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Holiday Party 2024 Miles Driven Trophy Winners

Neil Fennessey, Greg Lane, Diane Mierz, Georg Becker-Birck, Dick Yirikian
See page 10 for the Holiday Party pictures and details

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Editorial

We have had our first event of the new year. The Holiday party was a great success enjoyed by over 40 members and their guests. See the cover and pages 10 & 11 for the details and some pictures.

The next events on the schedule, see page 4, are for non-club events in California and Florida. All great events if you're up to doing some traveling. If you go to any of these events take some pictures and send them to me so I can run them in a future TubTimes.

The registry website now has a section for members who have owned their 356 for 50 or more years. That's quite a milestone. I'm sure that there are several members like myself, and long time friend, John Henry who have owned their 356 for 50 or more years. I'd love to show them in TubTimes. Therefore, if you have owned your 356 for 50 or more years, send me a picture of the car and a few details so I can run them in a future TubTimes. A picture of you and the car would be great. It will be interesting just to see how many of us there are.
Ed. T



New Member - Welcome to the Club

John Whalen, lives in Melrose MA.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE— FEB/MARCH 2025

Please see the notification here in the TubTimes about a slight change in how all our memberships are paid. For most of us that only pay dues once a year between January 1st and February 1st, there is no change. For those of you that have paid for more than one year in advance that will no longer be allowed. All of us can only pay one year at a time now. If you forget you paid, and pay twice, that will no longer be credited to the next year as has been done in the past. That extra \$30.00 payment will be considered as a donation to the Club. There will not be any refunds given. This is being done because the accounting to keep track of these advance payments was becoming too difficult for our volunteers.

Registration is now open for our early summer tour for 2025. Our home base will be in Vermont with drives planned in Vermont, Eastern New York and Northwestern Massachusetts. We will be visiting Fort Ticonderoga and taking a boat tour on Lake Champlain in addition to driving on some beautiful back roads led by a professional tour guide and driver Andy Papa. Andy will drive at whatever pace the group decides. Either nice and slow or a bit brisk. Everyone will have a chance to vote at each rest stop. There will be more driving than our past tours. We would love it if you brought your 356, but you can bring any type of car you want such as a modern Porsche or any other make or model that you chose. We welcome all drivers and car types. See page 8 For the details.



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2025 Club Dues

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES THEY ARE OVERDUE

Please pay via the PayPal link on our website (preferred) or send a check made out to: **TYP356ne** for \$30.00 to:

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

Please note below that our Board just approved a dues payment policy that should help minimize the work of our membership chair.

Dues are due for ALL members on January 1st of each calendar year and overdue on February 1st. Dues payments are \$30.00 per year. There are NO exceptions. You **no longer have the option to pay for multiple years in advance. There are a small number of members who have paid for multiple years in advance. Those extra payments are no longer allowed. If you have made extra payments in the past you should contact the membership chairman to ask if you owe dues on January 1st or not. It is not the membership chair's responsibility to notify you in advance. Starting today, if you send more than the required \$30.00, to pay in advance, you will not be credited for an additional year as we have done in the past. The funds will be kept as a donation to the Club.**

Overpayments made up until today will be counted toward your membership, but not going forward.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping reduce the work required from our volunteers.

Thank you for your support and helping to Keep The Faith.

Carl Luck

Membership Chairman. cluck@typ356ne.org



TYP356ne Event Calendar for 2025

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February

- February 20, 9:00am – 5:00pm - LA Lit Meet - Four Days of Related Events Begins on Thursday, 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
- Saturday, February 22, 7:00am – 5:00pm—LA Lit and Toy Show.
Hilton Los Angeles Airport, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, USA
See this link for details: <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/index.html>
- Sunday, February 23, 9:00am – 2:00pm—356 Club Car Show and Swap Meet.
EMPI Inc 301 E Orangethorpe Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801, USA
Description: See this link for details: <https://lalitandtoyshow.com/related-events.html>
- February 27 – March 2, Moda Miami,
Location: Biltmore Hotel Miami Coral Gables, 1200 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134, USA
See this link for details: <https://modamiami.com/>

March

- Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 – 7:00pm—**TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**.
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 to have a link sent to you.
- March 6 – 9, The Amelia, 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/>
- Thursday, March 13, 7:00 – 8:00pm—Tom Tate's Presentation at Larz Anderson Auto Museum,
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/>
- March 20 – 23, Florida Owner's Group Gathering of the Faithful.
Melbourne, FL, USA, details at this link: <https://356fog.com/>

April

- Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 – 7:00pm **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call**.
- Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 – 8:30pm **TYP356ne—Underbody Coating a 912**
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.
- Saturday, April 26, 10:00am – 1:00pm **TYP356ne Annual Swap Meet & Pizza Lunch**.
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
- April 30 – May 4, PCA Treffen Homestead 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>

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May

- Saturday, May 3, Central PA PCA Porsche Only Swap Meet,
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>
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 – 7:00pm **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call.**
- Thursday, May 15, 10:00am – 1:00pm **TYP356ne Bolton to Harvard, MA Drive & Lunch**,
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.
- Wednesday, May 21, 9:00am – 1:00pm **TYP356ne Rhode Island Drive and Lunch**
Starting from 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) 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

- Tuesday, June 3, 6:00 – 7:00pm **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call.**
- Wednesday, June 4, 10:00am – 1:00pm **TYP356ne South Coastal Drive & Lunch**
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.
- Saturday, June 14, 10:00am – 1:00pm **TYP356ne Wile Motorsports Cars and Coffee.**
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.
- Sunday, June 15, 9:00am – 1:00pm Larz Anderson German Car Day.
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>
- Monday, June 16, 12:30 – 9:00pm: - **TYP356ne CT Lunch, Shop Tour and Drive**
Bear's Smokehouse Express - South Windsor, 454 Ellington Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074,
Come join us for a wonderful afternoon starting with a fabulous barbecue, a Porsche shop tour and finally driving to a local Porsche themed cruise night! We start by meeting up at 12:30 pm at Bears smokehouse 454 Ellington road South Windsor, CT 06074. See more details on the website.

[Bear's Smokehouse Express - South Windsor · 454 Ellington Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074](#)
maps.google.com

- Sunday, June 22, 1:00 – 4:00pm, **TYP356ne Sisson/Grace BBQ.**

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.

- June 26 – 29, **TYP356ne Summer Tour.**
Sun Lodge, Peru, VT. 95152. See pages 8 & 9 for full details

July

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

August

- Friday, August 1, 10:00am – 1:00pm, **TYP356ne Greg Lane & Diane Mierz CT Drive & Lunch.**
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.
- Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 – 7:00pm, **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call.**
- August 8 – 17, Monterey Car Week, Monterey, CA, USA
See this link for event details: <https://whatsupmonterey.com/article/activities/monterey-car-week-overview>
- Thursday, August 14, 10:00am – 1:00pm, **TYP356ne Peter & Joyce Thompson Drive & Lunch**
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.
- August 29 – September 1, Lime Rock Park Historic Festival,
Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Rd, Lakeville, CT 06039,
See event details at this link: <https://limerock.com/events/historic-festival/>

September

- Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 – 7:00pm, **TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call.**
- Saturday, September 6, 10:00am – 1:00pm, **TYP356ne Kancamagus Highway Drive and Lunch**
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/>
- Saturday, September 13, 10:00am – 12:00pm, **TYP356ne Cars and Coffee.**
114 Larch Row, Wenham, MA 01984, USA
Member John Nai will host a cars and coffee at his home and garage.
- Sunday, September 21, 10:00am – 2:00pm, **TYP356ne Club Day & Drive Your Porsche Day.**
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

- Wednesday, October 1, 11:00am – 1:00pm, TYP356ne Southeast CT Drive and Lunch,
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. 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.

- October 5 – 9, PCA Treffen Jackson Hole, WY,
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>
- Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 – 7:00pm, TYP356ne Board Meeting Video Conference Call.
- October 7 – 10, Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Fall Meet,
Hershey, PA, USA
See this link for details: <https://aaca.org/event/2025-eastern-fall-meet-hershey-pa/>

November

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

December

- Saturday, December 6, 10:00am – 1:00pm, TYP356ne Annual Event Planning meeting

Our Next Events!!!!

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Undercoating Restoration Webinar on a 69 912

In 2021 and 2022 member Georg Becker-Birck completely removed and recoated the underbody protection on his 69 Porsche 912. In this webinar Georg will show us the preparations, precautions and process of how he accomplished this work at home in his garage. Georg will share pictures of his process covering refreshing the engine bay, wheel wells, underbody and front end, including painting and fender removal. The webinar will feature a Q&A session at the end. The dial-in details will be shared a week before the event via email.



Saturday, April 26, 10:00am – 1:00pm

TYP356ne Annual Swap Meet & Pizza Lunch.

24 Turkey Hill Rd, West Newbury, MA 01985,

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.

2025 Summer Tour

by Allen Sisson

You can now register with me and Sun Lodge to attend the

TYP356ne Early Summer Tour from Thursday, June 26 to Sunday

June 29, 2025. You can use this link to book your room at the Sun

Lodge online: [Sun Lodge Booking Link](#) If you prefer to call the Sun Lodge

to book you can call: 802.824.6941. I used the link to book my room, and it

worked well. The link describes the room options and prices. Be sure to use the

Promotional/Group code below to get the room discount. You will have to pay a 50% deposit at the time you book. Their cancellation policy is you can cancel on or before 10 days prior for a refund minus a \$50.00 processing fee. Otherwise, you need to pay the final 50% 10 days before arrival.



The rates are:

- ◇ Standard King (5 rooms left) with discount and taxes - \$526.80 total averaging \$175.60 per night.
- ◇ Mountain or Bromley View King (10 rooms left) with discount and taxes - \$556.23 total averaging \$185.41 per night.

This is the tour information you need to book a room:

- Arrival date: **June 26, 2025**
- Departure date: **June 29, 2025**
- Promotional/Group Code: **PORSCH2025**
- You need to email me at dkwf5700@gmail.com after you have booked a room with the number in your party, if you will take the Lake Champlain Boat Tour, and mail a check to me at 28 Forest St., Sherborn, MA 01770 made out to Allen Sisson for \$300.00 per car (not per person) to pay the expenses of Andy Papa, the professional tour director and driver that planned all of this, including the driving routes. Andy will also lead the drives. Members will pay for all their own meals and drinks. No meals, not even breakfast, are included in the room price. Members will also need to pay the \$28.00 senior price per person for the Fort Ticonderoga Tour the day we go there. There is also a 75-minute narrated boat tour of Lake Champlain at Fort Ticonderoga that is \$46.00 per person unless enough of you (need at least 20 people) tell me you will take the boat tour. Then we may be able to get some discounted rate for that plus a private tour.

This is the planned tour itinerary at this time:

Thursday, June 26

4:00pm – 5:30pm Check in at the **Sun Lodge**, 4216 VT-11, Peru, VT 05152, phone 802-824-6941

[Sun Lodge Map Location](#) [Sun Lodge Website](#)

7:00pm – 9:00pm: Dinner at The Copper Grouse (0:15, 9 miles) [Map: Sun Lodge to the Copper Grouse](#)

[Copper Grouse Website](#)

Friday, June 27 (4:15, 192 miles)

8:00am – 8:45am: Breakfast at Sun Lodge

8:45am – 9:00am: Driver's briefing

9:00am: Departure from Sun Lodge

9:00am – 10:00am: Sun Lodge to Kickstart Café, Schuylerville, NY (1:06, 50 miles)

[Map: Sun Lodge to Kickstart Cafe](#) 10:00am – 10:45am: [Kickstart Café Website](#)

2025 Summer Tour , continued

10:45am – 12:25pm: Kickstart Café to Fort Ticonderoga, NY (1:40, 75 miles), [Map: Kickstart Cafe to Fort Ticonderoga](#)

12:25pm – 3:25pm: Fort Ticonderoga Tour (\$28 per person), Lunch and Boat Ride (75 min boat ride is \$46 per person).

[Fort Ticonderoga Website](#)

3:25pm – 4:55pm: Fort Ticonderoga to Sun Lodge (1:29, 67 miles), [Map: Fort Ticonderoga to Sun Lodge](#)

4:55pm – 6:30pm – Relax at Sun Lodge

7:00pm – 9:00pm: Dinner at The Raven's Steakhouse, 1844 Depot Street, Manchester, VT 05255 (0:08, 6 miles)

[Map: Sun Lodge to The Raven's Steakhouse](#), [Raven's Steakhouse Website](#)

Saturday, June 28 (4:30, 187 miles)

8:00am – 8:45am: Breakfast at Sun Lodge

8:45am – 9:00am: Driver's briefing

9:00am: Departure from Sun Lodge

9:00am – 10:20am: Sun Lodge to The Village Roost, Wilmington, VT (1:18, 57 miles)

[Map: Sun Lodge to The Village Roost](#), [Village Roost Website](#)

10:20am – 11:00am: The Village Roost

11:00am - 12:15pm: The Village Roost to lunch at Baked, Shelburne Falls, MA (1:10, 50 miles)

[Map: The Village Roost to Baked for Lunch](#), [Baked Website](#)

12:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunch at Baked

1:30pm – 2:30pm: Baked to Fast Eddie's Ice Cream, Brattleboro, VT (0:56, 33 miles)

[Map: Baked to Fast Eddie's](#), [Fast Eddie's Website](#)

2:30pm – 3:15pm: break at Fast Eddies

3:30pm – 4:30pm: Fast Eddie's to the Sun Lodge (0:57, 43 miles), [Map: Fast Eddie's to Sun Lodge](#)

4:30pm – 6:30pm – Relax at the Sun Lodge

7:00pm – 9:00pm: Dinner at Ye Olde Tavern, 5183 Main Street, Manchester, VT 05255 (0:12, 7 miles)

[Map: Sun Lodge to Ye Olde Tavern](#), [Ye Olde Tavern Website](#)

Sunday, June 29

8:30am: Breakfast at Sun Lodge

10:00am: Departure home.

Call me or email me if you have any questions.

Allen Sisson, President TYP356ne

Holiday Party!!!!

Forty-one members and their guests drove from as far away as the Cape and CT to gather at the Tuscan Kitchen in Burlington, MA. on Feb. 2nd for our annual Holiday Party. Diane Mierz even flew up from Florida to attend the event. As usual it was a great day to enjoy good food and better yet have the chance to spend some quality time talking and catching up with fellow members. This year was no exception and the weather was cool and sunny and the Yankee Swap was a great success.



Tom Tate got five free trophy's from Porsche NA and handed the out to those attendees who drove their Porsches the most in 2024, see the front page.

Scott Stevens (L) from ACS racing was the guest speaker this year. A tremendously knowledgeable car guy, Scott has the ability to fix almost anything and to make our cars run better. He showed us a couple of the latest state of the art instruments that can be used on our old technology 356s. While our old timing lights work well, the new lights coupled with O2 detectors can tell us much more about how are cars are running. When used correctly they can get our cars running in like new condition again. More information about ACS Racing can be found in the sponsors section of TubTimes, page 17. Thank you Scott for taking your time to keep us informed.

Thanks to Peter Venuti and Allen Sisson for organizing the event again this year, and to all of those who helped make it happen.

Ed



Right– Tom Tate announcing the miles driven in 2024 award winners.



Left– Allen Sisson and Peter Venuti handing out the Swap prizes.



Right- One of the two, Yankee Swap tables. There was a wide variety of items to choose from.





Group shots from the Holiday Party



Four Speeds and Drum Brakes by Tom Tate



New Cars and New Prices

Back in the early '70's I worked at a Porsche dealership in Boston and watched as the price of German cars was headed north due to the rising value of the German mark against the US dollar and changes required by the EPA. Big bumpers, door guards and emission requirements added to the costs of every car everywhere. The new 914 quickly went from a starting price of \$3995 to \$6995 in just 5 years. New 911's that had a base price of \$8600 in 1970 but started at \$15,000 by 1977.

Compare those numbers with Pony cars that started the period with Mustangs at \$3800 and Cameros at \$3500. By 1977 they were only higher by about 15% (\$4300 and \$4000 respectively). For a driver looking for a sporty car it was a tough sell unless they could be educated in a hurry.

I remember when the first new 911 arrived that had a MSRP (base price before shipping and any options) of \$9995, we thought the game was over. A Z-28 was half that amount and the goal of most buyers was to keep their car payment under \$100, tough to do using those numbers.

Cars have never been cheap but over the years while we haven't been paying attention they have really become a major expense for every family, not just rich single guys looking for a super car.

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal prompted the above review. Edmonds.com, as quoted, reported that the average monthly car payment in the US is a record \$754 per month. The report went on to say that 18.9% of all buyers pay over \$1000 per month to put that car in the driveway, plus the cost of insurance and various taxes. What happened?

Data shows that the average auto loan today is \$42,113 compared to \$39,977 a year ago and that's just the average, some are higher. Interest rates on auto loans have declined in the last year from 7.4% to 6.8% but those zero interest loans from a few years ago are long gone. Used car loans start at 11% so it looks like cash is king nowadays.

Six year loans are common now while we couldn't go beyond 48 months back in the day. Most cars then wouldn't last that long.

Those kinds of numbers are causing drivers to keep their cars longer than ever before with the average age of cars on the road at 12.6 years. Even with high parts and higher labor rates, \$700 per month will cover a lot of repair bills, so used cars look like great value. Just keep throwing money at it and keep it on the road.

With the higher costs of cars everyone needs more insurance to cover the risk of accidents. As I reported last year a slight bumper cover scuff is no longer \$1000, it's \$10k and four weeks to repair. Insurance rates are up over 32% in the last two years and that's if you haven't crashed or been caught speeding. Do I have to mention the annual car excise tax in Mass?

Excise taxes are based upon the original cost of each car without any options. The tax is \$25 per \$1000 of value

but that value is reduced in the first 5 years to 10% of original base price. For old cars like a couple in my garage I pay the \$5 minimum. For newer cars like the Audi RS4 (2001) the bill is less than \$70 per year. When I get those bills I can't get the check mailed fast enough.

A new Porsche, like a 992, even after the 5 year depreciation window, would carry a \$330 per year excise tax bill into the future. No wonder there are so many expensive cars driving around with NH plates on them.

The price to play has never been cheap but it's always been worth it. As they say, "you can't take it with you". We made it this far, now's the time to drive fast and take chances.

KTF

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- Torsion Bar Suspension
- Servo-Mesh Transmission
- Twice-Size Brakes

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PORSCHE 1600 SPEEDSTER
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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)

Below are a few recent auction results of 356s



38-Years-Owned 1957 Porsche 356A
Sunroof Coupe
Sold for USD \$75,000 on 1/9/25



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