

**TYP 356 NORTHEAST**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**September 24, 2007**

**Organization of the Meeting**

The regular meeting of the TYP 356 Northeast Club Board of Directors was held at the Beer Works Restaurant, 112 Canal Street, Boston, MA, at 6:05 PM, on September 24, 2007.

**Attendees:** Bob DiCorpo, President  
Bill Collins, Vice President  
Larry Bingaman, Secretary  
Ron Swenson, Membership/Newsletter  
Tom Gentz, Technical Director  
Ralph Hadley, Website Coordinator  
Norm Brust, Member at Large  
Greg Graham, Member at Large  
Bill Sooter, Member at Large

**Absent:** Jerry Tulis, Treasurer  
Peter French, Sponsorship Coordinator  
Len Cannizzaro, Member at Large  
Peter Crawford, Member at Large  
Jim O'Hare, Member at Large

**Administration**

1. Bob DiCorpo called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Ron Swenson, Membership Chairman, distributed a Membership Report and noted that two new members joined bringing the total to 142 Club members.
3. In the absence of Jerry Tulis, Treasurer, Bob reported that the Club's Treasury had a cash balance of \$3,435. On behalf of Don Osborne, Tourmeister, Bob requested a check in the amount of \$1,000 for a deposit to the Woodstock Inn for the Spring Tour. Additionally, Bob noted that \$1,925 would be paid for the Club's Grille Badges to cover the order.
4. The minutes of the August 27, 2007, Board of Directors meeting, having been distributed in advance of the meeting, were approved. Bob also reported on a suggestion that the minutes be provided to all members. After discussion, it was decided that since they are available on the website, there was no need to also distribute them to members.

**Sponsorship Report**

1. In Peter French's absence, Bob provided the Sponsorship Report of the initial or planned contacts with 356 Porsche-related vendors to generate additional sponsors of the Club, which included the following:
  - a) Contacted Jim Mallette of Stuttgart Northeast who will reconsider being a sponsor; Peter will meet with him on October 3;
  - b) Peter will visit Michael Grishman of Foreign Intrigue; and,
  - c) Peter plans to contact NLA, Stoddard and Coker Tire.

**Tech Chairman Report**

1. Tom reported that the Tech Session at Meister Restorations was enjoyed by all, was a huge success and Rainer did a great job presenting the information. He said the session was much appreciated. Tom will provide Ralph a write up for the website.

2. Ralph Hadley highlighted his tour of the Porsche factory in Stuttgart, Germany, and said he will provide a write-up for the Website. He then cited some interesting statistics about Porsche production.

### **Event Planning and Scheduling**

#### **Meister Tech Session**

Tom Gentz will transcribe Rainer's answers to the questions posed by attendees at the Tech session last month at Meister Restorations and send them to Ron Swenson for a Newsletter article.

#### **Maine Coastal Drive**

1. Bill Collins reported that the restaurants for the Maine coastal drive and tour to Camden, October 5-7, were booked and the same as last year.
2. The group will eat dinner Friday at Chez Michelle and at the Lobster Pound for dinner Saturday night.
3. Grand prize for the scavenger hunt is a ride in a vintage Steerman airplane at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, ME.
4. On Sunday, October 7, the group will visit the Museum for the Foreign Auto Festival & Antique Aeroplane Show.

#### **Drive with Southern CT Registry**

1. Bob has talked to John Schiavone, TYP356 NE and a 912 Club member, about the joint club drive through southeastern CT on October 21.
2. To date, eight 912 members and eight TYP356NE members have committed to the drive.
3. Still need to set a site for the two clubs to meet in CT.
4. Bob will send an email to the 912 Club about coordinating the drive and to TYP356NE members advising them of the event.

#### **Porsche Rennsport Reunion III**

1. Ron sent an email on September 23 to update those who are attending the Porsche Rennsport Reunion III at Daytona International Speedway in Florida, November 2-4, 2007.
2. The email was to remind the attendees to make dinner reservations and coordinate who would attend.
3. Sixteen members have signed up to attend to date.

#### **Holiday Party Planning**

1. It was agreed that a new venue was needed that could accommodate the larger number of members and co-members who attend each year.
2. Tom offered to look into a local RI country club, but the group felt it was too far away and bad weather may deter members from driving to Southern RI.
3. It was decided that a site should be selected that is available the first two weekends of January and inside I-495. Cost of the event should be about \$35/person.
4. Bill Collins will investigate possible restaurants and advise. The backup venue is the Stockyard Restaurant in Boston.

#### **Door Prizes for Holiday Party**

1. The Board discussed a variety of possible door prizes for the Holiday Party, including Joe Leoni's electrical diagram, a shop manual, approaching vendors about donating items in exchange for receiving complementary advertising in the newsletter and how to plan for prizes if they are Porsche specific to accommodate the various models of the 356.
2. Bob will put the subject on the October meeting agenda.

### **Club Logo Badge**

1. Bob circulated a drawing of the new Club Logo Grille Badge and a breakdown of the cost, including the cost of the badge, the one-time set up charge, shipping and U.S. Customs charges.
2. He reported that he had received 56 orders for the new Club badges at the pre-order price of \$30. Subsequent badges will cost \$35.
3. Bob will call Diane Morrill of the Goodie Store, who is having the new badges made, and request, if possible, that the line under the “n” in TYP356ne be removed and advise the Board.

### **New Business**

#### **Dive Your Porsche Day**

1. Bill Sooter reported that the Club’s Drive Your Porsche Day (DYPD) to benefit the Jimmy Fund raised about \$720 to date.
2. Discussion ensued about having the DYPD event next year also support a charity, possible non-profit organizations that could be supported and how select one.
3. The subject will be discussed at the January planning meeting.

#### **356 Registry Talk**

1. Tom referred to the discussion on the 356 Registry Talk List about a new format to make it easier to filter topics and suggested that the TYP356NE Board, on behalf of Club members, recommend to the Talk List that it install a new system to make it easier to communicate with members. Bob suggested he survey Board members on their opinion.
2. Tom moved that the *“TYP356 NE Club request the 356 Talk/356Registry to change its Talk List to a more up to date format.”* Ralph Hadley seconded the motion
3. Discussion ensued on other talk forums, such as Pelican BBS, Rennslist.com and the early 912 Registry, and the technology that enabled ease of sorting by subject matter
4. Tom will send to the Board links of the previously mentioned talk forums for review and to vote via email within the next two week. Ron will send screen shots of the three sites and circulate,
5. Tom will also determine from the monitors of the three sites how much time they spend on the “Talk” feature.

#### **Antique Car Show**

1. Bob mentioned a Rotary sponsored antique car show charity event in Weston, MA, will be held on Saturday, September 29.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, on October 15, 2007, at the offices of Tulis Miller & Company, 313 Congress Street, Boston, MA.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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