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**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**

**2025**



**Georg Becker-Birck takes home a tree, see page 10**

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## Editorial

Another year has gone by quickly. Sometimes when we start a new year, I like to make some small changes to TubTimes, just to be different. Most likely you won't notice the difference, except for maybe that my picture has changed. I thought that a newer picture of me is more accurate. The new one is only a couple years old and better shows my gray/white hair. The other changes are very minor, I don't want to screw up a good thing, just change something going into the new year. I've done it several times in the past, but you did not notice.

We welcome a new sponsor to start the year. Jesse Martin has joined the Club and became a sponsor, see page 19. Jesse has a business called Road and Wrist where he offers high end wrist watches, Rolex and others, check out his website.

The schedule for 2025 is in this issue, see pages 6, 7, 8 & 9. There are still some details to finalize, but you can see that we are going to have another great year with a wide variety of events to enjoy. There are no better ways to meet great people and talk about 356s and other cars than attending our events.

The next event is our annual Holiday party, see page 4. Since we won't be wintering in Florida, we will be able to attend the event for the first time in many years. Hope to see you there.

Ed Tobolski,  
editor



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE— JANUARY 2025

It is that time of year again. Club dues for all of us (unless you are one of the few that pay several years in advance) are due on January 1, 2025, and overdue on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank the 64 of our members who have already paid their dues for this year since Carl Luck, our membership chair's, first announcement. It is time for the 126 of us left to pay. **Due it now before you forget** using PayPal on the Club website at this link: <https://www.typ356ne.org/pay-usd30-00-annual-club-dues>. It is the quickest, safest, most secure, and easiest way to pay. Your credit card information is not shared this way since PayPal secures it. Also, you do not need a PayPal account to use this link. Just pay as a guest. **While you are at it, use that same link to pay to go to the Club Holiday Party this year.** See page 4 for full details on the Holiday party.

I would strongly suggest you consider going to the Holiday Party. 20 members have already signed up. The party is on Sunday, February 2, 2025, which is a week before the Super-bowl; so, there are no playoff games that day. This year we will have an excellent speaker, Scott Stevens from ACS Racing, which is one of our long-standing Club sponsors. **Scott will be speaking about: Carburation/ignition tuning, improving drivability, and some miscellaneous information regarding the horses that he owns.**

For over the past 10 years I have used Scott for all my repair needs for my 356, early 911s, Ford F1 pickup truck, 1937 Horch, and most recently my 1967 Jaguar E type coupe. Scott is not just a regular mechanic. I can assure you Scott can fix just about anything related to any model classic vehicle, including motorcycles that you own. Scott commonly completely rebuilds carburetors which most shops send out to the soon to be extinct Carb Rescue. He completely rebuilt my 356 Solex 40PII S90 carburetors 10 years and 36,000 miles ago. My car has run beautifully since attesting to the excellence and durability of his work. They were a mess when he started leaking air around the butterflies due to very worn throttle shafts. This was causing very uneven idle, frequent backfiring, flat spots during acceleration, and frequent stalling at idle. This was all gone immediately after Scott's work and has stayed that way. He completely rebuilt my 1968, 911 engine converting it to electronic fuel injection at the same time. The problems with the engine were many when he started with uneven, badly worn heads, incorrect camshafts for the car from previous rebuilds, and totally wrong for the car, badly worn pistons and cylinders. That car has also run beautifully for 2 years and 12,000 miles since the engine was rebuilt.

He has also fixed multiple electrical problems in all my cars, most recently the many electrical problems with the Jaguar E type. When a locksmith refused to work on the door lock on the Jaguar for which I did not have the proper key for, Scott



removed the lock and disassembled it regrinding the tumblers to fit the ignition key I had. He has repaired several of my instrument gauges. I think the only thing Scott sends out for repair are radios, and clocks. Just about everything else is done in house. Al Spinosa, who works with Scott, has done excellent body work for me fixing the binding window regulators on my 1968 911 among other things.

Scott's daughter shows horses, and as a result Scott owns several. He has become very knowledgeable about their care. **I think he will share some of his equine insight with us as well.** It should be a very enjoyable and informative presentation. Everyone talks about how great the late Harry Pellow was. He was gone before my time with Porsches, but I strongly suspect Scott is as capable repairing 356s and 912s as The Maestro was.

**Don't miss Scott's presentation at the Holliday Party.**

Allen Sisson  
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### **New Members - Welcome to the Club**

- Jesse Martin and Renatta Siewert, they live in Natick, MA. and have a 84 911  
Jesse's company, Road and Wrist, is now one of our sponsors, see page 19
- Lukas Guenthardt, lives in Hopkinton, NH and has a 1964 356C

# **Holiday Party!!!!**

## **Sunday, February 2nd, 2025**

### **11:00am—3pm**

**A week before the Superbowl, a great time to get out from your winter hide-a-ways!!!**

**Our 2025 Holiday party is going back to the Tuscan Kitchen**

**2400 District Ave, Burlington, MA 01803**



The food will be great as always. There will be passed appetizers, your choice of three entrees, see below, plus dessert.

The speaker this year will be Club sponsor (<https://www.typ356ne.org/copy-of-club-sponsors>) Scott Stevens from ACS Racing (<https://www.acsracing.com/>). The topic will be: Carburation/Ignition tuning and improving drivability, and some miscellaneous information regarding the horses that he owns.

We will also have our traditional Yankee Swap raffle exchange. To participate, bring a gift item to exchange with fellow members. A 356 related item, wine or interesting fun food items are welcome.

To attend this event, pay the cost indicated below and provide your entrée choice for each person attending to our Membership Chair, Carl Luck, [cluck@typ356ne.org](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org). Note— this is a members only event. Each member can bring one nonmember guest. You must let Carl know your entrée choices, see below, no later than **Friday, January 17th, 2025**, in time for us to notify the Tuscan Kitchen or your choices.

The cost is \$35.00 per person attending. Using PayPal (preferred) on the Club Website: Go to- [www.typ356ne.org](http://www.typ356ne.org), click on **More** then select **Make Payments Via PayPal**. You may also mail a check made out to **TYP356ne** to Carl Luck at

50 Sunset Lane, Lunenburg, MA 01462-2178.

Note —your dues (see page 5) and party payments can be included in a single check but please include a note with your entrée selection(s).

Please tell Carl [cluck@typ356ne.org](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org) which of the three entrée choices you and your guest would like:

The entrée selection options for the 2025 Holiday Party are:

- BAKED HADDOCK, Parmigiano Crusted, Lemon
- HERB CRUSTED CLUB SIRLOIN (GF), Wood Grilled, Rosemary Pan Jus
- EGGPLANT PASTA ALLA NORMA (V), Stewed Eggplant and Tomato Ragu with Fresh Made Pasta

In your email just abbreviate your entrée selections as:

Haddock, Sirloin, or Eggplant

Carl Luck

## 2025 Club Dues

It is that time of year to again renew your TYP356ne Club dues. 2025 Club dues are due on 1/1/25 and are overdue on 2/1/25. If you have paid for several years dues in advance, and cannot remember if this is the year to pay again, just email Carl Luck at: [cluck@typ356ne.org](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org). Have no fear, if extra dues are received, they will be applied to future years and Carl will notify you accordingly.



**The Club dues are \$30.00 per year, the same as in past years.**

There are two ways to pay your dues- PayPal or personal check.

You can pay your dues easily by using PayPal even if you do not have a PayPal account. Just go to the Club website: <http://typ356ne.org> and go to the top drop-down menu all the way to the right that is headed **More**. Hover over that and the bottom menu that appears will say:

**Make Payments Via PayPal**. Click on that and then to pay your dues click on the yellow button that says: **Make Dues Payment**. Then just follow the procedure to make your \$30.00 annual dues payment.

If you do not want to use PayPal, you can mail a check made out to: **TYP356ne** to:

**Carl Luck, Membership**  
50 Sunset Lane  
Lunenburg, MA 01462-2178

### HOLIDAY PARTY

If you are going to attend the Holiday Party on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, see page 4, you can make that payment using PayPal at the same time by selecting the **Holiday Party Payment** option.

If you want to pay for the party by check, make it out to **TYP356ne** and mail it to Carl Luck as indicated above.

Since you have to renew your membership to attend the Holiday Party you can make both payments in one check. PLEASE indicate to Carl separately your entrée selections.

- Dues only—\$30.00
- Dues and one for the Holiday Party—\$65.00
- Dues plus two for the Holiday Party—\$100.00

If you have any other questions, please let me know.  
Enjoy the Holiday and thank you for Keeping the Faith,  
Carl Luck, Membership Chairman

[cluck@typ356ne.org](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org)

I would like to say that I thank all the members who have already paid and signed up for the party.

We have 64 dues paid already, over 1/3, and 20 attendees for the party. This is great for December!



# TYP356ne Event Calendar for 2025

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## January

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm  
Board meetings are held by video conference call on the first Tuesday of the month. All Club members are welcome to join the call. To join the call email Peter Venuti [pvenuti@typ356ne.org](mailto:pvenuti@typ356ne.org) to have a link sent to you.

## February

- **TYP356ne Annual Holiday Party**, Sunday, February 2, 2025, 11:00am – 3:00pm. See page 4 For full details  
Tuscan Kitchen 2400 District Ave, Burlington, MA 01803, USA  
Sign up in advance with our Membership Chair, Carl Luck, [cluck@typ356ne.org](mailto:cluck@typ356ne.org). Pay \$35.00 per person attending with PayPal on the Club Website: [Make Payments Via PayPal | TYP 356 NE](#) or mail a check made out to TYP356ne to Carl Luck. Bring a Raffle gift item to exchange with fellow members. A 356 related item, wine or interesting food items are welcome. The food will be good as always. Scott Stevens of ACS Racing will be our event speaker. The topic will be Car-buration/Ignition tuning, improving drivability, and some miscellaneous information about the horses Scott owns.
- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **LA Lit Meet** - Four Days of Related Events Begins on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Los Angeles, CA, USA. See this link for the four days of open houses schedule: <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/related-events.html> LA Lit Meet Open Houses Continues Friday, February 21, 2025-9:00am – 5:00pm
- **LA Lit and Toy Show**. Saturday, February 22, 2025-7:00am – 5:00pm  
Hilton Los Angeles Airport, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, USA  
See this link for details: <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/index.html>
- **356 Club Car Show and Swap Meet**, Sunday, February 23, 2025, 9:00am – 2:00pm  
EMPI Inc 301 E Orangethorpe Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801, USA  
Description: See this link for details: <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/related-events.html>
- **Moda Miami**, February 27 – March 2, 2025  
Location: Biltmore Hotel Miami Coral Gables, 1200 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134, USA  
See this link for details: <https://modamiami.com/>

## March

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **The Amelia**, March 6 – 9, 2025 at The Golf Club of Amelia Island, 4700 Amelia Island Pkwy, Amelia Island, FL 32034, USA, See this link for details: <https://www.ameliaconcours.com/>
- **Tom Tate's Presentation at Larz Anderson Auto Museum**, Thursday, March 13, 2025, 7:00 – 8:00pm  
Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St, Brookline, MA 02445, USA  
Tom Tate will discuss the restoration of his 356A sunroof coupe currently on display at the museum. You will need to sign up for this at this website: <https://www.larzanderson.org/>
- **Florida Owner's Group Gathering of the Faithful**. March 20 – 23, 2025  
Melbourne, FL, USA, details at this link: <https://356fog.com/>

## April

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm



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- **TYP356ne Underbody Coating a 912** Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:30 – 8:30pm

By video conference call. Club member Georg Becker-Birck will describe how he undercoated his 912 via a video conference presentation. A link to the event will be sent close to the date of the event.

- **TYP356ne Annual Swap Meet & Pizza Lunch**. Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
24 Turkey Hill Rd, West Newbury, MA 01985, USA

Bring any car related item you would like to sell to Peter and Joyce Thompson's garage and yard. Tables will be available for your use. There will NOT be coffee or donuts this year since from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm there will be Pizza and soft drinks available for everyone in attendance. You are welcome to just come and browse and buy. There will not be a Porta Potty on site this year since the expense is too high. Please be very respectful of the host's facilities.

- **PCA Treffen Homestead 2025**, April 30 – May 4, 2025  
The Omni Homestead Resort 7696 Sam Snead Hwy, Hot Springs, VA 24445, USA.  
Details at this link: <https://treffen.pca.org/treffen-2025-tbd>

- **Central PA PCA Porsche Only Swap Meet**, Saturday, May 3, 2025  
Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013, USA  
Details at this link: <https://www.cpa-pca.org/events/2025/5-25/swap/index.htm>

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm

## April

- **TYP356ne Bolton to Harvard, MA Drive & Lunch**, Thursday, May 15, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Bolton Bean, 626 Main St, Bolton, MA 01740, USA

Theo Kindermans will lead a back roads drive from Bolton Bean [Home | Bolton Bean](#) in Bolton, MA (just off Route 495) via Wachusett Mountain State Reservation [Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | Mass.gov](#) (for a rest stop) to the Harvard General Store [Harvard General Store](#) 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA for lunch. The drive will be approximately 42 miles.

## May

- **TYP356ne Rhode Island Drive and Lunch** Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Tom Gilchrist's home, 1050 Matunuck Beach Road, South Kingstown, RI  
Tom Gilchrist and Steve Turino will lead a back roads, south country drive through Rhode Island for 58 miles before ending at the Matunuck Oyster Bar – South Kingstown, RI ([rhodyoysters.com](http://rhodyoysters.com)) for lunch. Along the way we will stop at Steve's house for a pit stop and a look around his shop. The starting location of the drive is at Tom's home.

## June

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm

- **TYP356ne South Coastal Drive & Lunch** Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Rd, North Dartmouth, MA 02747, USA  
On Wednesday June 4th, 2025, we will again run the very popular South Coast Drive. After years of conducting this drive, long time club member Tom Coughlin has decided to hand the reins over to South Coaster Neil Fennessey. We'll meet at UMass, there's only one entrance, take the first right onto the Ring Road. Lot 17 is the first parking lot on the left. Neil is planning his own drive but probably covering many of the same favorite views and places in Westport, and So Dartmouth, MA, plus Tiverton, RI. etc. Lunch this year will be at the Bittersweet Farm Restaurant in Westport, MA <https://www.bittersweetfarmwestport.com/>. A special meal will be made for us and weather permitting, we will be eating outside, overlooking Bittersweet's lovely exterior landscaping. Should the weather not be conducive to outdoor dining, we have an entire room in the restaurant waiting for us. Some Club members might remember years back when the Club attended a Sunday Brunch at Bittersweet. There were many raves about the food.

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- **Larz Anderson German Car Day**. Sunday, June 15, 2025, 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St, Brookline, MA 02445, USA. This is the **tentatively** scheduled day. It could change. See this link for updates: <https://www.larzanderson.org/lawnevents>

- **TYP356ne Sisson/Grace BBQ**. Sunday, June 22, 2025, 1:00 – 4:00pm  
28 Forest St, Sherborn, MA 01770, USA

The annual barbeque at Allen Sisson's and Mary Grace's home is on Sunday, June 22nd between 1 to 4 PM. All Club members and their guests are welcome. Allen needs to hear from you by email with the number in your group attending no later than Tuesday, June 17th. The event will be like in past years with a tent outside. Allen and Mary are looking forward to seeing many of you there. The BBQ will be held at our home: 28 Forest ST., Sherborn, MA 01770-1620. 356s, 912s and early 911s should park on the semicircular front driveway and front lawn. Other cars should park behind the garage or on the grass to the right of the semicircular driveway as you face the house. A \$20.00 per person donation to help defray the costs would be appreciated.

- **TYP356ne Early Summer Tour**. June 26 – 29, 2025  
North Shire Lodge, 97 Main St, Manchester, VT 05254, USA  
The host Hotel for our 3 day stay will likely be The North Shire Lodge, in Manchester Vermont <https://www.northshirelodge.com/manchester-vt-lodging/>.

**However, this is not finalized yet. Other host hotels are still being considered. DO NOT BOOK ROOMS YET!**

1. They have rooms from June 26-29. All 14 are available.
2. Brad, the owner, has a hold on the rooms and dates for our tour.
3. Free continental breakfast and an optional made to order breakfast are available.
4. Housekeeping available upon request.
5. Each member will call, book their preferred room, and make a deposit.
6. When you call to book a room say you want to book with the Classic Porsche Club. You will pay a 50% deposit then.
7. The 50% deposit is refundable up to 45 days prior to arrival date less a \$25 processing fee.
8. 14 days prior to arrival North Shire will take the final payment, and the reservation becomes non-refundable.

The room rate is \$189/night + tax.

There will be nice, back roads drives led by professional Driver Andy Papa on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be coffee, and bathroom breaks during both the morning and afternoon drives each day. There will be a destination event around noon each day with lunch. More details to follow.

## **July**

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, July 1, 2025-6:00 – 7:00pm
- PCA Porsche Parade 2025. July 6 – 12, 2025, Oklahoma City, OK, USA  
Description: Check this link for details: <https://www.porscheparade.org/>
- **Misselwood Concours d'Elegance**. July 18 – 20, 2025, 407 Hale St, Beverly, MA 01915, USA  
See this link for details: <https://www.misselwood.com/concours-delegance>

- **TYP356ne Wile Motorsports Cars and Coffee**. Saturday, July 26, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
12 Production Rd, Walpole, MA 02081, USA  
Wile Motorsports <https://www.wilemotorsport.com/> will host a Porsche open house at their shop for TYP356ne members. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the Club.

## **August**

- **TYP356ne Greg Lane & Diane Mierz CT Drive & Lunch**. Friday, August 1, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Meeting place to be determined. Greg Lane and Diane Mierz will lead us on a nice back roads drive in central CT with a lunch stop at the end.
- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm



- Monterey Car Week, August 8 – 17, 2025, Monterey, CA, USA

See this link for event details: <https://whatsupmonterey.com/article/activities/monterey-car-week-overview>

- **TYP356ne Peter & Joyce Thompson Drive & Lunch** Thursday, August 14, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Meet at 10 am at the rest stop on I95N after the Rt 97 exit.  
Peter and Joyce Thompson will lead a drive through the back roads of Northeastern MA and NH ending with lunch.

- Lime Rock Park Historic Festival, August 29 – September 1, 2025  
Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Rd, Lakeville, CT 06039,  
See event details at this link: <https://limerock.com/events/historic-festival/>

## September

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **TYP356ne Kancamagus Highway Drive and Lunch** Saturday, September 6, 2025 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Kancamagus Pass, Lincoln, NH 03251, USA  
Club member Georg Becker-Birck will lead a drive along the famous 34.5 miles long Kancamagus Scenic Byway in NH. Meeting and Lunch Site to be determined. Details of the Kancamagus Highway can be found at this link: <https://kancamagushighway.com/>
- **TYP356ne Cars and Coffee**. Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm  
114 Larch Row, Wenham, MA 01984, USA  
Member John Nai will host a cars and coffee at his home and garage.
- **TYP356ne Club Day & Drive Your Porsche Day**. Sunday, September 21, 2025, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Lake Pearl, 299 Creek St, Wrentham, MA 02093, USA  
Club Day falls on Drive Your Porsche Day this Year; so be sure to drive your Porsche to Lake Pearl. We will meet at 10 AM on the lawn at Lake Pearl for a couple of hours to talk and view cars. From 12 to 1 PM we will have lunch and at 1 PM. There will be a speaker this year. Look for full details in TubTimes.

## October

- **TYP356ne Southeast CT Drive and Lunch**, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 11:00am – 1:00pm  
580 Extension 184, North Stonington, CT 06359, USA  
Members Craig Amerigian and Greg Lane will lead us on a nice drive through southeastern CT. The starting point is a commuter lot officially called 580 extension 184 parking, North Stonington, CT. It is just off exit 93 in CT on Route 95. This is a link to the site: <https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&gl=us&um=1&ie=UTF-8&fb=1&sa=X&ftid=0x89e5dcfd23c2261d%3A0xf2be971ce7c691c1&ved=0CA0Q4kBgFwoTCMDoggH0uloDFQAAAAAdAAAAABAF> From there we will drive inland to Voluntown, CT, cross the Thames River near the casinos, and proceed westward to the Lyme area. We will finish at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT for lunch <https://florencegriswoldmuseum.org/>. Some may choose to stay to tour the museum after lunch.
- PCA Treffen Jackson Hole, WY, October 5 – 9, 2025  
Four Seasons Resort and Residences Jackson Hole, 7680 Granite Loop Rd, Teton Village, WY 83025, USA  
Find details at this link: <https://treffen.pca.org/treffen-jackson-hole-fall-2025>
- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Fall Meet, October 7 – 10, 2025  
Hershey, PA, USA  
See this link for details: <https://aaca.org/event/2025-eastern-fall-meet-hershey-pa/>

## November

- **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**. Tuesday, November 4, 2025 6:00 – 7:00pm

## December

- **TYP356ne Annual Event Planning meeting**. Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Sherborn Town Hall, 19 Washington St, Sherborn, MA 01770, USA  
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend our annual event planning meeting to plan all the Club events for 2026. Bring ideas you have for a Club drive you could lead in your local area, or for a shop tour of a good mechanic or restoration service you use. We will have lunch together afterwards at The Noon Hill Grill, 530 Main St, Medfield, MA [Craft Beer And Cocktails | Noon Hill Grill | United States](#).

## A fun way to bring your tree home

In our family, we celebrate Christmas by getting a tree right after Thanksgiving. And then you find yourself in the situation that you should get a tree today. And the kids need to be entertained as well. But you also want to enjoy your hobby and it is a cold, dry and sunny day. Why not combine all three?

And this is how my daughter and I bundled up in our 69 912 without heat (yes I blocked the ducts to get rid of the oil smell), and drove an hour north from Winchester to a tree farm near Concord NH. We found a tree, cut it down, and then it was loading time. With a moving blanket on the roof and three ratchet straps securing the 7ft tree, we were ready for the journey home.

I've transported a tree with the 912 before, but only at slow speeds in town. I was a bit nervous about how it would hold up at highway speeds. But the one-hour drive home went well. It felt a bit wobbly at first, and there was certainly more wind resistance, but it ran like a charm and turned a few heads. A Macan driver even slowed down in the middle of town to take pictures, and some drivers snapped photos on the highway. So, if you see us trending on Instagram, please let me know!

Another plus – it's easy to lift the tree off the roof.

Happy holiday season and a happy new year to all. Stay safe and best of success with your winter repair projects!

Georg Becker-Birck



## Ferrari the Movie

If, like me, you're a fan of old time F1 racing you may want to see the movie *Ferrari*. I just watched it on the Apple TV channel. It was not highly rated and did not do well at the box office, but I enjoyed it. It was mainly focused around family and his illegitimate son, which was a well kept secret for a long time, back then. Intertwined were his financial problems and of course his cars and racing.

As a fan of F1 racing back in the late 50's I recognized the names of the drivers involved. Porsche enthusiast Patrick Dempsey played the legendary Piero Taruffi. The 50's were bloody times for race car drivers. The end of the movie was focused on the 1957 Mille Miglia, a 1000 mile race around Italy. As a result of the crash by Alfonso dePortago in a Ferrari that killed 15 people the event was never run again as a race. I believe that they now do a tour around the course every year.

The cars in the movie were the big attraction for me. They were a mix of real cars and replicas. The 4 cars in the picture below looked real while number 534 from the race scenes most likely was not. An interesting couple hours.

Ed T





# Four Speeds and Drum Brakes by Tom Tate

## Formula 1 in Lost Wages

Growing up in southern California in the fifties everyone referred to Las Vegas as Lost Wages. Driving east to see family at Christmas time we drove through once and even stopped to look into one of the 4 or 5 casinos on "the Strip" to see all the flashing lights and people pulling the handles of the "one armed bandits". The main road through town was only two lanes as the US Interstate system was still years away and side streets were still hard packed dirt.

As the years rolled by and the city grew into the gambling center of today nobody ever thought about cars driving over 200 mph down that same street but they do today. It's called Formula 1.



Number one son, Rob, with more Hilton Honors credits than the Hilton family, invited the family to join him to watch practice and qualifying the week before Thanksgiving. The hotel was on the F1 course and the night sessions were a sight to behold. The course was just a series of crowded streets until 3 in the afternoon when the barricades went up and the course went hot. It had taken over 2 months to set up a system that would turn the city streets into a race track in less than an hour and would take 2 months to take it all away when the racing was done. Because of the potential heat and the European time difference



(where the largest audience lives) the action was always at the end of the day with the actual race starting at 10 pm.

We were there to experience the event, not to actually watch the race because when a car goes past you at over 200 mph you really don't see much. Especially 38 floors up. Rob had also snagged tickets to a showing of Wicked a day before its national release so we all had lots to do. There were outdoor concerts, F1 displays and plenty of F1 gear to take home. Of the 300,000 who showed up, at least 3/4 of them were wearing the uniform of one of the 10 teams on the grid.



I have a good collection of baseball caps from various Clubs and events over the years but since this was F1 I figured I could add another to my collection. We had to get in line to walk into one of the many F1 tents selling gear. It was like a Taylor Swift concert. How much could a hat actually cost, right? How about \$75? Event Tee shirts that are \$20 at Lime Rock and Watkins Glen were \$100. They were selling lightweight jackets (it was in the 50's at night) that we used to call windbreakers, for \$750. Even more surprising were the people exiting the tent with bags full of gear. Less than half were speaking English and they were not going home without a souvenir.

Because of limited visibility, the plan was to leave town before the flag dropped, return to Phoenix and watch the race on the home screen that was as big as a garage door. The in-car cameras can't be beat and there were dozens more on the course. Most importantly we wouldn't be trying to leave town the next day with everyone else on the two lane roads that lead back to Phoenix.

The travel to and from Vegas on Rt 93 reminded me of the way driving across country was before the Interstate highway system connected cities across America. When cars were slower and roads were just one lane in each direction passing was a real skill. A driver had to practice timing a lot to know when a space in the oncoming traffic would allow for a safe pass. Passing trucks was even tougher because they reduced visibility even more than high spots or curves. The answer, if you knew the road, was to get on the gas hard (we're talking VW buses here), run up on the vehicle ahead, take a look to see if the lane was clear, if it was, pull out and pass, if not, hit the brakes, hard.

Cars today are so powerful that drivers don't need to plan ahead. They just pull out, if it's clear, hit the gas and they pass the car ahead. No skill and very little judgement required. The highway department that maintains Rt 93 even made it easier as they have signs posted announcing passing zones. Every ten miles or so there will be a "passing zone" which is a mile or so where the road becomes 3 lanes, one on the other side and two on your side. Not only makes passing slower trucks and campers easy but keeps drivers from trying sketchy passes because they know that a passing zone is coming soon. Takes all the fun out of it. Nowadays we're just trying to stay out of the way.

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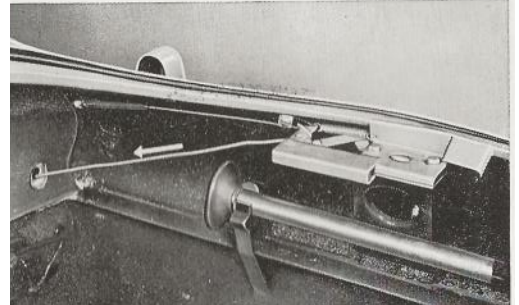
A few weeks ago Dave Reilly sent an email to the membership asking for help opening the stuck trunk lid on his C. He ended up getting it open by pulling up on it with someone pulling on the release cable.

Here are some comments on how to unlock a trunk hood and engine deck lid. You can also check out the Registry website for some articles about these problems.

There are differences between the models. The drivers manual for your car has a description and pictures of what to do if your trunk or engine lids won't open due to the failure of the pull cable.

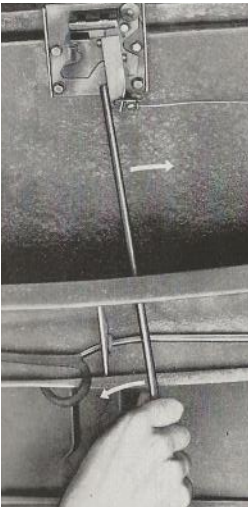
### Front trunk cable failure.

356, 356A and early Bs have an access hole in the driver side front wheel well. To open a trunk that has a broken pull cable you have to make a rod (note- you may want to make one before you need it) and stick it through the hole into the trunk to catch the arm on the latch, (see picture right), and release the hood. B's have wire installed that you pull on to do the same thing. (see bottom of page 13 for picture). Late B's and C's have a different system that will automatically release the trunk latch if the pull cable fails.



### Engine lid cable failure-

The 356 and A models have a hole in the shelf behind the engine. You have to make another rod and stick it through that hole to contact the lever to open the lid. (see picture left). The late B and C manuals say to remove the grill and use a screw driver to open the latch. Sounds like a fun job!!!



Broken cables are rare but they do happen. A worse problem can be when the cable is ok, but the latch won't release the bolt, for some reason, like Dave's problem. Fortunately his was not serious. I had a similar problem when I restored my A coupe in 2012. After painting, I reassembled the latch assembly to the trunk hood. When I closed the hood it latched but it would not open when I pulled the cable. I had someone pull on the cable and to my great relief, when I pushed the hood down it released. The problem was that I had not aligned the latch bolt with the hole in the latch correctly. I loosened it and carefully aligned the two items and they now work fine. John Consigli had a similar problem with this C, see his article on page 13.

### Stuck trunk hoods and engine lids can be scary.

The mechanics of these parts are simple and reliable, however they are now 60 years old so things can happen, cables can break. The loop at the end of the cable that goes through the latch lever can wear over time and break. The clamp at the end of the cable can loosen and disengage. New cables are available, I replaced both of mine in 2012.

### Here are a few tips-

- Check the cables, especially where they connect to the latch arms to make sure it's not worn out to the point of failing. Replace if necessary.
- Make sure that the clamp on the cable end loop is tight.
- As mentioned in the drivers manual, make sure that the jack is installed with it's foot facing the right side (passenger) of the car.
- Make sure the latches are operating smoothly, Apply lubrication if necessary.
- If you disassemble the latch bolt assembly from the hood, for any reason, be very careful that it's aligned correctly when you put it back together before trying to close the hood. Put a rag over the latch opening while your working on it so you can't accidentally close the lid until it's lined up correctly.

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Trunk Latch bolt assembly



356, 356A and early B trunk latch assembly

Cable pull point

## TubTech- Locked Hoods part 2

After my 356 C was painted, I had been busy reinstalling all the bits and pieces. One afternoon while I was installing the front trunk seal, a friend stopped by to help. After installing the trunk seal, the latch bolt assembly was attached to the hood and the screws were tightened to secure it. Without even thinking, my friend slammed the hood shut. When we tried to open it, the hood was stuck fast and wouldn't budge. We tried pressing down on the hood, jiggling the hood, pulling harder on the release and nothing would work. This work took place late November/early December, and I even tried pushing the car outside into the fading sunlight to warm up the hood & seal but that did not work.

After my friend left, I began to look all around the underside of the car for a way to get into the trunk. I noticed a large rubber grommet on the front left lower side of the car where there is a bulged metal protrusion. This protrusion is where a gas heater would sit inside the trunk compartment located on the opposite side. I was looking at the protrusion from inside of the front left fender. I pulled the rubber grommet off and looked inside with a flashlight. Luckily, the spare tire, jack and toolkit were out of the car. I noticed that the end of the latch bolt had a screwdriver slot, see picture. (Note- not all models have this slot). I got my 1/2" ratchet and borrowed numerous 1/2" extensions, a 90 degree universal and a flat 1/2" screwdriver bit to try and reach the latch bolt slot to unscrew it. I tried for hours, literally, to reach the slot in the bolt to unscrew it in order to release the trunk. With so many extensions hooked together, the weight caused the contraption to bow down and I couldn't get a good grip to turn the bolt.



John's latch bolt assembly with slot at end of bolt.

Eventually, I came up with an idea and what seemed to be the only idea. I borrowed a heavy duty 1/2" drill with a chuck which was angled at 90 degrees. I took a 1/2" drill bit and drilled one hole precisely below the latch bolt. Looking through the hole where the grommet had been with a flashlight, I knew that the hole I drilled was dead on. I took my 2' long flat blade screwdriver, reached up through the hole and was able engage the slot on the latch bolt to unscrew it and open the trunk.



Not wanting to make the same mistake twice, I was more careful the second time around and did a proper adjustment of the latch bolt assembly aligning it correctly with the latch. Now it works fine.

I spray painted the area where I drilled the hole, coating the area with Wurth undercoat and when all was dry, I inserted a 1/2" grommet into the hole. Eventually, I may have the hole welded up. As you can see in the picture, it's probably not necessary. It depends if it bothers you or not. Hope this helps.

John Consigli



Right is a picture of the trunk emergency pull wire on Allen Sisson's B coupe. Allen says that it was not on the car after it was restored so he had the twisted wire shown in the picture installed by ACS racing.

The picture below shows the wire exiting the wheel well hole. There is a loop in that wire you can put your finger in to pull it, but you can't see that loop from the angle of this picture.





## TubTech- Steering Gear repair

Over the summer, some of you were kind enough to respond to my questions about repairing the steering box on my 1964 356C, which had started dumping gear oil. Someone asked for a summary the process so I have included that below as well as online resources in case it helps others.

There is a useful thread on 356Talk Forum: <https://forum.porsche356registry.org/viewtopic.php?t=52361>

Also there is a YouTube video showing a complete rebuild if doing it yourself: <https://youtu.be/4XFIendCXH8?si=2XEgc2QJ1-CR6HB>

To remove the box from the car, I used the Factory Workshop Manual available from 356Registry ([https://porsche356registry.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=579966&module\\_id=508693](https://porsche356registry.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=579966&module_id=508693)) as well as my copy of "Workshop manual for the Porsche 356A, B, C" by Kenneth Ball.

### Notes on removal:

- The Steering wheel did not need to come off, nor did the left front tire. I was working under a storage lift which made this easier, I think.
- Tie-rod end removal tool - see posts from 2022 below, I used the recommended tool from Harbor Freight which worked great: <https://forum.porsche356registry.org/viewtopic.php?t=12417&start=30>
- Make sure to release the locking washer tabs from the nuts holding the steering box to the axle tube (mine were hard to see with 60 years of grease so I missed them initially!)
- Once the box was out, I sent it here given multiple recommendations: <https://mwthemachineshop.com/>. It came back quickly, looking new, properly adjusted, and has worked great since. I did not have the tools or the fortitude to try to dismantle the box myself (no easy task as evidenced by the video linked above and comments from this group!) so I decided to send it out.

### Notes on re-installation:

- The steering box came back with a center alignment mark on the input axle (connects to the steering wheel), which made it easy to align the steering wheel when reconnecting. I bought the special washers with locking tabs for the mounting nuts/bolts at Stoddard
- I put the ball joints and steering damper mount back as they were before and greased the joints.

Questions and comments are welcome!

Michael Boland



Before



After



## 356 Market Place

There are a large number of Porsche 356 sales transactions on Bring-A-Trailer (BaT). Check them out.  
[Porsche 356 For Sale - BaT Auctions \(bringatrailer.com\)](https://bringatrailer.com)

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1962 Porsche 356B Coupe  
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1956 Porsche 356A 1600S Speedster  
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## 356 Market Place

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1957 Porsche 356A Coupe Project  
Sold for \$54,000 on 11/25/24



Collection of Porsche Literature and Workshop Manuals  
Sold for \$4,700 on 11/21/24

If your interested in something over the top, here's a 917. This is not just a run of the mill 917. It's the one that Steve McQueen drove in the movie Le Mans. Steve owned the car for a while then Jerry Seinfeld eventually got it. It's going up for auction on Jan 18th, 2025 at the Mecom sale in Kissimmee, FL. My guess is that it will sell for more than the \$6.2m a guy paid for the banana taped to a wall with duct tape!!!

If you want to see the full story about this legendary 917, check out this video-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WMRvmsOb68>





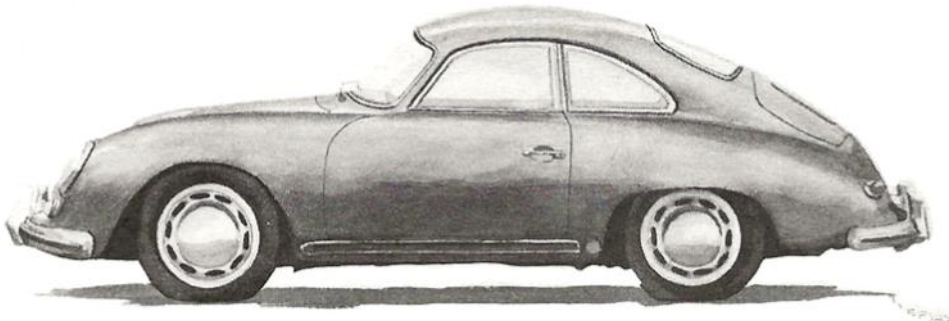
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