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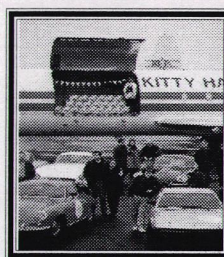
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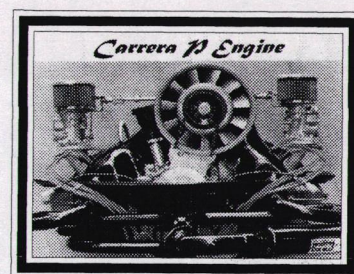
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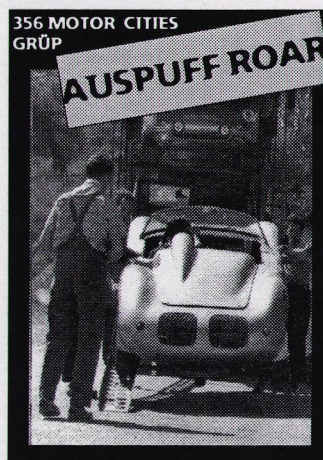
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LITTLE PUFFS

from Barbara

I want to thank all of you who voted in our election of the Board of Directors. 65 ballot were totaled by our Treasurer, and the results are: myself, Sebastian, Ted Dunham, Fred Sheill, and Dick Beecher.

We had a meeting on March 11th to appoint officers for 1997. The results are listed on page 6. Thank you very much for your continued support for the direction that I hoped for our club. Today we have one of the better newsletters in the country. All it takes folks, is a lot of effort and a little money. Sebastian certainly has the talent, and unbridled enthusiasm for the job. We are very grateful for his efforts on the "AUSPUFF ROAR."

Events for 1997 are listed on page 12. I will rent the tent, tables, and CHAIRS this year for the Vintage Races at Mid-Ohio. You need to reserve a motel room SOON!!! at the L&K Motel in Shelby, Ohio (419-347-2141). I intend to take the tent back to the grass across from the maintenance building, with showers and restrooms. The dates are June 26-29. The Saturday night BBQ dinner is June 28th. This year I would be very grateful for a group of our guys to BBQ cook for us. BBQ aprons furnished. How about giving the ladies a break, so we can take care of the other details to make this dinner a success, and a little easier on me. This year Vic and I will be racing the SCCA car at the June Sprints on June 20-22. We will get home on Sunday night, and leave for the Vintage Event on Wed 7am. Without your help we can not continue to make the dinner a POT LUCK, our only other alternative is to hire Mid-Ohio to cater our dinner, at \$15.00 to \$20.00 each. I think we would all agree that the pot-luck is a lot more fun. I already have a commitment from Hans Wichter of Stoddard Imported Cars, Rick Spurlock, and Neil Goldberg as sponsors for our Hospitality Tent. If you want to help please give me a call.

If you are new to our Gruppe and want to make 60 to 100 new friends, how about putting on an event for us this year? We welcome everyone, even replicas, 911's, and other cars at our events. We just want to meet you. No one looks over your car with a magnifying glass. Our Gruppe is based on friendships and common Interest in our cars. Hope to see you soon.

In February the 1998 Holiday committee members attended a meeting of Meadow Brook Hall with Michael Sheridan and members from Waterford Hills and the Meadow Brook Concours Committee. They were very enthusiastic about our plans for the 1998 Holiday, and amenable to allowing us to serve lunch in the Club parking area in front of the Hall on Sunday, as well as all of our plans at Waterford Hills, including 5 parade laps at noon on Saturday, catering facilities, tent, and special parking areas. We have hired an artist to create our event logo, and have another artist working on a poster design. I plan to start monthly evening meetings on the second Tuesday of each month for Holiday committee planning. I have heard from several members who have stepped up to help. I am looking forward to seeing you too! 🚗



MOTOR CITIES GRÜPPE REPRESENTED AT LARRY CRANE'S 2ND ANNUAL BEAUJOLAIS RUN

BY SEBASTIAN GAETA

Last fall Narmeen and I were lucky enough to be invited to the 2nd Annual Michigan Beaujolais Run, the brainchild of one Larry Crane, art director of *Automobile* magazine. We were going to recreate the London to Brighton race of years gone by.

The main purpose of this event was to give vintage car owners of all makes the chance to not only drive their cars once more before winter, but also to be interrogated by International border guards (Narmeen's place of birth is Baghdad, Iraq!), break Canadian speed limits (62.1 mph—Hah!), smuggle Cuban cigars back into the U.S. and, finally, pick up some Beaujolais wine at Willow Run airport that was flown in just for us. Hmm, sounds more like a spy movie than a vintage car tour.

This years "Run" was certainly international with participants making their way from the Detroit area to London, Ontario, via Chatham.

Our trusty "C" coupe sped down the 401 along with, among others, 2 gullwing Mercedes, a Jaguar "E" type, a Fiat X-19, an Aston-Martin DB, an Alfa Romeo, a Ferrari, and even an MG B driven by a funeral director and his wife. The only other Porsches were a couple of very clean early 911's, one being happily driven by it's brand new owner.

Our first stop was at R M Classic Motorcars in Chatham, Ontario. This world class restoration facility prepares some of the finest cars in existence for Pebble Beach, Meadow Brook and other major Concours D'Elegance events worldwide.

They perform all types of work on all types of cars. If you want a complete restoration of your one of a kind Delahaye with original Ostrich interior, they'll do it. Or you may just want a correct repaint of your already restored '48 Tucker. Yes, both of these cars were there being worked on during our tour. Most of the cars there were Vintage, or "Pre-War". Names like Bugatti,

Duseneberg, Cord, Stutz and Packard filled the work spaces in various forms of undress. There were no "quickies" going on here. One of the owners showed us a Packard that they were restoring as a "driver". Since it wasn't a Concours restoration they painted the disassembled suspension pieces at the same time instead of individually. Ouch.

SOMEONE IN THE GROUP STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND DECLARED "I WANT CUBANS"

Their facility consists of about 4 buildings; each one housing a different processes in the restoration, each one more impressive than the next. If you ever get the chance to see this place, do it.

After applying our stick-on roundels announcing to all Canadians willing to look at us that we were, in fact, part of the 1996 Michigan Beaujolais Run, we were back on the 401. We blasted our way to downtown London, Ontario to stay at the lovely Station Park Inn and its fabulous underground parking. I parked behind a 911 and next to an E type Jag, which was next to an Aston Martin, so forth and so on.

I had never attended an all makes overnight tour and frankly did not know what to expect. Being the marque chauvinist pig that I am, I thought that I may feel out of place not being around my Porsche pals. How would these people be to talk to let alone spend 2 days with? Do they feel the same way about their cars as I, or are they just investments to drive around now and then? Or worse yet, would they look down their noses at my little flat four flyer? The answers are as follows: great, yes, no and no.

At dinner we sat with a 28 year old Ford Engineer and his wife, who were driving their '67 Aston Martin (we affectionately referred to them as "The Avengers" all weekend), and a funeral director and his wife who were zipping around in their late 60's MG B. They actually seemed interested in

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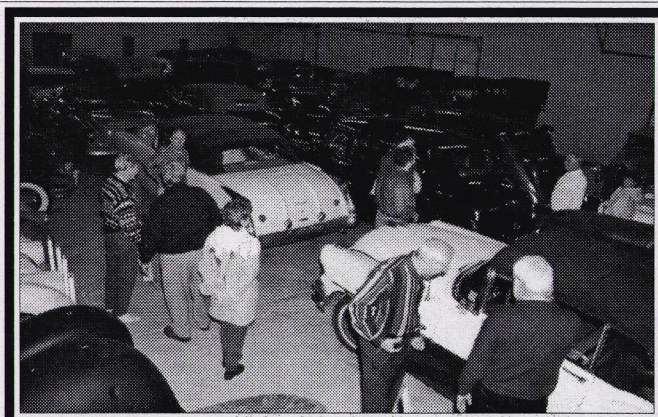


RUN PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR VINO

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my droning on about Zuffenhausen and the like. I was equally happy to hear stories about their cars and experiences. It was also educational. Did you know that the three headlight switch positions on British cars are *Off, Dim and Flicker*? The same could also be said for many of our 6v cars.

It was nice to see the same enthusiasm about other



Holding area at "RM" for cars waiting to be restored.

makes of cars as we have for our Porsches. I don't mean to imply that we have a patent on enthusiasm, I just wasn't sure.

After dinner a large group of us headed out to explore the London nightlife. After waiting in line at a popular club for about ten minutes with no progress, we decided to abandon this



FALLING SNOW SIGNALD THE END OF THE RUN

idea to find a less crowded establishment. Along the way we spotted a cigar shop and stopped in. Big ones, little ones, fat and skinny; how do you know which one to get? Someone in the group stepped up to the plate and declared "I want Cubans." The shopkeep smiled as if we had just asked for cherry bombs at a fireworks stand. He led our friend to a door in the back, unlocked it and they both stepped inside.

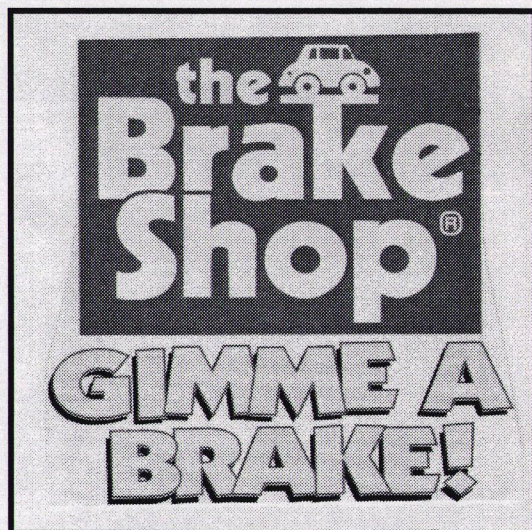
Cuban cigar smoke filled the air of the lounge that our group finally settled in. The conversation was lively and everyone stayed up long after midnight benchracing and telling tall tales.

Up early on Sunday for breakfast next door at a 50's style diner, we were soon on our way back to the states and Willow Run airport to pick up the Beaujolais wine and take a group photo. This entire weekend was done right!

We then trekked to the *Merchant of Vino* in Ann Arbor for some shopping. If you've never been to one of these places, and there are five in the Detroit area, you must. They are known for the great deals on all the wine you can carry, but also stock high end edibles that keep you browsing and buying as long as your wallet allows.

Off to Brighton we went to complete the run, and then immediately back to Ann Arbor for dinner at the *Gandy Dancer*. There the atmosphere of camaraderie continued on for the evening.

It was then that the snow began to fall officially ending not only the *Beaujolais Run*, but the vintage car driving season for the year. But what a great relief to find that vintage car people are pretty much the same, regardless of what they happen to drive. 🚗



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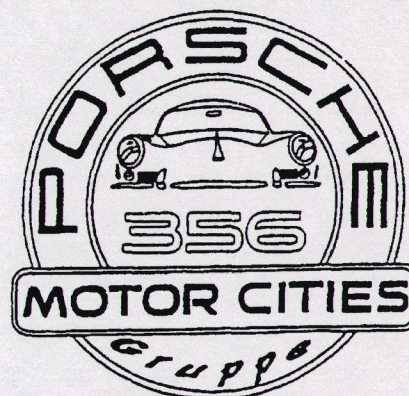
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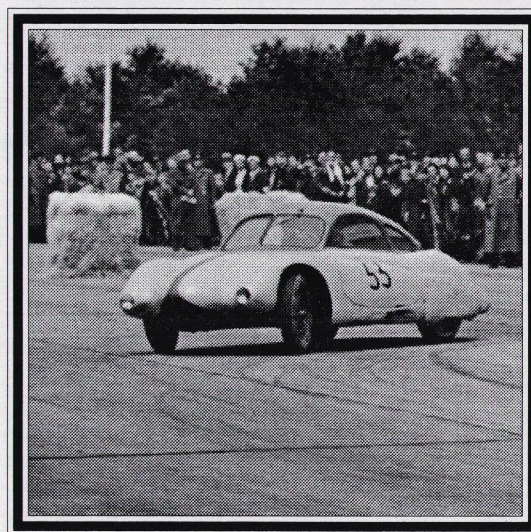
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Brett Johnson was kind enough to donate two new books to our "Library", *Porsche 356 Defined, A Pictorial Guide*, and *Porsche 356 Carrera, The Four - Cam Production Cars*. If you are interested in checking these out, please call Barb Skirmants, our Gruppe Librarian. The following is the Press release on *Defined*. We will publish the release of *Carrera* next issue

Porsche 356 Defined, A Pictorial Guide

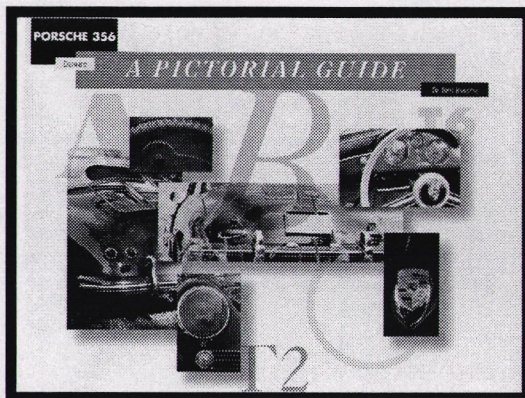
We are pleased to announce that *Porsche 356 Defined, A Pictorial Guide* is now available. The author, Dr. Brett Johnson, has written three

other Porsche authenticity guides and has been the restoration column editor in the *356 Registry* magazine since 1975. This book is a logical extension of the previous work, *The 356 Porsche, A Restorer's Guide to Authenticity*.

Included in *356 Defined* are year-by-year model descriptions with attention to changes in details, both mechanical and cosmetic. The chassis number and color information, more accurate than available from the factory, is provided in easy

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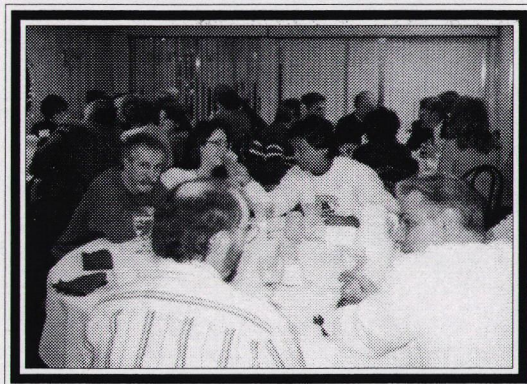
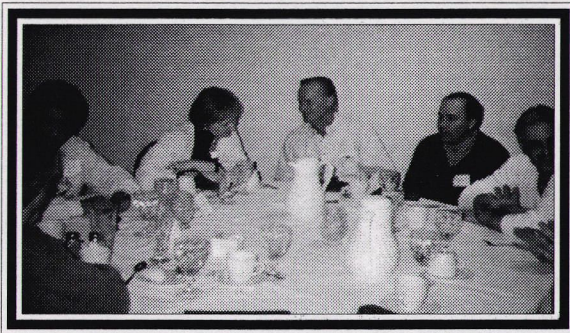



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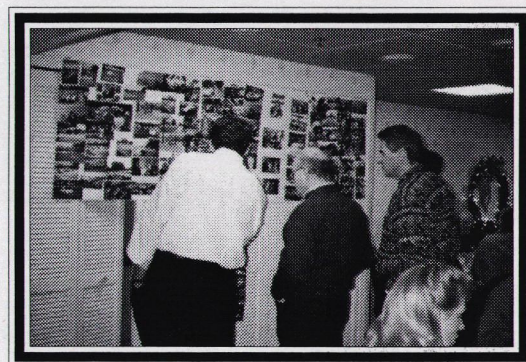
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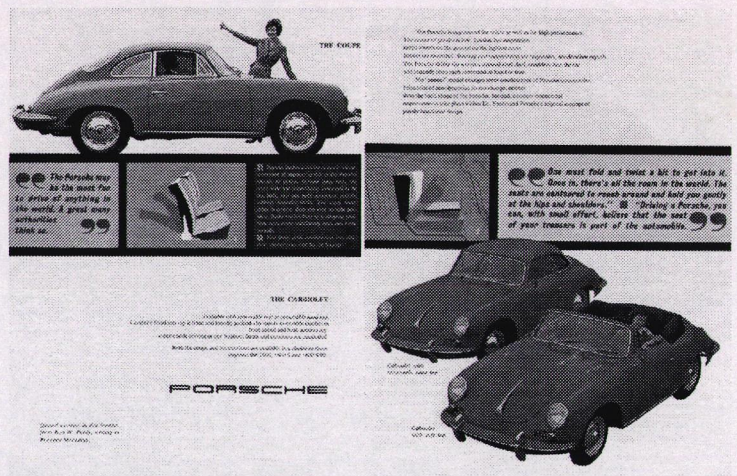
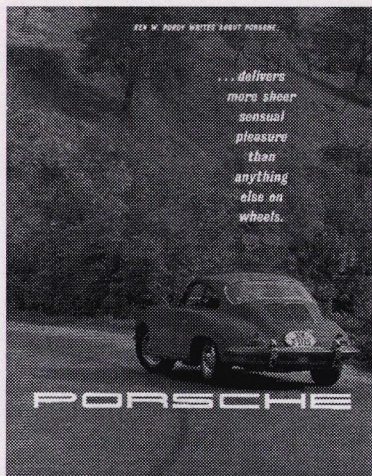
MOTOR CITIES GRÜPPE WINTER DINNER

This years Winter Dinner, hosted by Bill and Sher Toburen, was held on March 22nd at the Country Epicure in Novi with over 40 people attending. Once again it was nice to see some new faces; we hope to see you at the next event.

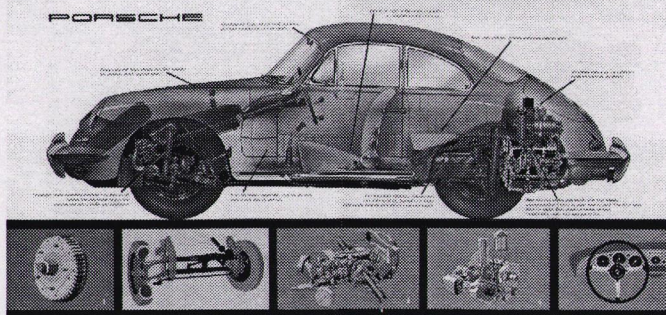
Bill and Sher did a FABULOUS job on this party. They asked each person to bring pictures to display and the response was overwhelming. The picture board was a popular gathering place all night.

The Toburens also provided door prizes that included some hard to find videos like *Porsche: The Racing Legend*, *Gran Prix*, and *Rendezvous* (a Ferrari at 100 mph through the streets of Paris).

Hats off to Bill and Sher for their efforts organizing this dinner. As always, they provided the Gruppe with the necessary ingredients to bring good friends together for a good time!

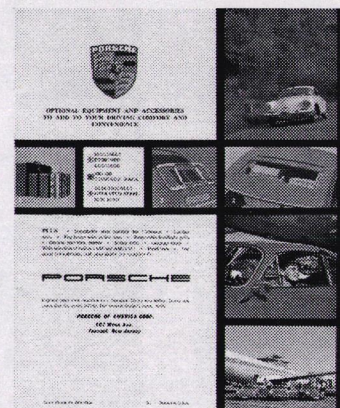
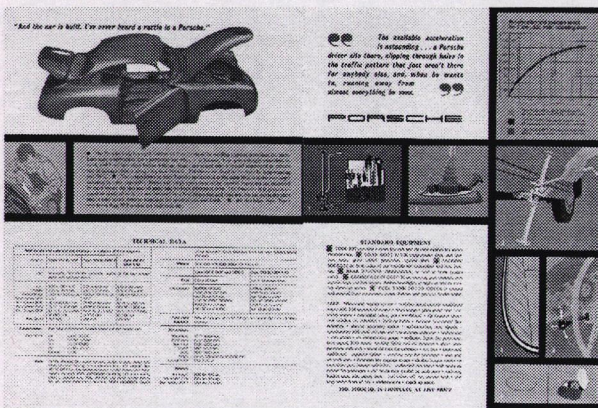


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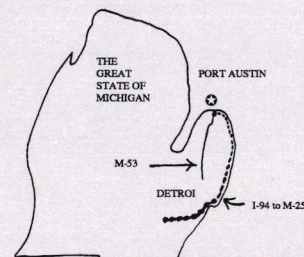
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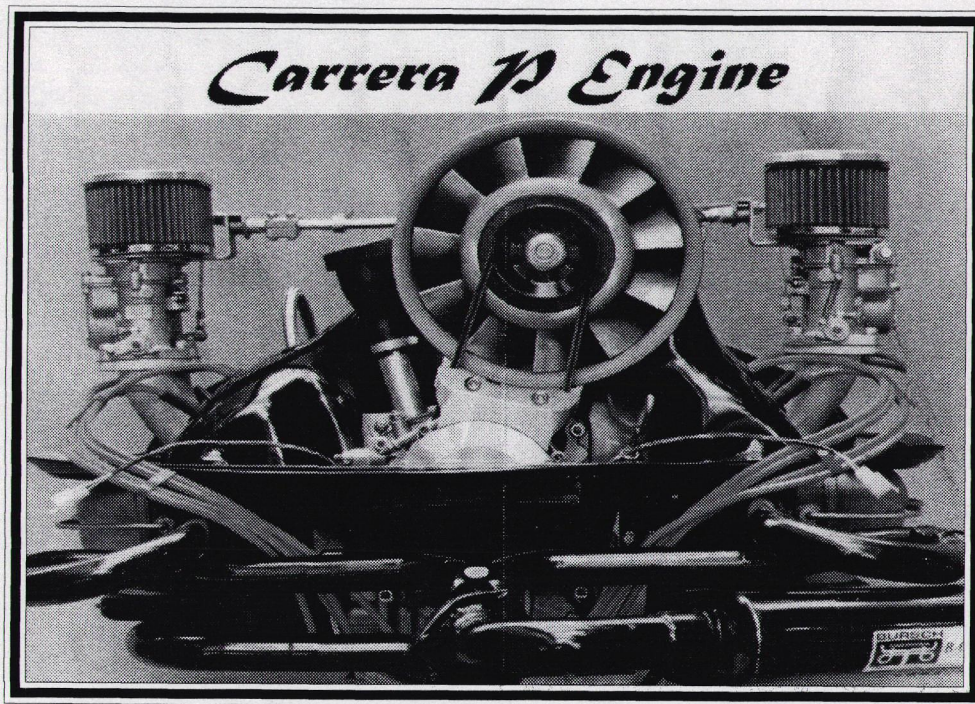
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Tenth Annual Stoddard All-Porsche Swap Meet

It's hard to believe the time has gone so fast but it's time for Stoddard Imported Cars' 10th annual "All-Porsche" Swap Meet. Held in cooperation with the Northern Ohio Region-PCA, the event will take place on **Saturday June 7th.**

Since our first swap meet in June of 1987, the Stoddard Imported Cars Teileschwaben has become one of the main dates on the vintage Porsche event calendar.

June 7, 1997



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17th

Ski Round Top all Porsche swap meet near Carlisle, PA. This event is hailed by all who attend as the best swap meet in existence. Call Barb Skirmants for Caravan /Hotel Info. 810-558-3692

JUNE

1st

5th Annual Spring Tour hosted by Sebastian and Narmeen Gaeta. We'll start off at their home in Ann Arbor and cruise some great roads before stopping for lunch and antique shopping. See announcement on page 13

7th

Stoddard's All Porsche Swap Meet at Stoddard's Imported Cars in Mentor, Ohio. There is also a literature meet the night before. This a good quality meet that is only three hours away. Info: Sebastian at 313-544-2230

26th-29th Mid Ohio Vintage Gran Prix Come on down to see our very own Vic Skirmants dice with the best vintage racers around. Saturday Night, the **28th**, is Barbs now famous **BBQ and Brat Bash**. We're expecting a big turnout from the Motor Cities Gruppe so call Barb at 810-558-3692

JUL-AUG

OPEN

Motor Cities Gruppe Family Picnic As of now the chance to host this annual affair is open. If you have a site that can accommodate your Gruppe, call Sebastian at 313-544-2230

SEPT

18th-21st

356 Registry East Coast Holiday Myrtle beach, SC. See the announcement in the March issue of the Registry

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Fall Color Tour/Fall Festival This event is open. If you would like to host an overnight event, or put on a one day Festival, call Sebastian at 313-544-2230

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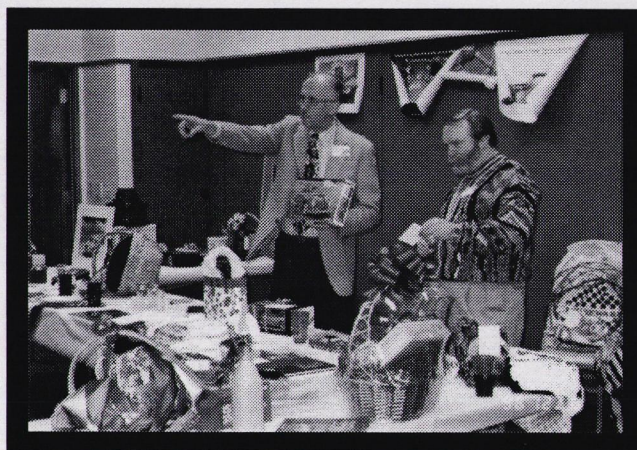
Annual Holiday Party This event is open. We have had some wonderful parties in the past few years. If you would like to continue the tradition, call Sebastian at 313-544-2230

1996 MCG HOLIDAY PARTY

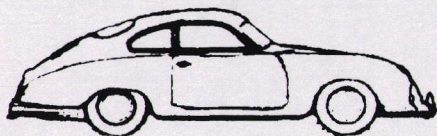
Delicious food, a really successful auction and great company were the highlights of the 1996 Holiday party hosted by Barbara and David Peterson at their church in downtown Birmingham



The central location was perfect and despite the snowy weather nearly 60 people attended.



The auction was our most successful thus far with many unique items donated by GRÜPPE members. The final tally was \$2,192!! This type of generosity is what keeps this club going.

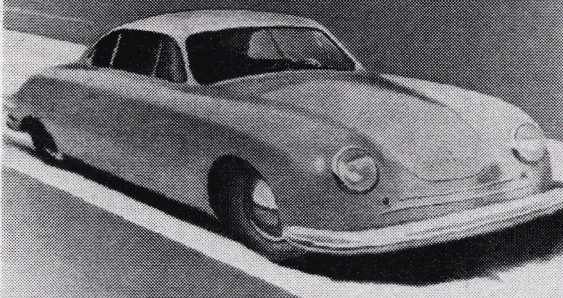
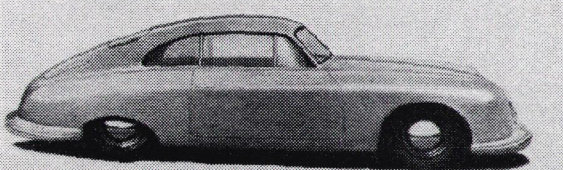


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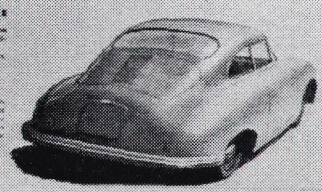
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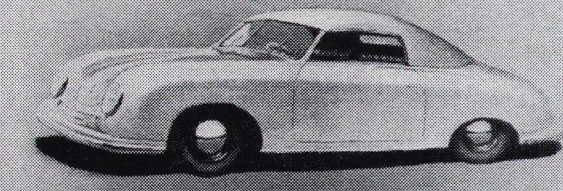
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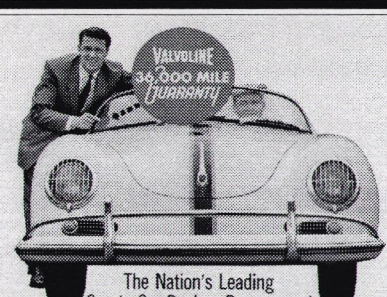
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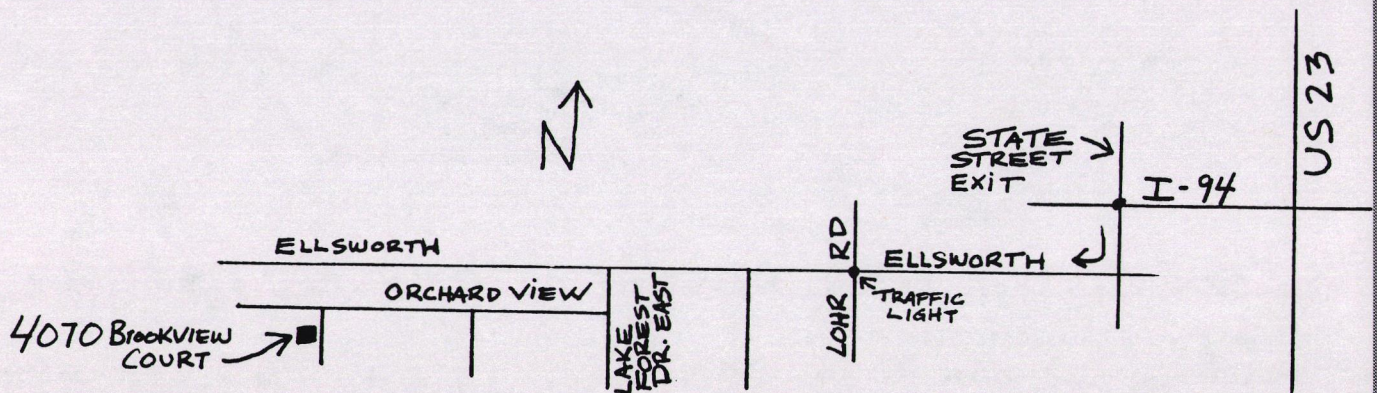
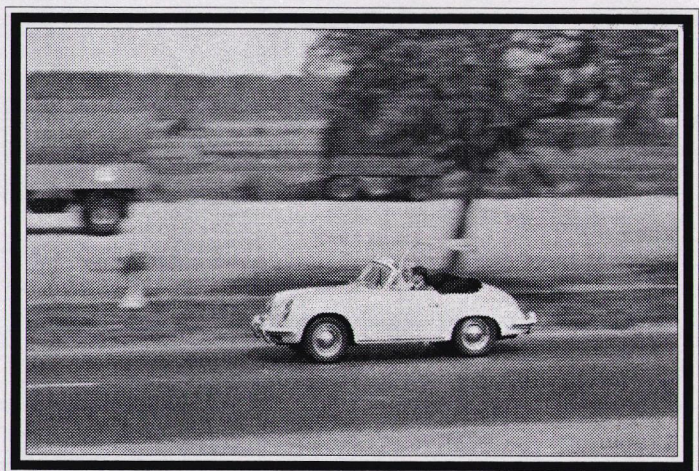
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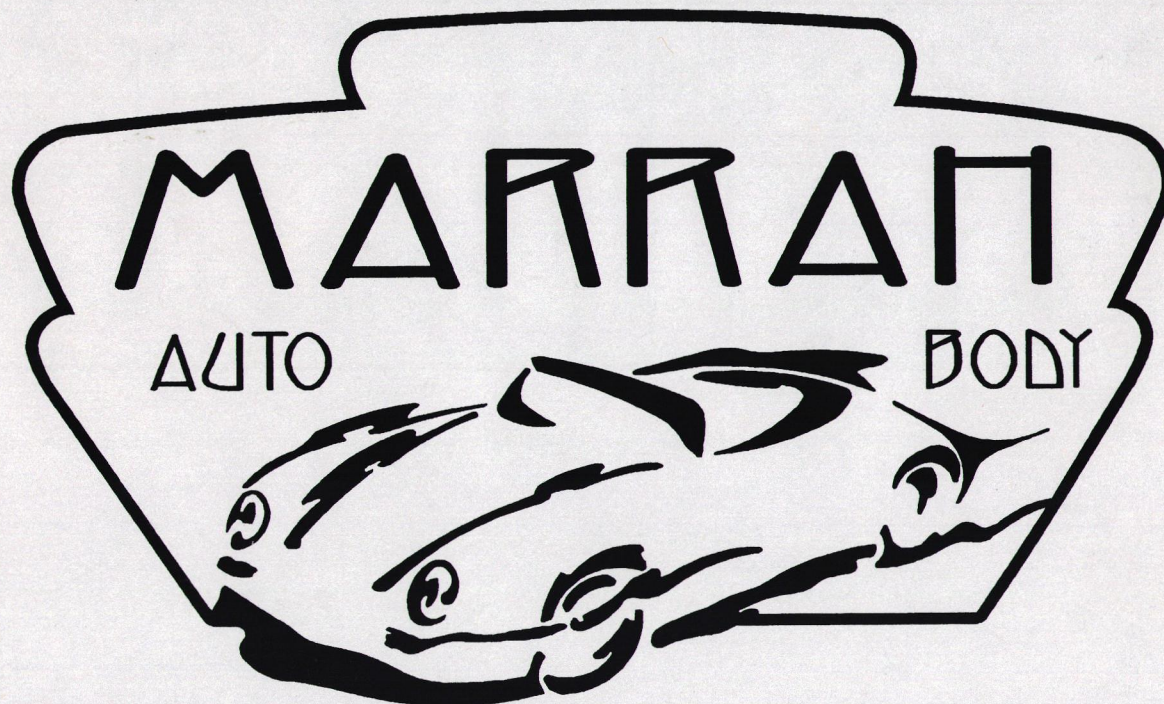
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