

**TYP 356 NORTHEAST**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**May 7, 2007**

**Organization of the Meeting**

The regular meeting of the TYP 356 Northeast Club Board of Directors was held at the offices of Tulis Miller & Company, 313 Congress Street, Boston, MA, at 6:10 PM, on May 7, 2007.

**Attendees:** Bob DiCorpo, President  
Bill Collins, Vice President  
Larry Bingaman, Secretary  
Jerry Tulis, Treasurer  
Ron Swenson, Membership/Newsletter  
Tom Gentz, Technical Director  
Ralph Hadley, Website Coordinator  
Dick Chiasson, Member at Large  
Len Cannizzaro, Member at Large  
Jim O'Hare, Member at Large

**Absent:** Peter Crawford, Spring Tourmeister  
Greg Graham, Member at Large  
George Huff, Member at Large

**Administration**

Bob DiCorpo called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and asked Ron Swenson, Membership Chairman, to provide an update on the membership. Ron distributed and discussed a Membership Report noting that the TYP 356 NE Club now has 136 members, compared to 151 members at the last report, and 150 on December 31, 2006. He then reviewed the lapsed members and reported that the Club had a new member join from Arlington, VT. He then reviewed the sponsors who had renewed their Newsletter ads and those that chose to not continue.

Jerry Tulis, Treasurer, distributed and discussed the TYP 356 NE Monthly Financial Statement. He reported there was about \$8,600 cash in the Treasury and after disbursements for the Spring Tour, which he distributed and reviewed the Tour's projected Income and Expenses, there would be a balance of about \$4,000.

Bob DiCorpo noted that since Larry Bingaman was absent at the March 5, 2007 meeting, the minutes would be prepared and distributed at a later date.

## **Event Scheduling and Planning**

Bob reported on the TYP356NE Shakedown Drive to Newport, RI, PCA Zone One Concours Event at Fort Adams. Club members may compete in the event or park their 356's in the car corral. To date only one member had signed up for the event. Discussion ensued on possible conflicts.

Next, Bob discussed the Elm Bank Car Show, to be held from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM, on June 24, on the grounds of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Wellesley, MA. He reported that 10 members had made a reservation for the event and with that number there would be a 50 percent discount on the fee for cars entering the event. Plans are to meet at a designated site, to be determined, and then drive to the show. Bob also reported there would be other activities in which to participate such as two live bands, a DJ, a vendor area and a food court.

In Peter Crawford's absence, Bill Collins provided an update on the Ninth Annual Spring Tour. He reported that the tour booklet was almost complete and noted that Peter's welcome letter would be separate from the Tour itinerary and there would be a separate listing of the participating members and their cars. Bill commented that the route had been planned from the first meeting point, which was lunch at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield, MA, beginning at 11:30 AM, and from there it was about three hours to the Cranwell Resort. A rest stop was planned en route at Yankee Candle. On the return trip home, everyone was on their own to form caravans or to drive independently and there would be scenic routes in addition to the quicker Mass Turnpike.

Bob then reported that he had sent to Club members by email the form to pre-register for the BSAAC Car Show Dedham/Endicott, MA to be held on July 8.

Next, Len reported on his discussion with the owner of the Essex River Cruise & Charter Boat company. The cruise would be from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on July 15, and would include a continental breakfast buffet at a cost of \$26/person. If 10 couples attend, the cost would be \$23/person. After the cruise, lunch would be served at Roy Ruff's house where swimming would also be available. Discussion ensued on whether the club should pay for half of the lunch cost. Rain date for the event would be July 29.

Bob reported that arrangements had been set for the annual Chicken Barbeque at Greg McManus house on July 22.

Next, Larry Bingaman reviewed his preliminary discussion with the Plimouth Plantation as the site for this year's Founder's Day event, to be held on August 5, and Jim O'Hare outlined

the drive route. They will develop more details on lunch at the Plantation and provide additional information on it and the drive at the next Board meeting. The rain date for the event is August 19.

### **Old Business**

Ron Swenson presented a preliminary prototype design for the new club logo, which is the club name, TYP 356 NE, in gold, and will have the outline of a 356 in the background. After discussion, the general consensus of the Board was for Ron to further refine the logo and present the final version for Board approval.

Tom Gentz then reviewed the TYP356 NE Tech Session Auto Detailing at the home of Cindy Markley (Professional Detailer) in Lynnfield, MA, on April 29. Seventeen members attended the event to see a demonstration of how to properly prepare, wax and detail a car's exterior as well as how to detail an engine.

### **New Business**

Bill Collins next summarized an email he received from Peter Crawford which suggested the club should plan more new events to appeal to a wider number of members. He believed that the current club calendar was too focused on tagging onto existing events planned by other organizations, such as car shows, and there was a need to plan more, new TYP 356 only events. Discussion ensued on Peter's suggestions, and it was noted the two to three-hour impromptu drives that the club used to have would be good to reinstitute. During the discussion, it was noted that there were new Tech Sessions held this year which attracted members who had not attended events in the past, and after the planning session held in January, no dissatisfaction was expressed with the planned calendar of events then or subsequent to it being published. Additionally, the Board meetings were open to all members to attend and to offer ideas for activities. Discussion then turned to: planning a drive for the upcoming weekend or a subsequent weekend, as well as having them more often, putting the drives on the Schedule of Events, including a notation on the events calendar that "new members were welcome and encouraged to attend"; planning a drive and strawberry picking event in June; and, an apple picking event in the fall combined with a drive.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, on June 18, 2007, at a place to be announced at a later date.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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