ☐	Vintage Racing: ☐
Concours: ☐	Tech Sessions: ☐	Swap Meet: ☐
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