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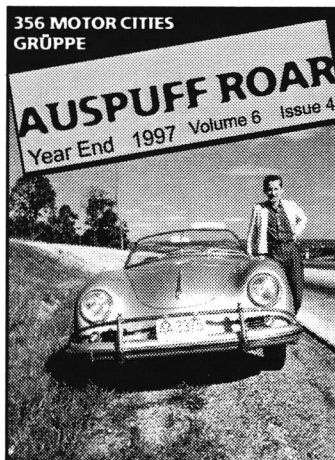
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Horst Klose and his Convertible D on Pennsylvania Route 6 in the early 60's.

More on Horsts' many experiences with Porsches and Porsche people on page 12.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As December signals the year end, memories of past events warm our thoughts through the winter and our 356's are high and dry in the garage. I would like to thank those members that have worked to plan events that we have enjoyed this past year. I also want to thank our editor, Sebastian, for the outstanding articles and photos that have filled the Auspuff Roar this year. If you haven't thanked him also, please take time to do so as it can seem like a thankless job on late nights putting an edition together.

My involvement this year has been small, the move to Brighton has taken more time than I ever dreamed. The house is progressing nicely, but much slower with me devoting most of my time now to building the shop. It is our goal to be able to house both of our Porsches at home this winter and I have a couple of renters lined up to help offset the cost of the heat. I also have jobs lined up and need to be able to get a working shop set up before it becomes blizzard-cold. The shop, all 1,120 sq.ft. of it is taking so long because the builder has become me. Dave Hinz put together a letterhead and name for my shop—"Gmünd Werks West", where a 356 could receive that special rework it may need down the road. Thanks, Dave, you are "Super".

We plan to have a dinner at the Brass Pointe on Wednesday January 7, 1998 at 6:30 (all members are welcome) to plan the '98 events, get a briefing on the Holiday plans from *Chairperson* Barbara Skirmants, and discuss our elections for the coming year. The next meeting will be shortly after in early February

As you may know, our members elect 5 Board members who in turn nominate and elect our officers. These consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. You will be receiving ballots in the mail within the next few weeks for the election of Board members for 1998. At our February meeting we will elect our officers.

Our club offered us all many hours of 356 fun and we will strive to continue this good camaraderie next year.

So from the "Gmünd Werks West"—Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

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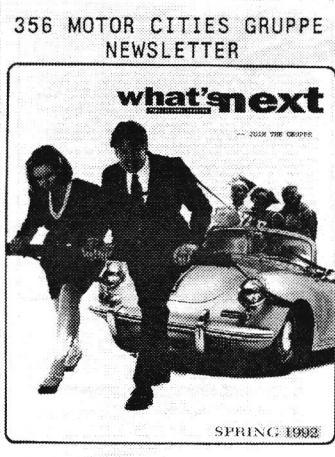
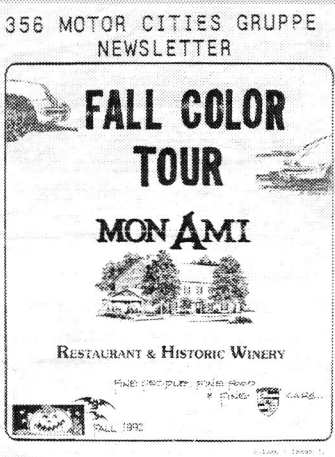
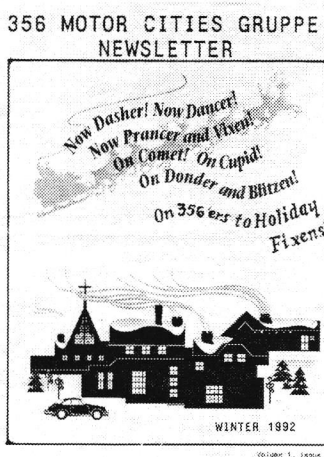
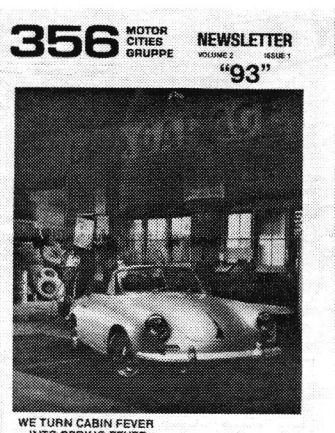
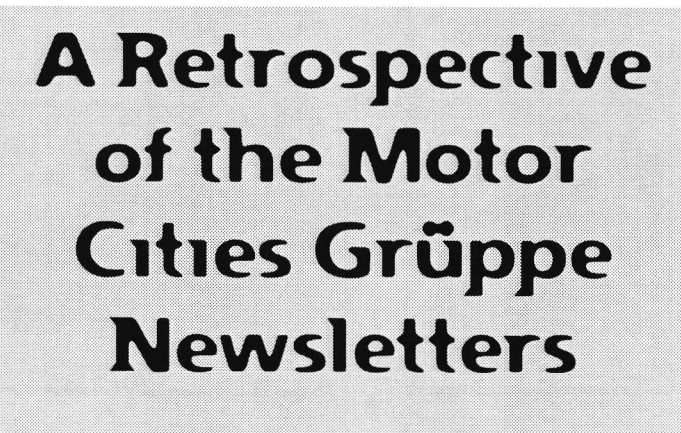
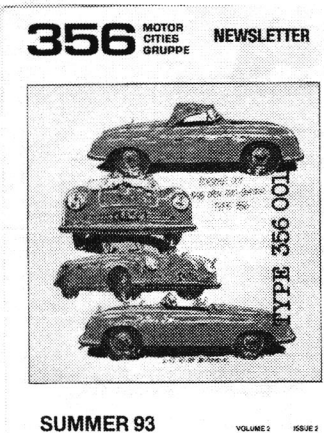
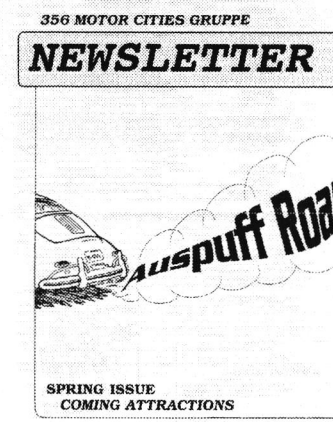
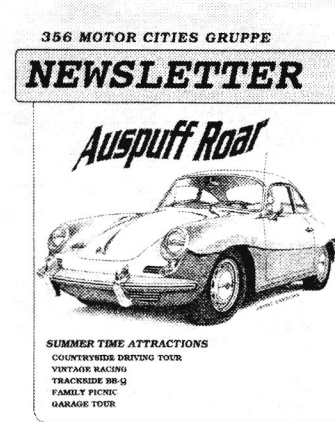
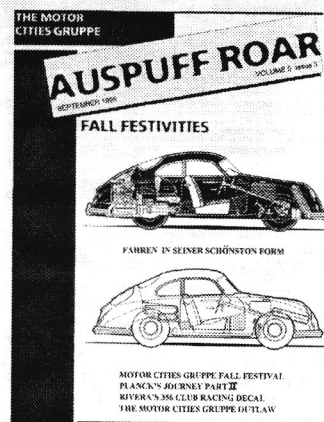
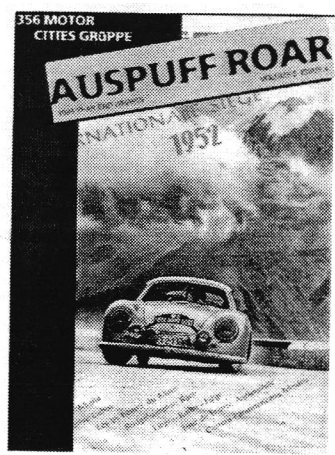
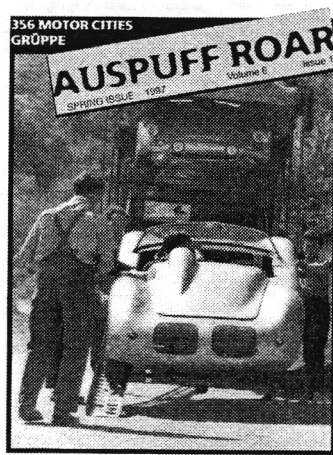
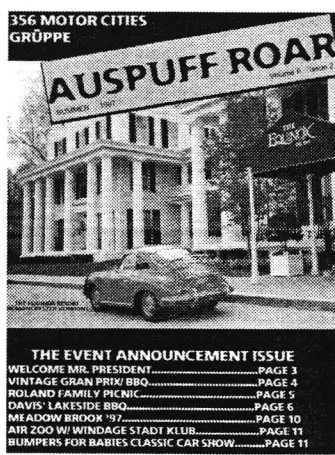
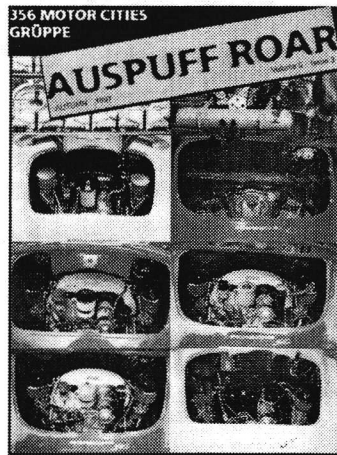


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John Chatley turns 50!

by Jack Chamberlain

One of the Motor Cities Gruppe's "oldest" members turned 50 recently. No, 50 is not old, it's just that John Chatley has been an MCG member for a long time!

John was honored with a surprise birthday party on October 26th at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club. Attending were many Motor Cities Gruppe members along with John's co workers, highschool friends and of course his family.

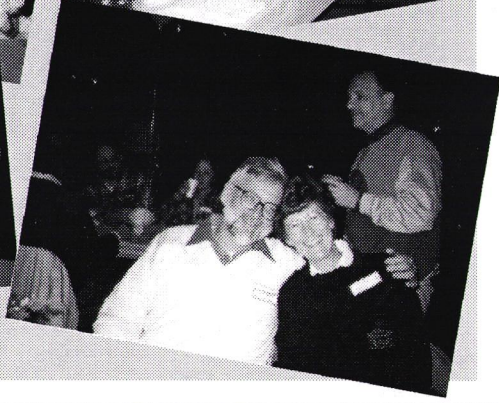
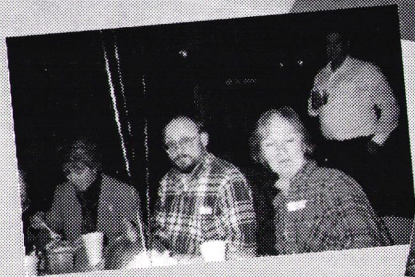
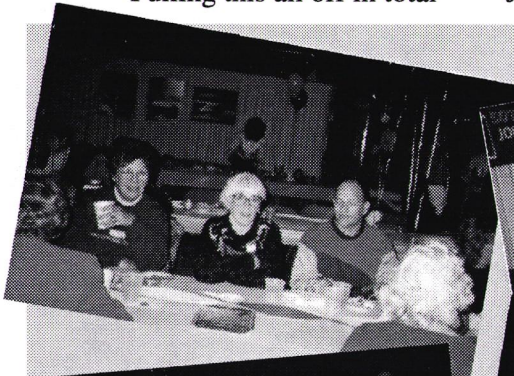
Pulling this all off in total

wife Pam, Pam's mother, John's mother, John's sons Carl, Todd and Scott, and Barbara Skirmants.

Speeches were given, food was plentiful, and many stories were told. All the organizers are to be congratulated for a great party, and John is to be congratulated for making it this far! Happy birthday, John. 🍷



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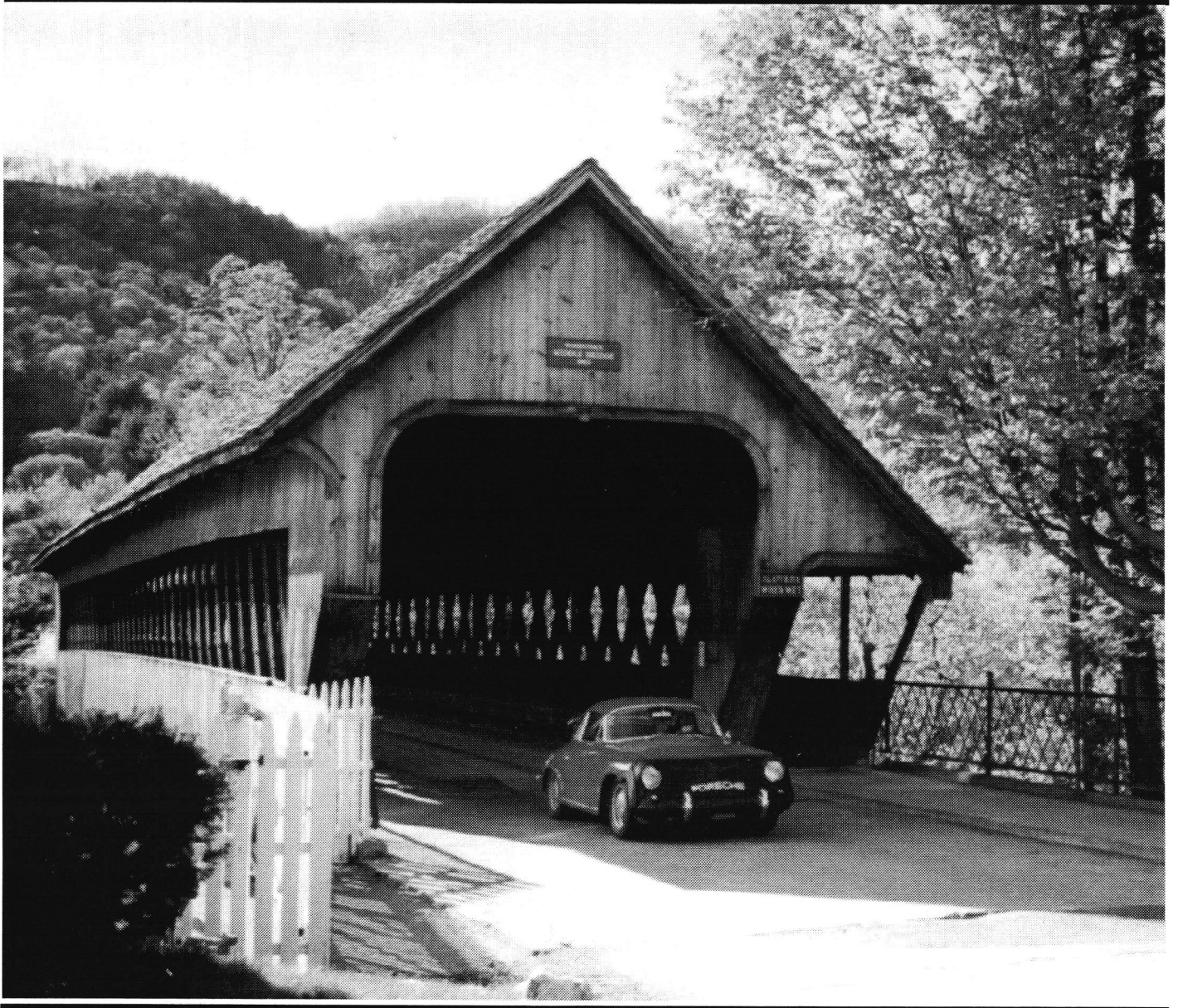
DID YOU KNOW.....

- ♦ Starting in 1951 all cars built by Walter Glöckler bore a "Porsche" nameplate. These cars, of course, were the forerunner of the factory Spyders.
- ♦ 1998 is not Porsche's 50th anniversary as a company, but as an automobile manufacturer. The company was funded in 1930.
- ♦ 1997 was Ferrari's "50th," and while Porsche raced so they could sell cars to the Public, Enzo Ferrari sold cars to the public so he could afford to race.
- ♦ Ernst Fuhrmann, father of the Porsche four cam engine, worked as a watchmaker and a locksmith before joining the Porsche firm in 1947, eventually becoming president of the firm in the 1970's.
- ♦ The factory B/C shop manual has instructions for installing a trailer hitch and hooking up the trailer light wiring.
- ♦ John Chatley *still* owns a 356, it's just that it's set up for the track now which is why we don't see him that often at "street" events.

Springtime in Vermont

Traveling in a 356

BY SEBASTIAN GAETA





- ◆ **Opposite page: A covered bridge near downtown Woodstock, VT**
- ◆ **Left: I'll bet this ice block was still there by the 4th of July! The sign behind the ice says "steep hill and winding curves"—perfect Porsche roads**
- ◆ **Below: On top of Mount Equinox**

town that, unbeknownst to us, has been overtaken by Outlet stores. No, they did not erect strip malls, rather, they somehow took over nearly every beautiful building in the Downtown area and put in a high quality outlet store. *Armani*,



Ever since driving my mother to Vermont for our family reunion in my 356 (see newsletter *September '93*), I've wanted to do it again, only this time with my wife. Those of you who know Narmeen may be surprised, but she was all for it!

Imagine, if you will, a romantic springtime trip in a 356, your true love is at your side, the weather is warm, and you're driving through the most picturesque state in New England while the trees and flowers are in full bloom. It all came true except for that part about the weather and the blooms. I had forgotten that winter in Vermont lasts even longer than here in Michigan. Mid May in Ver-

mont sometimes means bare trees and no blooms. The magic of Vermont is that in spite of this, it is still gorgeous.

We left at 7 PM on a Wednesday and made it to the east side of Buffalo by midnight. Finding a hotel was a breeze and at 9 am on Thursday we were on our way to Manchester, Vermont and the *Equinox* resort. The *Equinox* is a nearly 200 year old Inn that was the summer retreat of Mary Todd Lincoln and her children while husband Abraham attended to business in Washington.

We arrived at 3 PM which left us with plenty of time to check in and explore the town. Manchester, which sits at the base of *Mount Equinox*, is a lovely New England

Polo, Timberland, Brooks Brothers and many others lined the streets. We really didn't drive all this way to shop, but I did pick up a nice jacket at the *Timberland* store out of necessity (I was so sure it would be warm outside that I didn't bring one).

I was tempted to sign up for the Official Range Rover school at the *Equinox*, but our schedule didn't allow for it. For \$600 you could spend the whole day on the mountain behind the wheel of a 'Rover with a professional driver, or \$350 for a half day.

An 18 hole championship golf course, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, and a huge swimming pool are also what qualify the *Equinox* as a resort.

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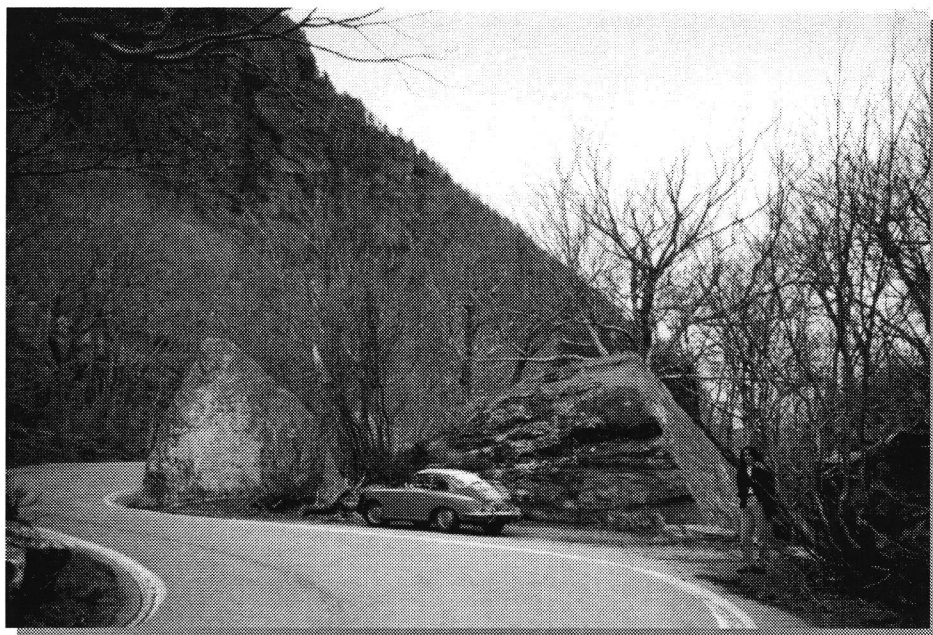
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This was also the only place that we stayed where we ate at the hotel. In recent years it has been uneventful to eat almost any meal at a hotel, but their two restaurants are among the best in Vermont. The food was absolutely delicious.

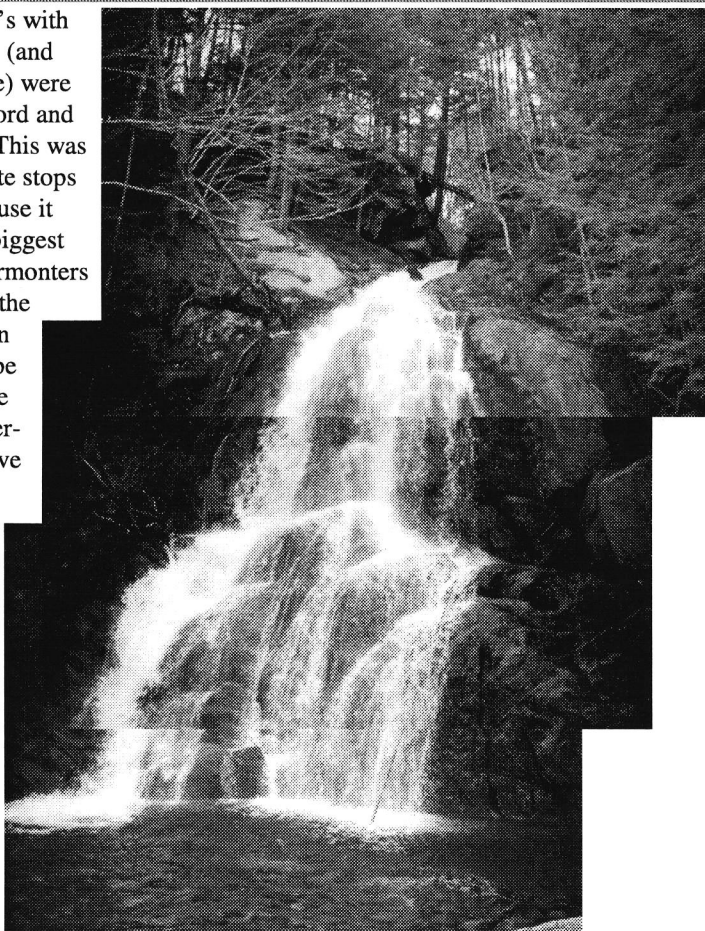
The next morning we visited *Hildene* which was the home of Robert Todd Lincoln, Mary and Abraham's only child to live past the age of 18. After a successful law career, Robert built *Hildene* in order to live out his later years in the same area that he spent his childhood summers. A Lincoln descendant lived at *Hildene* continuously from Robert's death until 1976. Soon after that it was sold to the group which now maintains it as a museum. The home was kept just as it was when Robert died, even though his descendants lived there for many years after. The grounds were spectacular, even without the flowers blooming in the gardens. The backyard is especially nice with a view of Mount Equinox to the west and the Green Mountains to the south and east.

After the *Hildene* we couldn't resist a drive up the toll road to the top of Mount Equinox. Immediately we were confronted with steep roads that seemed to never end, twisting left, then right, then back again. Finally making it to the top, we were rewarded with a view that I won't soon forget. On one side of the road were the Green Mountains and on the other were the Adirondaks in New York state. Directly below was the town of Manchester in all its splendor.

Leaving Manchester we traveled north on route 100 (dubbed a "10 best" scenic drive by *Automobile* magazine). Stopping in Westin we visited *The Vermont Country Store*, a Vermont tradition. This is a working general store with tourists buying maple syrup and dairy farmers buying supplies for the coming months. The meat and cheese counter provided both lunch to the tourists and groceries for the farmers, while outside Mercedes



Benz's and Saab's with New York plates (and one little Porsche) were parked next to Ford and Chevy Pickups. This was one of my favorite stops in Vermont because it represented the biggest dilemma in a Vermonter's life: to welcome the tourists with open arms but still hope to keep their state "pure." Many Vermont residents live a simple life and work hard to survive financially. One hundred years ago most worked hard to survive at all. People in Vermont are proud of their heritage yet recognize the need for tourism in their state's economy.



Leaving Westin we headed back up Route 100 zooming up and over hills, running alongside rock filled streams, and navigating turns as if it were the *Nürburgring*. This was one of the best driving days of the trip because the sun actually dared to show its face. We rolled the windows down

and stuck our arms out like when you were a kid and wanted to feel a little bit of freedom.

After a few hours on route 100 we turned on to Route 4 and traveled west into the town of Woodstock. If you could imagine the perfect little New England town with the fabulous

- ◆ **Top left: Stopping for a rest on top of Mount Manchester, outside of Stowe, VT**
- ◆ **Bottom left: It took 3 snapshots to fit the whole thing in. Moss Glenn Falls outside of Stowe.**
- ◆ **Right: Driving down Mount Equinox—never got out of 1st gear!**

old homes and quaint downtown area, then Woodstock would be it. If you ever make it there and need a place to stay, the Woodstock Inn is as elegant as they come. It is also a resort with many of the same amenities as The Equinox save for the Land Rover school. Babbling brooks as well as covered bridges can be found throughout the town while incredible residential streets wind their way around the outskirts.

Our next stop was to visit the city of Rutland which sits at the base of Mount Killington, home to some of the best skiing in New England. It's also the home of my Grandmother, an Aunt, and numerous cousins and second cousins. We had a beautiful dinner at *Royals Hearthside* and took in the Rutland farmers market the next day where I actually bought some pickled green peppers.

We then headed north on route 7 towards Middlebury to visit Middlebury College, but first we stopped in West Cornwall to see the home where my Mother grew up. As we got out of our car, a group of people gathered nearby started to admire the 356. They thought we had stopped for the yard sale at the home across the road, but found out we were here to find my mother's childhood home. The owner happened to be right there and was thrilled to hear our story. She and her husband Live and work in New York City and bought the house as a weekend getaway. Narmeen and I stayed for a long time as we exchanged stories and took pictures. The views were beautiful looking from both sides of the house. The owner was even gracious enough to take some nice shots



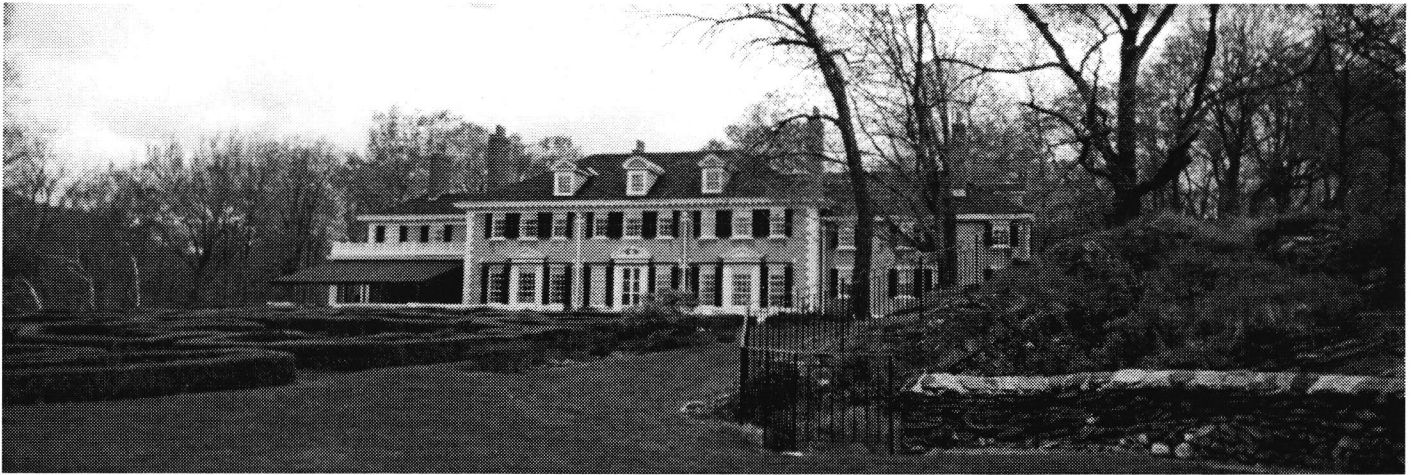
of us on the porch and in the front yard.

On to Middlebury and the prestigious Campus of Middlebury College. We quickly discovered that it was graduation day by the formal dress of the students and endless groups of parents that milled about the town.

The restaurants of course were packed so we decided to hit a local grocer that had a deli counter. It was a cute place with tables out front to sit and eat your food in the fresh

Vermont air. Wouldn't you know it but the owners of the store were Arabic. Narmeen started speaking to them in their native tongue and they were amazed! I think we got bigger portions because of that. It just goes to show you that Arabic people are merchants whether they are in Detroit, Michigan or Middlebury, Vermont!

We then drove over a mountain pass to get back onto Route 100 to head north to Stowe. The coupe had no trouble whatsoever climbing these grades and in fact was quite spirited. Going



- ◆ **Top: The backyard at *Hildene*, home of Robert Todd Lincoln. The home sits on a cliff with a 300ft drop on the other side of a 4ft stone wall**

- ◆ **Right: The Equinox resort in Manchester, VT**

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North on 100 we took in the sites and a few antique stores to boot. Just south of Stowe Narmeen yelled "look!" as she spotted a small waterfall on the right side of the car. Unbeknownst to her I had spotted a much larger waterfall on the left and decided to stop the car. She couldn't believe that I was actually stopping to get out of the car for such a puny thing. The look on her face was priceless as she discovered the larger falls. We stayed for half an hour and had a great time.

We had no hotel reservations in Stowe but hoped we might be able to stay at the von Trapp Family Lodge on top of Mount Mansfield. Yes, this is the same von Trapp family from "The Sound of Music." They settled in Stowe after fleeing from Austria because it reminded them so much of their homeland. Unfortunately the Lodge was booked solid so we found a cozy Inn right in the heart of Stowe.

The best meal of our trip was had that night at the **Edson Hill Manor**. The Edson Hill Manor is a small resort halfway up Mount Mansfield in Stowe.



Next time we are in Vermont this is where we will stay. The restaurant at the Manor is Country French and although I don't consider myself to be a food snob (I can *hole in the wall* with the best of them) this place was terrific. The room had matured beautifully into a comfortable and charming restaurant with a European flair. The views were either to the valley below or the mountains to the east. The service was exceptional; by no means intrusive yet very thorough.

The next morning we attended another farmers market and shopped in some antique stores. We also visited the von Trapp Family Lodge again and made our way to another covered bridge before heading north on 108 to go up and over Mount Mansfield.

Halfway up Mount Mansfield we stopped at the site of a natural spring which was the beginning of a lovely rock filled stream that rumbled down the side of the mountain. As I was taking pictures of the spring a Honda Civic skidded to a halt and out jumped a young girl with a small cooler. She made her way over to the spring, dipped in the cooler, capped the top and spun around to head for her car. I asked her if she did this often. Her reply was that she worked in Stowe and stopped here every day for water so she could drink it at work!

On the way down the back side of the mountain I saw something that took my breath away. Through the trees you could see a waterfall that started at the summit of Mount Mansfield, bounced off the side of the mountain two or three times and came

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to rest in as picturesque a lake at the base of the mountain as you could imagine. If the leaves had been on the trees it would not have been visible. I found out later that you can hike up the front side of the mountain and reach the spring that forms this waterfall. Incredible.

Heading further North we made our way across the border into New York State. The landscape quickly changed. Instead of rolling hills and dairy farms in between the mountains we now saw beautiful lakes with thriving little resort towns surrounding them. It's amazing how different two bordering states can be. We made our way to Saranac Lake and then to Lake Placid, home of the 1980 Winter Olympics. Lake Placid is a quaint village that cannot let go of their Olympic history. Everywhere are shops filled with Olympic memorabilia, some of it even "on sale." The ski jumps are highly visible and the outdoor speed skating rink is still where

the *Lake Placid High* track facility should be. Nonetheless it is worth the visit if you get nearby.

We headed south from Lake Placid on Route 28 to make our way through the Adirondaks and to start moving in the direction of Michigan. These roads are highly recommended if you have not driven them in a 356. Hours and hours of ups and downs and lefts and rights. How could you ever get tired of this?

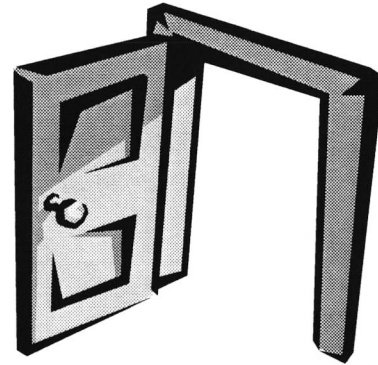
We stopped at about 11:00 PM at a motel on New York Route 14 and I-90. Our original plan was to take I-90 across to Buffalo and then home through Canada, but when I took a closer look at the map I realized that we were just north of Watkins Glenn, sooo.... we went south instead of west, stopped at a great little diner for breakfast, drove past miles and miles of vineyards that thrive along the banks of Seneca Lake, and zoomed right

into the town of Watkins Glenn. We walked around town, stopped in a few antique stores, and had a nice photo session on the dock at Seneca Lake.

From there we headed south into the town of Corning, home of Corning Glass. I hear the tour is outstanding, but the closest we got was to drive right by the factory.

We soon intersected with Pennsylvania Route 6 which crosses the northern part of the state and meanders through some beautiful mountains and valleys. This ended up being a huge bonus to our trip as the drive across Canada leaves much to be desired. The only mistake we made was to go through the Allegheny National Park to head into Ohio as the speed limit there was only 40 mph and the traffic heavy. Other than that and the fact that this new way home added 6 hours onto our trip, it was well worth it and I look forward to doing it again soon, this time during fall color. 🍂

Treasures in the Attic



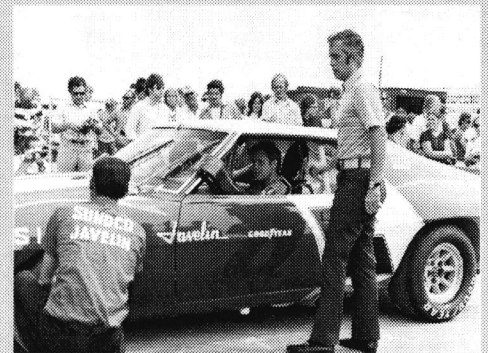
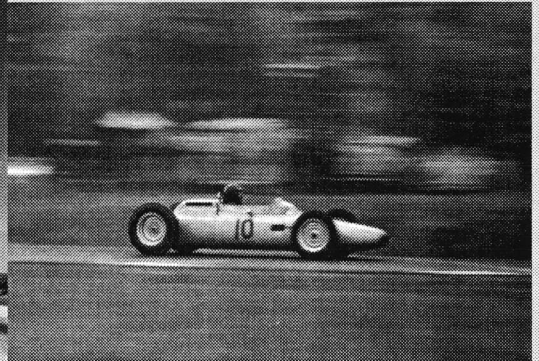
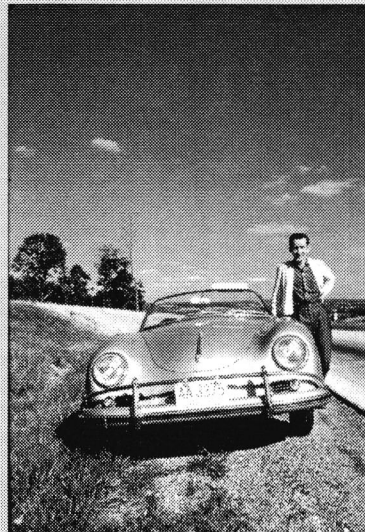
Every so often a friend of mine goes into his attic and uncovers some sort of automotive related treasure that's been hidden away up there for more than 30 years.

My friend is Horst Klose, who is now in the automotive aftermarket business. As a young engineer in Cleveland he bought both a Convertible D and a "B" coupe new at the dealership (Stoddards to be exact). He raced the "B" and in 1969 was an SCCA national champion driving an NSU.

One story he tells is about the time at Mid Ohio that he loaned the whole front end of his "B" coupe to Chuck Stoddard. It seems that Horst was done for the day and the front end of Stoddards spyder had been damaged. With Horst's permission, Chuck's crew removed the front end from his car, and installed it on the spyder. Chuck finished the race and the crew swapped it back at the end of the day!

Ever year he shows up without notice at the Mid Ohio vintage races after weeks of assuring me he won't be able to make it. One year he drank all of Barb Skirmants's beer, which prompted her to post the warning that beer *is not* included in the \$5 charged for the BBQ! He speaks with a thick German accent, tells great jokes, and occasionally leaves Porsche related stuff from his attic on my desk.

Its mostly old books and magazines, and sometimes its pretty eye opening. One time it was a pristine copy of "Liebe Zu Ihm" (I know many of you have already heard that story). Other times it may be old photos of races at



- ◆ Clockwise from above: Horst and his Convertible D.
- ◆ Dan Gurney in a Porsche Formula 1 car at Watkins Glen in 1963.
- ◆ Mark Donohue (driving) and Roger Penske.
- ◆ Horst (center) and his "B" at Mid Ohio in 1963.

Mid-Ohio, Watkins Glen etc. The last time it was more old photos and 3 copies of "Automobile Quarterly." Wouldn't you know it but those *AQ's* turned out to be Volume One, Issues One Two and Three! The forward in issue One reads in part "...Far too long the automobile, a long, sleek thing of beauty, has been cramped and chan-

neled into the standard, vertical magazine page. In our new, iconoclastic, horizontal format we will bring into full perspective the triumphant architecture of the automobile, pioneering many new and varied art techniques..." Thus the shape of the books that many of you are familiar with.

Horst swears to me that he has only scraped the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the stuff in his attic. Every year he promises that "after tax time" those home movies of Porsches racing at the Avus and the Nurburgring in the mid and late fifties are going to be uncovered. I wouldn't be at all surprised. *Sebastian*

Motor Cities Gruppe member's Checklist for 1998

- ⇒ **Renew membership**
- ⇒ **Vote in Board Member elections**
- ⇒ **Register for 1998 Holiday (see page 14)**
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1998 Meadow Brook Holiday Update

by Barbara Skirmants

We recently heard from Porsche Cars North America, and they are bringing 6 cars from the Museum: #1 roadster, a 718 RS60, a 908-3 Spyder, a 917 Coupe, a 936 Spyder, and the 962 Rothmans car. They are also bringing racers Brian Redman, George Follmer, Hurley Haywood, and Vic Elford to drive the cars at Waterford Hills on Saturday. Fred Schwab, President and CEO of PCNA, and Bob Carlson, PCNA Public Relations Director, will be accompanying the cars and drivers.

Dave Hinz has generously volunteered to take care of assigning volunteer jobs for the '98 Holiday. A list of jobs and times will be printed in the near future. Call Dave and let him know if you can work for a few hours, or all day, at some of the assignments listed. Here is another MCG member throwing his hat into the ring. Don't be shy; give him a call! His daytime phone number is 248-852-0066.

We have also been asked to have 15 cars at the Clarkston Concours in the Park on Friday evening. I am counting on our local members to have 15 attendees at

their event. We are finding that the Meadow Brook organizers are trying to be very helpful to our needs, so we must also find ways to help them. The Friday Concours in the park is an ice cream social charity event and the funds raised go to SCAMP. It is important that in the year of Porsche's 50th we have a good turnout of our cars at this event.

One of our biggest needs is money from Corporate sponsors to offset the cost of the trophies, hospitality room, tent, chairs, and table rentals at both Waterford Hills and Meadow Brook. The list goes on and on. Many of you own businesses and/or have many contacts in the Motor City. We desperately need someone to handle the Corporate Sponsorship position. This is a "behind the scenes" type of assignment and is vital to our success, or lack thereof in this Holiday. This job is not as time consuming as you may think, but since a handful of people cannot do every job that needs to be done, we need someone to take this on. If you are wary of helping out with this Holiday because you would miss some of the activities during the weekend, then this job is perfect because the work is all done beforehand! Call me at 810-558-3692 to volunteer.

Please step up and help us make this event a success. The registration form is on the next page. I'm counting on **all** of you.

Barbara

1998 MEADOW BROOK HOLIDAY REGISTRATION FORM

July 30 - August 2, 1998

REGISTRANT- \$115.00 postmarked by 6-15-98 \$ _____
 \$165.00 postmarked after 6-15-98 \$ _____

CO-REGISTRANT--- \$85.00 \$ _____

INCLUDES: STOCKED EVENT canvas pocket Goodie Bag with embroidered patches, Admission to Hospitality room, Tickets to Waterford Hills Historic Races, program, and Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, Tent, chairs, Continental Breakfast, and beverage service at Waterford Hills on Saturday, magnetic personalized event license plate, and shuttle service for later arrivals to and from Waterford Hills Race Track. Also included is your entry to tech sessions, parts swap meet, literature and model swap meet.

Friday night buffet at Hotel Ballroom _____ X \$29.00 \$ _____
 7:00 to 9:00 PM concurrent with literature model swap meet

Saturday Buffet Lunch at Waterford Hills _____ X \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday Awards Banquet Hotel Ballroom choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef _____ X \$30.00 \$ _____
 Chargrilled Breast of Chicken Milan _____ X \$27.00 \$ _____
 Salmon En Croute _____ X \$28.00 \$ _____

Sunday Buffet Lunch at Meadow Brook _____ X \$17.00 \$ _____

(all meals include 24% total of tax and gratuity)

Checks or Money orders from USA BANKS IN US \$ TOTAL \$ _____

Registrant _____ Member# _____

Co-Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ zip _____

Daytime Phone () Eve Phone ()

Are you planning to drive your 356 to the Holiday? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Year _____ Model _____ Body Style: _____ Color _____

Will you need space to sell at the Swap Meet _____ Literature Meet _____

Cancellation Policy	DATE	PENALTY	MEALS
	before 06-15-98	10 % of Registration	Full Refund
	06-15-98 thru 07-15-98	30% of Registration	Full Refund
	after 07-15-98	40% of Registration	NO Refund on

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Mail with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: 1998 MEADOW BROOK HOLIDAY
 DAVID PETERSON, 434 HENDRIE BLVD, ROYAL OAK, MI 48067 questions call
 David at 248-547-5875 / fax 248-542-3530 about your registration, misc. questions call
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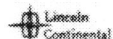
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