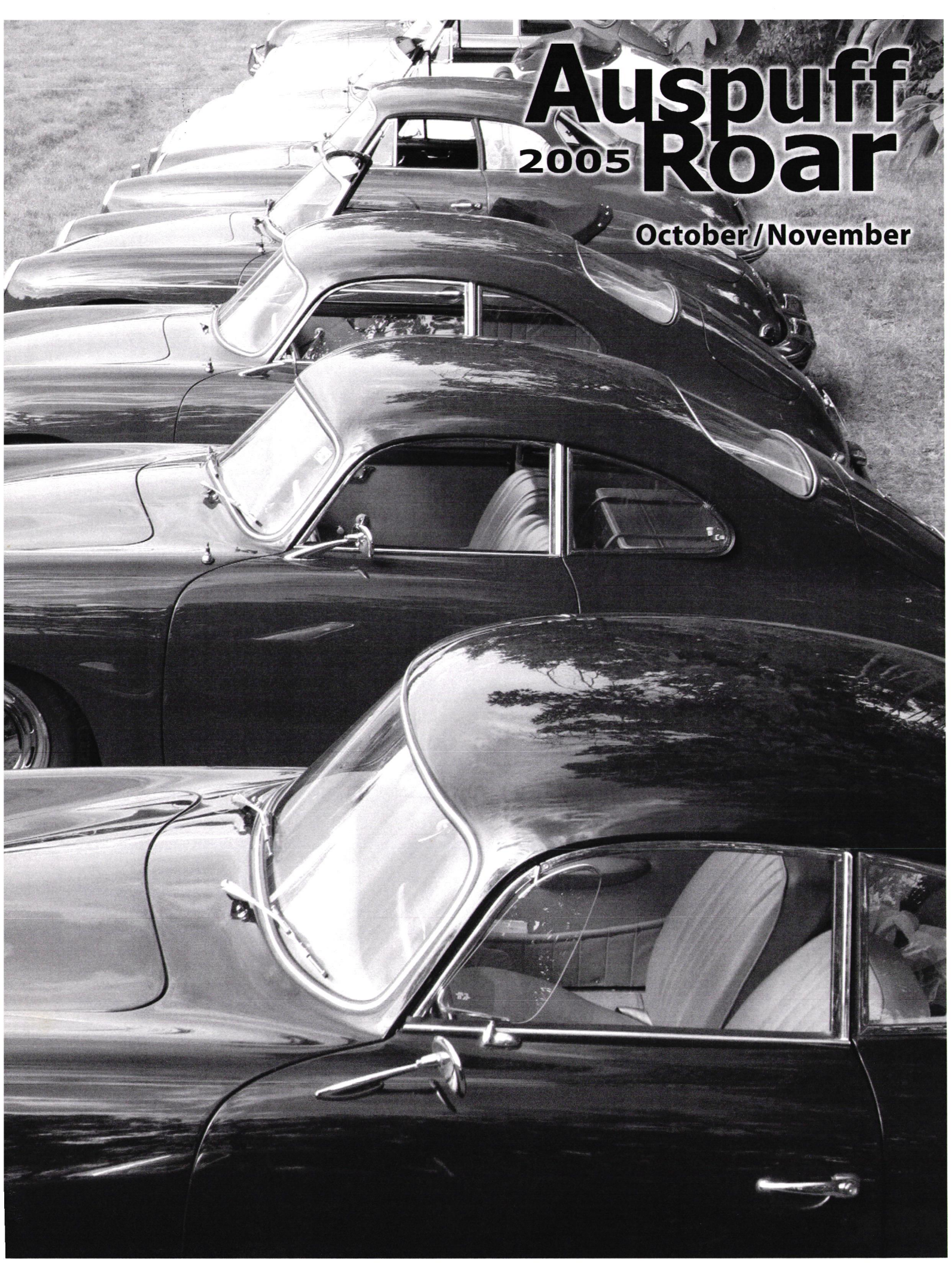




Auspuff 2005 Roar

October/November

On The Cover

Dave Burton captures our little cars all in a row at the annual picnic held at the Skirmants' "Three Oaks".

See more photos on page 10.



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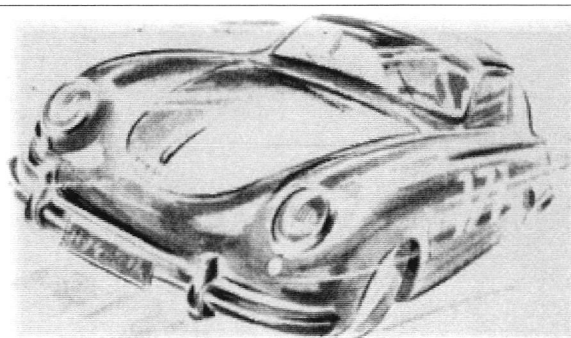
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Remember the first year in your first Porsche!

That's the theme of the 2007 East Coast Holiday. So, a little update on progress is in order!!

We have signed a contract with Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs to be our headquarters hotel; which will also be the site for the concours, hill climb, gymkhana and banquet. With accommodations for up to 650 people, all participants can be housed in the same location – something not done at an East Coast Holiday for a few years. We will have separate secured parking in nice surroundings with park benches located at the perimeter for just sitting, looking at the cars and talking with old friends.

We have established the core planning group consisting of Dick Beecher, Ted Dunham, Heath Hurlbert and Barbara Skirmants to begin organizing the event in more detail. Dan Christy is polishing up the event logo, which will grace the 2007 Holiday car badge, shirts, caps and other Holiday items. Dick Beecher is busy tracking down information and procedural materials for conducting the hill climb and gymkhana events; and then will pursue acquisition of insurance coverage. As we progress both in scope and time, we will begin adding more team members from the list of many people who have already volunteered their time and services. If you have a preference for a particular Holiday activity, call me or any of the core planning team members to get your name on the "Helping Hands List".

We had a very good turnout for the Annual Summer Picnic. The weather was perfect, as was the setting at the Skirmants country estate. Besides seeing old friends and some new cars (Eric Koehler's green coupe and Dave Preston's), we also got a tour of Vic and Barbara's home away from home – their brand new racing transporter. See Dave Burton's pictures on page 10.

By the time this issue reaches you, the Fall Color Tour will have just taken place. The theme of this year's Tour was "Holiday Preview", driving routes put together by Bill Hallandal, accommodations at Boyne Highlands and a dinner party at the Hinz Hideout.

A detailed story and pictures will be in the next issue.

Did you notice that we began to use our web site very extensively for the Fall Color Tour publicity? Because the planning specifics for the Tour fell between issues of AusPuff Roar, we turned to broadcast e-mail and the web site <http://www.356mcg.com/> to both advertise the Color Tour and communicate details of agenda, lodging and meals. If you didn't get the news electronically, it was likely that Barbara Skirmants doesn't have your e-mail address on file. Send it to her at skirmants@direcway.com to keep current on all of the Motor Cities Gruppe happenings.

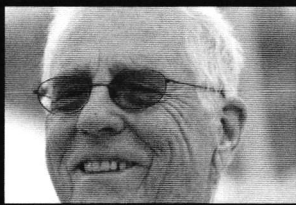
Our newsletter publisher has gone nation-wide. You have undoubtedly noticed the inclusion of pictures and ending prices of Porsche-related **eBay** auction items in AusPuff Roar from time to time. Well, so has Gordon Maltby, Editor of the *356 Registry* magazine. Starting with the current issue, Sebastian Gaeta will be having a regular column demonstrating the desirability of vintage Porsche paraphernalia in the market place. Pretty amazing – both the items and the prices. Check it out, and congratulations, Sebastian.

Coming up on December 4th is annual Holiday Party, again being held on the first Sunday in December. The Holiday Party has also traditionally been the last day of balloting for the election of Motor Cities Gruppe Trustees. However, we are including a ballot in this issue and ask that you fill it out and mail it in beforehand. Three Trustees, Michael Heilmann, Bill Rohrer and Barbara Skirmants, will be stepping down this year and we thank them for their terrific service to the club. Check out the ballot to see who their possible replacements are.

See you at the Neil's on Saturday mornings, and for sure, the Holiday Party!

DAVE PETERSON

EDITOR'S LETTER



In the last issue I wrote about how we wished for warm weather all winter , well, we got our wish this summer. We have lots of opportunities to get out on the roads with our cars. Sometimes it was so warm you could hardly stand to put the top down. This issue will include some photos of our summer Picnic. The event was well attended and it was a perfect day . I don't know what received more attention the great cars on display or the abundance of Barbara's pet Hummingbirds and Butterflies. I know I have never seen so many in one place. We even took a little time for some club business when David Peterson discussed the 2007 East Coast Holiday. Those of you who worked on the 98 Holiday know that its not to soon to begin working on the event.

The theme for the Holiday is ; " Remember the first year in your first Porsche." My first Porsche was acquired back in about 1974 . I had looked at some cars while living in Texas and the Chicago area but they always seemed to be far more of a project than I wanted. When we moved back to Michigan I mentioned my interest to Bill Hallandal. In a very short time he contacted me with a prospect in Ann Arbor. This was a Dolphin Grey C coupe owned by Grady Ellis who raced Porsches at Waterford in the past . The car was quite dull and in need of paint , interior , tires etc. But it did run , drove well and was generally pretty solid. We settled on a price and I nervously drove the car home. I still have a picture somewhere of my wife, Mother and Father in Law setting on our front porch looking at this somewhat shabby looking car with no enthusiasm .

The first year didn't include much driving as I went into a restoration mode. The first step was cleaning . That's all I did to the engine along with changing points and plugs and I drove it that way until I sold it. The rest of the car was more involved. I discovered a little rust on the rockers and front fenders which resulted in the first of many orders to Stoddards for repair panels and other parts. I thought that the Dolphin Grey color sort of looked like porch and deck paint so decided to paint it Ruby Red. I stripped the car , including glass and found a young man who worked with me that did some painting to complete the body work. I left the dash the same grey color as well as the seat and door upholstery . The carpet was replaced with a grey square weave material that a local Flint shop said was used in Mercedes.

My restoration process was completed when I purchased a set of real Minilite wheels and 185-70 tires from either Tire Rack or Discount Tire who delivered them all mounted and balanced . You can't buy real new Minilites any more. Actually the frosting on the cake was the purchase of a set of Chrome Nerf Bars from that exotic parts house JC Whitney .

Now this restoration would not be to the standards set today but the car was a great fun driver that I enjoyed immensely . It still is a great car and is currently owned by fellow Gruppe member Bill Demeter. Bill has made many improvements since he has owned it especially in the performance area.

Now, I have been your Auspuff Editor for about 9 months. It is

some work yet is rewarding when the issue comes out in its final form. Sometimes it seems that I am not doing very much as material , pictures, articles etc. are solicited and simply passed on to Sebastian who works his magic puts it all together resulting in an excellent finished publication. Sebastian assures me that it is a help to him so I will continue to try and improve my participation. What is really the meat of the finished product is the contributions by you , Motor Cities Gruppe Members. I am grateful to those who have provided material for our newsletter over the past year.

As we go into the winter months there are less events and activities for Newsletter articles. I am asking for material to include in future publications. For example "Remember the first year in your first Porsche" or My first 356 , or any 356 related story like a favorite trip with pictures. The classifieds are some of the first things that I look at when I get my Pano or Registry . We encourage you to send in your sale items . They work, Bill Hallandal just sold two cars from our ad. Letters to the Editor will be published as long as they are not political.

We will certainly have a comprehensive article about the fall tour. I hope you will be there. This will be a great opportunity to be included in a prestigious publication like the Auspuff Roar.

Motor Cities Gruppe Social Luncheons

In the past The Gruppe had all members dinner meetings. In the time prior to the 98 West Coast Holiday these meetings were well attended. Over time the location was changed a couple of times for various reasons and attendance gradually decreased to a point where they were cancelled due to a lack of interest. It was recognized that work schedules and evening winter travel made it difficult for many to attend during the week.

In light of the fact that many of the Board members attend the informal Saturday morning get-togethers at Neil's, their meetings are being held bi-monthly at Stuart Tool. Thanks to Neil Goldberg for his hospitality.

As many Gruppe members also attend the Saturday morning "Breakfast Club" the Board has scheduled general membership Luncheons on Saturdays, the days of the Board meetings. The luncheons are open to all members and will be held at Logan's Roadhouse. **Logan's is located on 14 Mile road in front of the Oakland Mall.** We encourage all to attend. We are discussing the possibility of doing another East Coast Holiday in 2007 as well as future activity plans. The input of all members will be welcomed.

Remaining 2005 Membership Luncheon Schedule:

**Saturday October 1, 2005 12 noon—Saturday
December 3, 2005 12 noon**

2007 EAST COAST HOLIDAY UPDATE

Remember the first year in your first Porsche!

This will be our fourth Holiday, with the most recent in 1998. Translated, that means that we have many seasoned veterans of past Holidays as well as new folks that have not yet had the privilege to serve other Porsche owners at a Holiday. We are going to take about a half hour at the Summer Picnic on August 28th to talk about the entire Holiday, and answer any questions you may have. This also gives you the opportunity to think about your role in this great upcoming event.

Listed below is a tentative list of Holiday planning and execution activities. Please review and be ready to volunteer your services and specify Holiday activity interests.

Financials	➤ Goody Bags, Shirts, Gifts	➤ Hotel Facilities	Publicity
➤ Legal	◆ Design & Art Work	◆ Rooms	◆ Holiday Web Site
➤ Registration	◆ Manufacture	◆ Meals	◆ 356 Registry Magazine Ads
➤ On-Site Activities	◆ Packaging	◆ Banquet	◆ Advertising in Other Venues
◆ Tech Sessions	◆ Sales	◆ Storage	◆ Art Work
◆ Literature/Model Meet	➤ Driving Events	◆ Overflow Rooms	➤ Sponsors
◆ Concours	◆ Routes	◆ Car Wash, Parking	
◆ Swap Meet	◆ Logistics	➤ Northern Michigan Things to Do	
	◆ Maps & Driving Times		

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18-4th Holiday Party. Details to follow.

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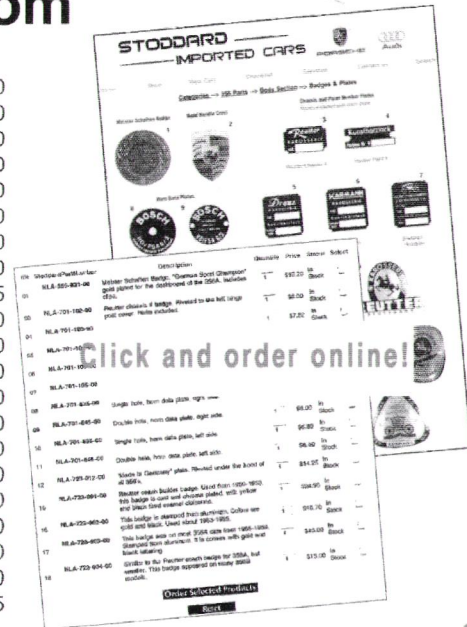
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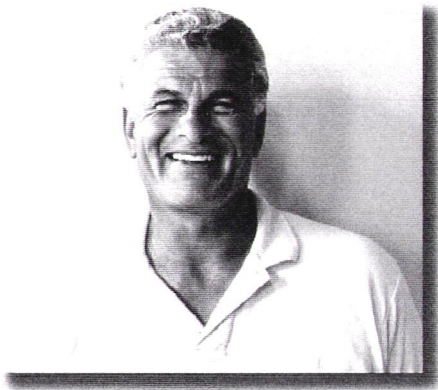
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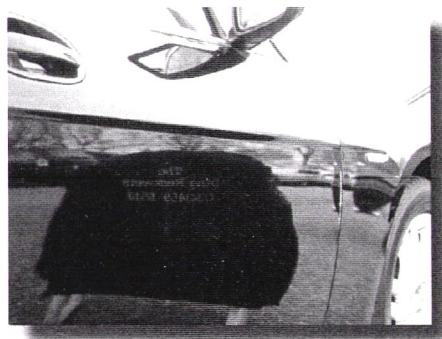


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America Roadster Chassis 12371 Steel Bodied

By Heath Hurlbert

About every five years the Meadow Brook Hall Concours D'Elegance is graced with the entry of an America roadster. The America roadster was the first Porsche delivered to satisfy the "run what you brung" crowd. This year Gary Kempton's newly painted and finished car was on display. Although only 16 aluminum roadsters were built by the coachbuilder Heuer/Glasser, they built was one last AR (the so called "17th roadster") of steel. Heuer was near bankruptcy, the aluminum roadsters were so costly to build that they lost money on every car they built. Heuer wanted to convince Porsche to build steel bodied roadsters (about 350 lbs heavier) so they could remain profitable.

It is unclear if Porsche had no interest in the steel versions or Heuer's bankruptcy was too far advanced to continue building roadsters and cabriolets for Porsche.

This car like all but the first two was delivered with the newly developed 1500S engine generating 70 horsepower at 5000 RPM. The engine used a two-piece VW crankcase, with a roller bearing crankshaft and an extended oil sump. Larger carburetors and intake manifolds were used in this engine. This car also had the large brakes used on the later aluminum roadsters. The steel body roadster differed in that the windshield is one piece curved glass and not removable for racing purposes. The aluminum roadsters had removable 2 piece (flat glass) windshields. With the fixed windshield the car has a curvaceous look. Many people say that this car looks like a cross between a Porsche speedster and a Jaguar XK120. The roadsters had unique seats, they used normal seat bottoms, but the backs were barrel shaped giving very good



lateral support. The backs of the seats pivoted at the lower sides to allow access to the storage shelf behind the seats. This was the only roadster to be painted rosedegrun. The interior is two-tone green and tan and is the only roadster to



have a two-tone interior. It is my theory Heuer may have done this two-tone interior to get Porsche's attention, as they wanted additional steel roadster orders. Many of us saw this car in California at the "Speedster 50th Anniversary" event. At that time the car was painted black with white numbers although the dash still had the original rosedegrun green paint. The color rosedegrun depicts the color of the leaves of a rose bush (pale gray-green). I feel that the car is better looking now that it painted its original rosedegrun. This roadster had limited race history. The most significant was in 1954 Brundage Motors Inc., Miami Springs, Fla., entered it in the 1954 12-hours of Sebring endurance race. If you have access to the "Speedster 50th Anniversary" book there are additional pictures on pages 79,80, 116, 122, 123, 128 and 129. All in all this car was spectacular. I may have a biased view, but these roadsters may be the most beautiful open pro-

duction cars that Porsche built. At the Meadow Brook Concours it received a blue ribbon and lion award. I hope you were fortunate enough to see Gary Kempton's roadster.



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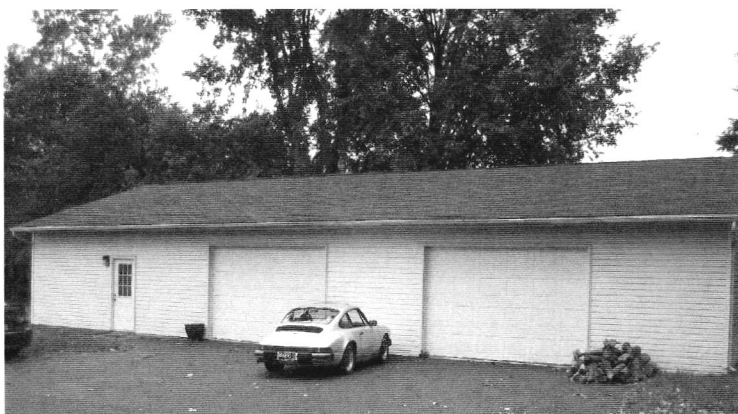
It is quite important that you send in your ballot as the board is comprised of the members that make the decisions regarding how your club functions. It also elects the officers from among its ranks so in effect you are voting in the club officers.

Don't forget to mail in that ballot!

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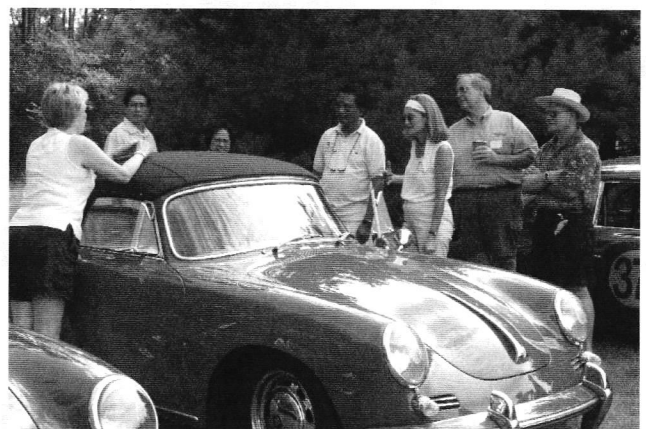
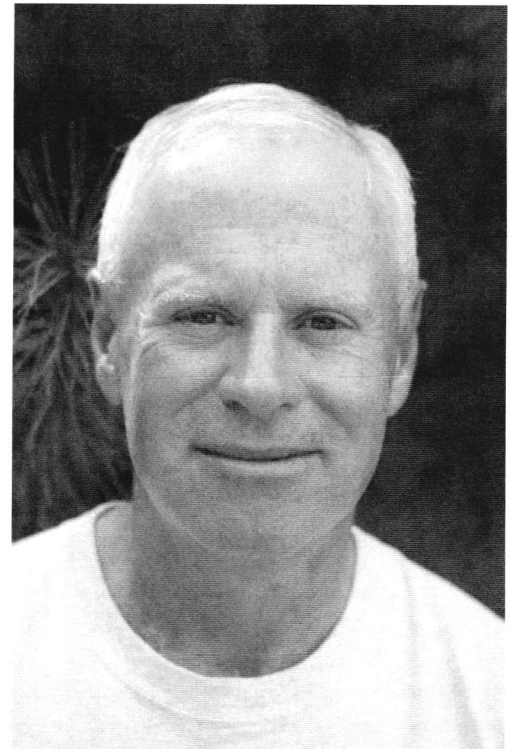
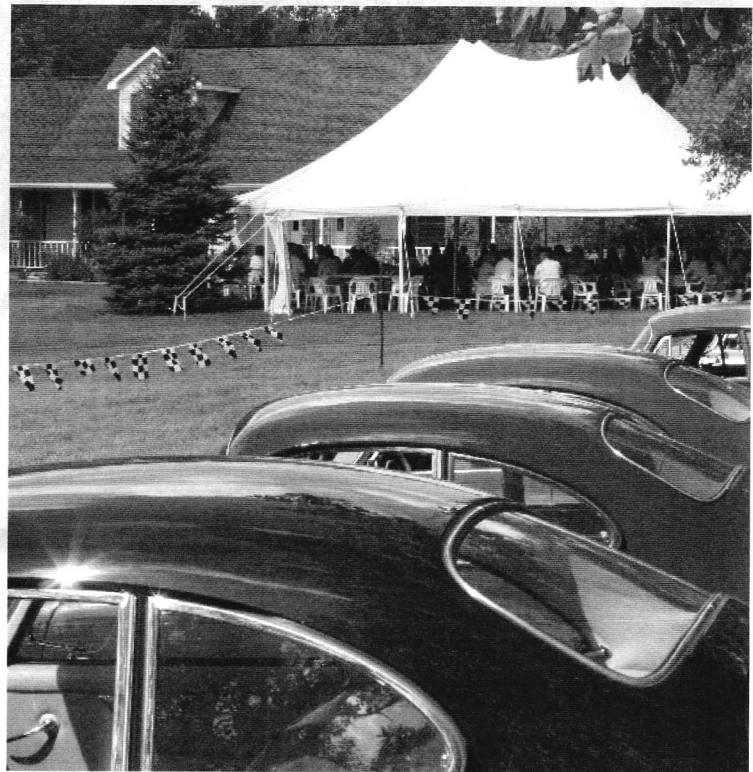
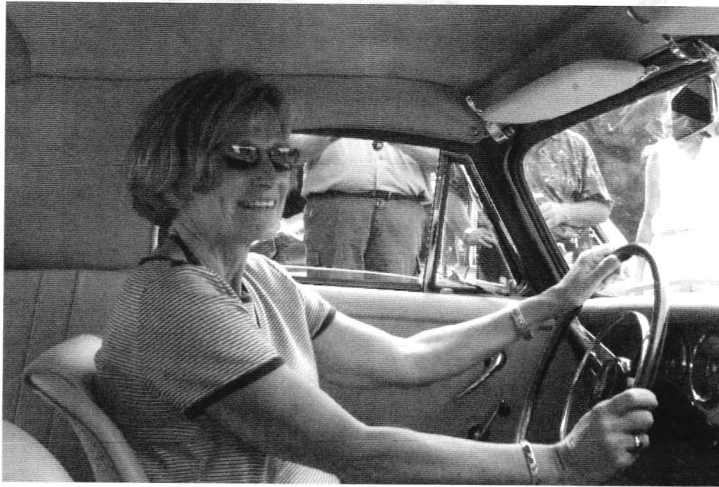


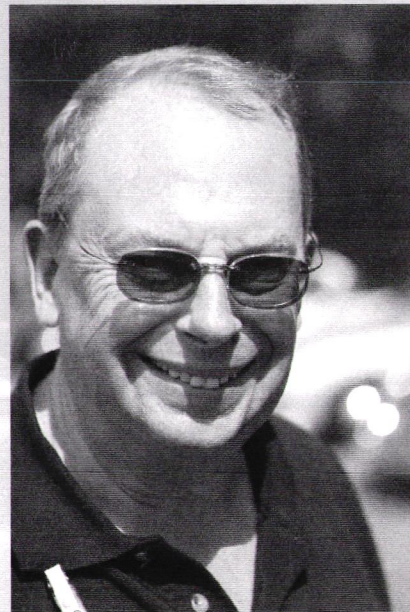
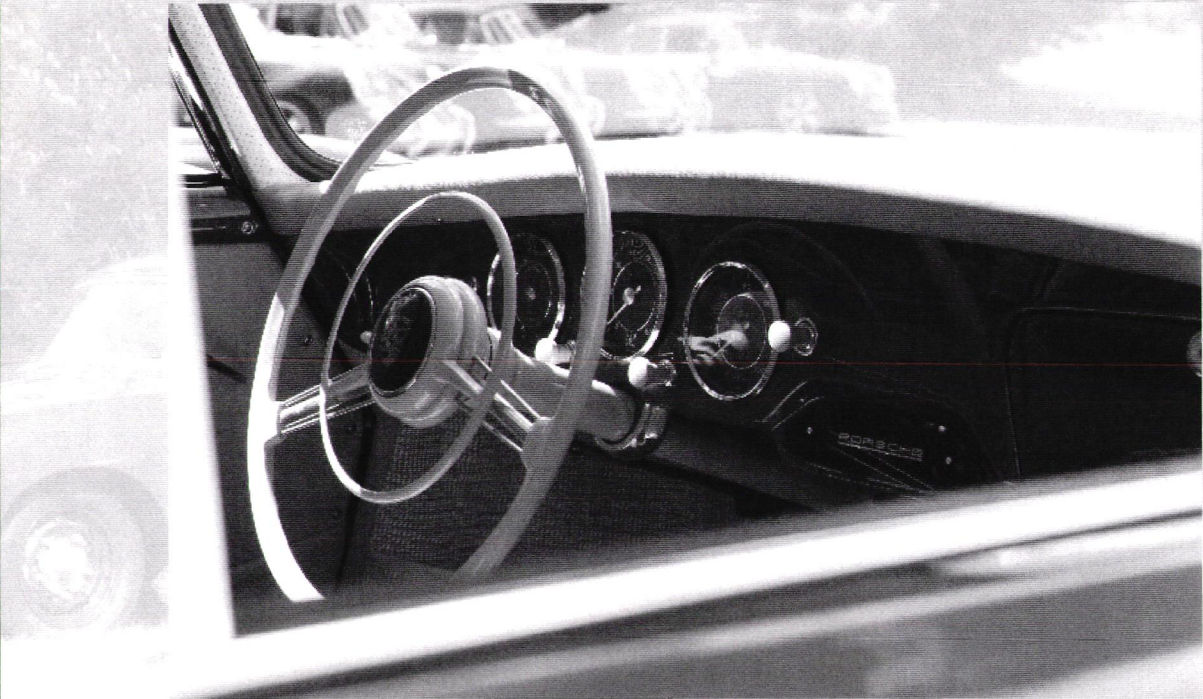
The Gruppe Summer Picnic is the longest continuous event held by our club, dating back to 1980. So many of our members lead such busy lives that they are not able to make it to many Gruppe events, but this one seems to motivate them to get their cars up and running. Now that the event has found a home at the Skirmants' "Three Oaks" we have the ideal place to hold our picnic for years to come.

Vic and Barb, you will never know how much we appreciate your hospitality in hosting this wonderful get-together and we look forward to many, many more.

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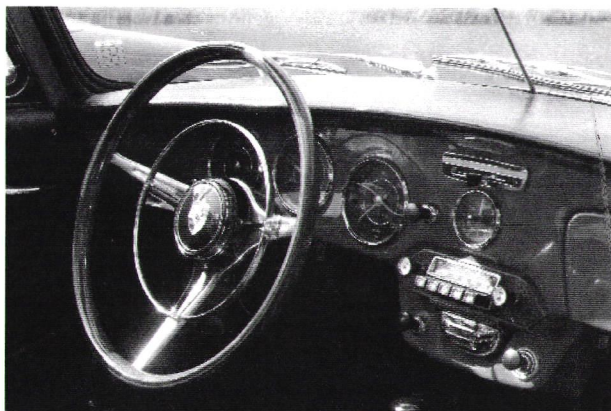


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