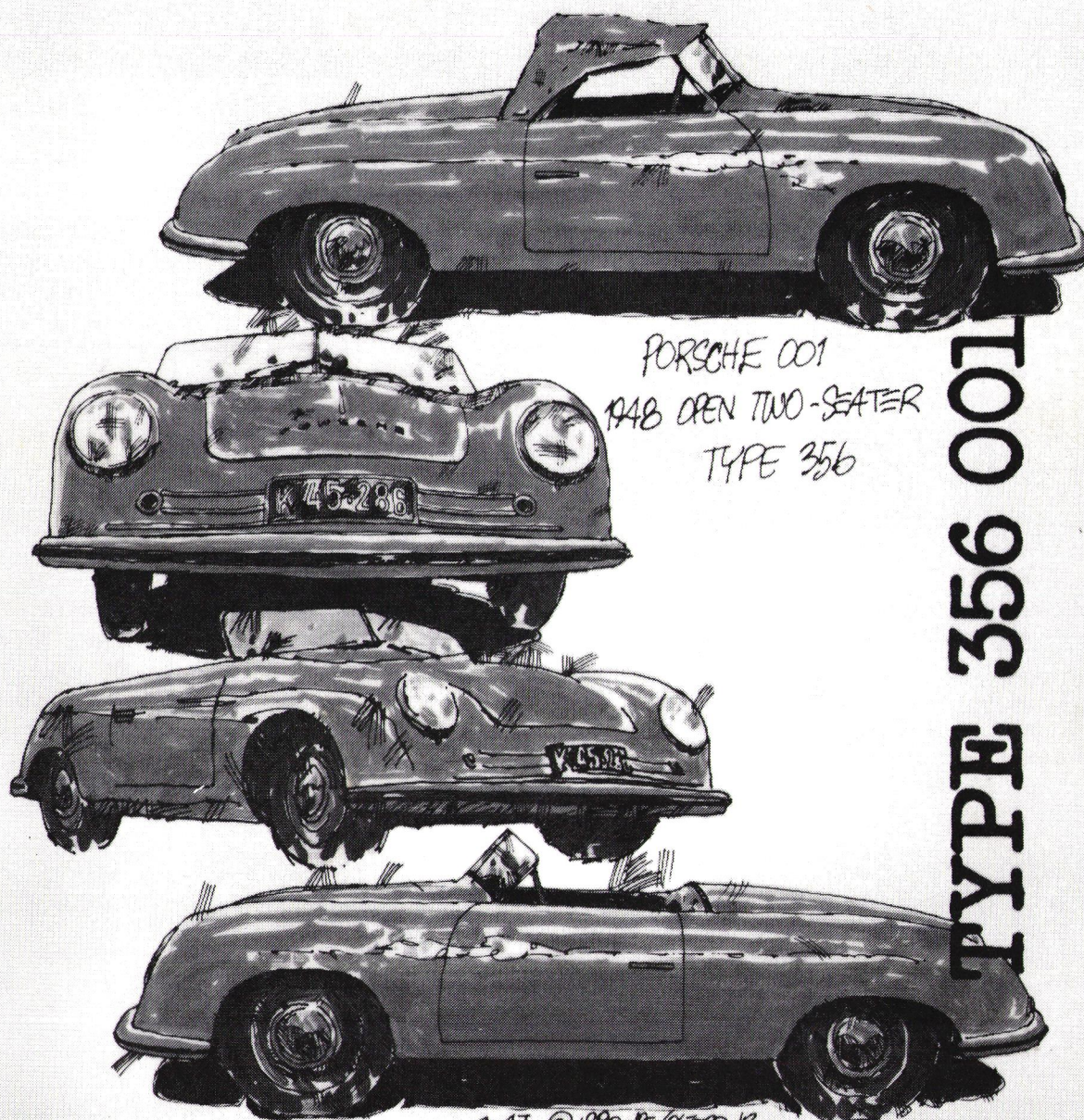






356 GRUPPE

If you passed on the 1st Annual Spring Tour, you missed out on a great outing. Sebastian and Nareem Gaeta planned a fantastic day from the sticky buns to a waterside lunch to some great back roads in Washtenaw County. All the hills and curves a 356 could ask for.

Our calendar is filling up fast with Barb's BBQ at the Mid-Ohio Vintage Races in July, the Annual Family Picnic to be hosted by Frank and Rita Malik, and a Fall Color Tour being planned by Phil Planck. The only event missing this year is an "East Coast Holiday" - no sponsoring group. It's fun to attend all these activities. As they don't run themselves, sometimes you have to get up from the driver's seat and put forth some effort - a team approach makes everyone's job easier.

While I'm on the team effort theme, I need some help. The Newsletter needs an editor. I have put together the Newsletter since the Fall of 1989. Several people, i.e., Larry Heitman - Printing, Jack Chamberlin - Advertising, Sebastian Gaeta, Lanta Dunham - Feature Writers, Barb Skirmants - Mailing, Dave Peterson - Membership, currently make up the staff. Now all that is needed is a new editor to organize the Newsletter (4 times per year) to complete the team. Volunteers, please call me at (313) 561-8186.

Last, but not least, is our membership drive status. I have received dues (\$10 per year) from 56 people, approximately 20% of our current mailing list. So, this is "last call" for 1993 dues or it will be your last Newsletter - no payee for postage/printing no sendee.

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August 1	Annual Family Picnic
August 6-7-8	Meadowbrook Vintage Car Races
September	Open
October	Fall Color Tour
December	Holiday Party - Open

* Your event suggestions welcome.

* It is not necessary to own or drive a "356" to participate in any activity.

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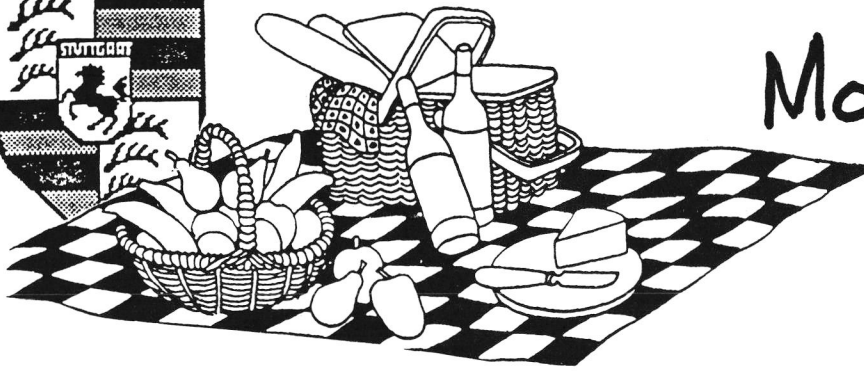


"My other Porsche's a S-90 Coupe"

Roy Holden, Metamora, Mi.



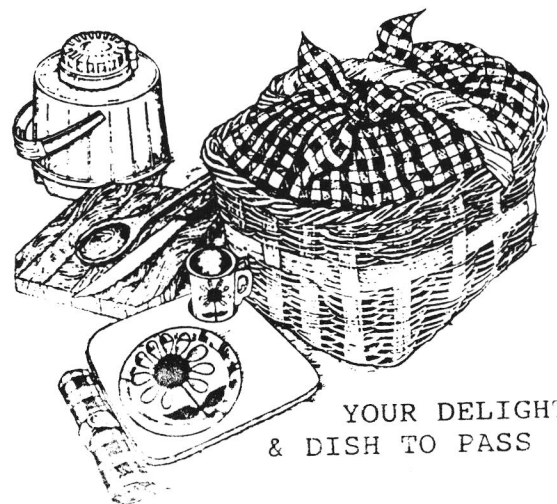
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This year's BBQ dinner, hosted at our motor home in the paddock area, will start at the conclusion of racing on Saturday evening (look in the same area that you found us last year). There is a \$5.00 per person charge. I will supply BBQ chicken and brats, table service, plus my famous baked beans. Please bring a dish to pass, plus your own beverages for the evening festivities. Plan for the activity to last well into dark, and you could need a jacket and long pants.

The deadline for your reservation in SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1993. The practice and qualifying start is on Thursday, July 8. We will be leaving on Wednesday afternoon. Plan to join us for all the fun you've been hearing about.

PLEASE CALL OR WRITE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.....Remember, I have to pack up food four days ahead of the BBQ.

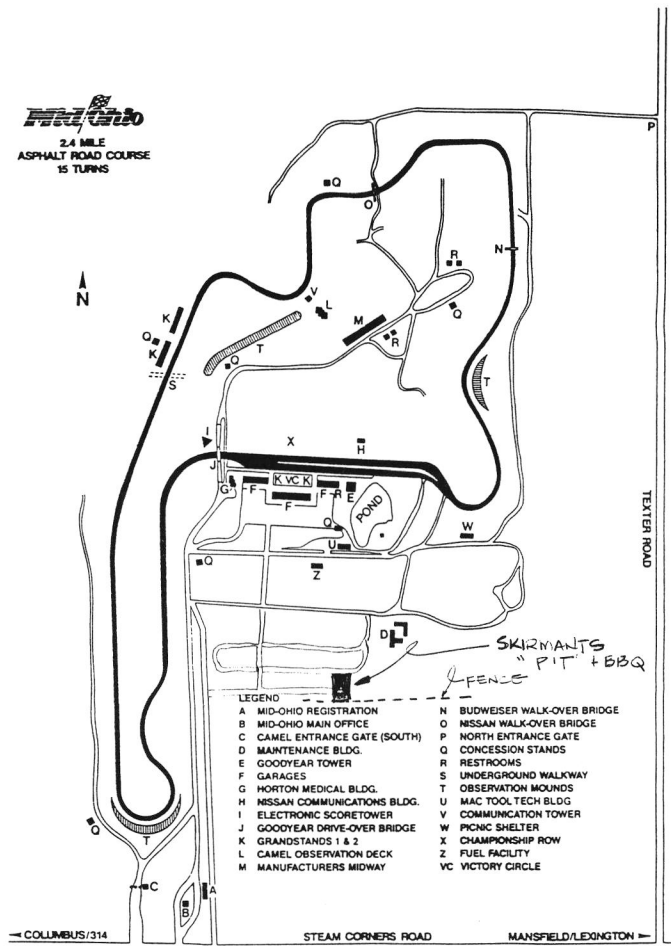
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RACE SCHEDULE - ALL CLASSES

Thursday & Friday - Practice Sessions

Saturday - Practice & Qualifying Races

Sunday - Feature Races



BOOK REVIEW

If you are even remotely interested in the history behind our "hobby" and how it evolved, then Dirk-Michael Conradt's book, "Porsche 356: Driving in its Purist Form," is a must. For three years, the book was only available in German, but thanks to a consortium made up of some well-known American 356 enthusiasts, the book is now available in English. Although Ludvigson's "Excellence Was Expected" is recognized as the definitive history on Porsche, Conradt's book is easily a more complete history on the 356.

What separates this book from Ludvigson's and all the others is the fact that Conradt had full access to the factory archives to prepare and publish his work. Not only are there pictures that you probably have never seen, but also countless internal factory documents, memos, drawings, and technical information previously available to few people.

One chart shows the chassis number, customer name, and delivery date for the fifty-two Gmund built cars, while before that, a hand-written note laments the fact that their only body panel craftsman had a penchant for three-day drinking binges.

A short photo essay chronicles Richard Von Frankenburg's race in a '51 Coupe vs. the Munich to Rome Express Train. Although they crossed the Alps during a blizzard, they beat the train by an impressive seven hours.

One chapter, titled "356 Teething Troubles," spells out memos and meeting minutes that detail no less than 15 known problems and 23 changes to be made for the 1952 model year.

There are some wonderful period pictures of a cutaway T-5 B Coupe used for exhibition and training purposes. The entire car is cut in half including engine and transmission. On the next page, there are some slick double exposure photos showing the T-5 engine through its engine lid, brake drums through its wheels, and cockpit through its doors. One of my favorite pictures is from the family photo album of the third owner, or Porsche Number 001 (yes, they did sell it. In fact, a number of people owned it before the factory bought it back not too long ago). The sight of seven people crammed into the little roadster will either make you laugh or cringe.

When Porsche got their own wind tunnel in 1988, they learned how to use it by testing the vehicles in their own museum, including Number 001. Some nice pictures validate the old cars' aerodynamic efficiencies. Add to this a current day 356 buyer's guide from a German's point of view, a spotter's guide by model year, Porsche factory shop rates from 1952, and you've got a book that had material never before seen by even the most scholarly 356 historian.

The previous examples are only a handful of the many never before seen pictures, documents and memos. Although by no means dominated by it, the internal memos and directives are the true purpose of this book. Through years of trial and error, 356 historians have been able to decipher which parts went on which cars. With Conradt's book, we now know why it was done.

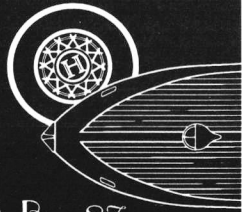
We all have numerous books detailing the history of Porsche and the 356 in particular, but Conradt's obvious freedom to obtain information from the factory archives puts this book in a class by itself.

There is an ad in the last registry for the book at \$69.95, or it can be purchased locally from Bill Block at "Block's Books."

- Sebastian Gaeta

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Color: _____	Features: _____		
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356 Activity Preferences

Restoration: ☐	Tours: ☐	Rallies: ☐
Autocross: ☐	Drivers School: ☐	Vintage Racing: ☐
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356 "TOP-DOWN TOUR"
(Convertible Not Required)

Sunday, May 16, was one of those "ify" days. It was cool and rainy, but "if" it cleared, it would be a great day. Well, it did and it was. Thirty-one Porscephils met at Sebastian and Narmeen Gaeta's condo in Ann Arbor to share in coffee, bagels and a chance to meet their six-month-old daughter, Isabella. We were all having such camaraderie that it was difficult to leave this welcome spot, but we eventually got into our 356's to start the first leg of a fun tour. There were fifteen 356's, four of which were Speedsters, and one bright yellow Corvette. Yah? I know, not a 356, but it was a convertible.

Our tour took us out Huron River Drive, which is a great place to be in a Porsche, through Chelsea and a lengthy gas stop, and on to Jerry's Pub at Wampler's Lake for a diner's choice lunch. Then on through the Irish Hills area and Tecumseh for ice-cream, an antique shop, and a tour of a fantastic hobby shop with tons of model cars (even some Porsches).

After all this invigorating 356ing, head turning and admiring stores from passers by, our egos were sufficiently over-inflated to return home and garage the Porsche, to await another equally stimulating Motor Cities Gruppe event.

Thanks Sebastian!

- Lanita Dunham

SMR/PCA 35th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Dateline: May 23!!

If you missed it, you really missed it. The event was held at the prestigious Village Club in Bloomfield Hills, a beautiful sight both in and out for such a momentous event. Celebrated by some 200 PCA members and guests, featuring 100 plus Porsches with Chuck Stoddard's 356 Gmund Coupe, serial #6, a champagne reception sponsored by local Porsche dealers - Cooper, Cook and Lavery, dinner, and guest speakers Chuck Stoddard and Derek Bell. Also held was a silent auction for charity, including Porsche items, a Derek Bell autograph, Rothman's 956 photo, done by Jerry McDermitt, and a race video of Bell at many Grand Prix circuits, such as LeMans and Nurburgring at 220 miles per hour.

In spite of the rain, it was a glorious Porsche event, and the cars were magnificent!

- Lanita Dunham



Derek Bell autographing for Lanita Dunham with Linda Shook looking on.

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