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Little did Porsche know when they tagged a later 356 with this 60 horsepower badge, that it would eventually be appropriate for celebrating an Anniversary of the world standard for sports cars



Gmünd 1948: Ferdinand Porsche and son, Ferry, next to the Porsche Nr. 1 (Factory Photo)

The scenic Typ 356 Northeast 2008 Green Mountain tour to Woodstock, Vermont is an indication of this little car's success. Sixty-years-on, hundreds of thousands of cars have been built and hundreds of clubs celebrate every model ever made. Happy 60th!

In Porsche History

Sixty years ago, Dr. Ing Ferdinand Porsche and son Ferry Porsche were closing in on their longtime goals of having a self-named sports car and their own automotive company. The first project – Typ 356, was numbered and named model **356-001**.

The 356 Registry notes "The original 356-001 car is raced at the Innsbruck city race, achieving a victory in the 1100cc class in its first outing. Porsche was homologated by the state government of Kärnten in Austria **on 8 June 1948**". The car in fact had been completed in March of '48.

1948 would see a further four coupes' production in Gmund, the Austrian community in which the Stuttgart firm was sheltering to preserve itself in the wake of World War II. The design drawings had been started by **Ferry Porsche** and **Prof. Eberan van Eberhorst** in July 1947. **Erwin Komenda** styled this car as he would many others to carry the Porsche name. Upon Ferdinand Porsche's return from prison in France he pronounced the plans '**just right**' and construction commenced.

The Volkswagen heritage and the 1936 project 60K10 (a racing car to participate in the Berlin-Rome road race) were the departure points for the car to carry the Porsche script.

As we all know, 356-001 now resides in a **new museum** and travels first class. It has been long-since returned from Switzerland where it had been sold for a much needed infusion of cash.



356-001 at Rennsport Reunion II, with an American Roadster sidekick. Photo by Swenson

The Typ 356 Northeast 2008 Spring Tour falls conveniently between the anniversary of the completion and the first race victory of this Porsche – **at the time it was The Porsche.**